

# First Council Minutes

August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014

Beginning was cut off as laptop was procured.

Secretary note: Banter was followed as closely as possible, however it was difficult to follow. There was much confusion.

## **Kitchen Manager**

Maya puts out cooking and workshift application: don't forget to fill out application if you want to be considered for cooking workshift.

## **Workshift manager**

David says if you want to do central level workshift turn it in by tomorrow. Go get application. APPLY FOR CENTRAL LEVEL SHIFTS, we have to do them and they're great!

Get an application from him or Crystal.

This is now second week of temp week. Everyone is doing pretty well.

Thank you if you participated in work shift.

## **Jalissa**

Next week we are doing required workshops. She is going to send out a schedule. Two of these workshops are mandatory. Will keep us posted. If it is mandatory, she will let us know and give us options.

Also: some of you didn't make it to the mandatory community meeting workshops. If you miss it, its an hour work shift fine.

For community agreement, if you stayed more than an hour, she says thank you.

Go get a chocolate candy bar, other sugar, and trader joes snacks. Go get it silently.

Thank you for going to the agreement. Good job on giving it 110% .

"Lilly, are you taking notes?"

"No. L is."

"Good, as long as someone is doing it"

Also: there's a group that outlasted me, you need to go too. Come up there.

## **Network manager**

There are still some problems with wifi, if so- go see him.

Tell him if there are empty spots for it.

## **Maintenance Manager**

There are circuit breakers?

“Can we use tools really quickly?”- please use the maintenance request form. Also going to send out weekly email updates.

### **Collin**

Those of you in dingles and troubles- if there are two dressers or desks- sorry. Its not extra. Please use them and keep them.

### **Stephanie**

She hops up and gleefully announces the next event on Wednesday at 8 PM. Hosted by Berkeley Connect, graduate students are coming to talk to us about going to grad school.

### **Graham**

Looking sporty in a “Cloyne Court” sweater (Hand made?)

Do not put stuff in hallways- liability against habitability.

September 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a fire drill. It will happen at 5:30. Not during dinner.

Dinner cooks beware of twenty-minute interruption.

Bathroom clean schedules are posted. You can do it by Tuesday. If you're first- you're a chosen one by Graham. They're easy and not too shitty of a job (hehe).

Carlo inquires about his adjacent bathroom. Graham responds knowledgeably.

If you do not clean bathroom there is a 19.50 fine.

Home Improvement: look for email about your ideas and jobs that can be done.

Substance free policy: Violations of the policy means that you're a jerk. Please adhere to it. Also there are consequences- interruption phone rings.

Bone of contention: being inebriated in common spaces? If you are drunk you can go to your room, but some people are sensitive to inebriated people so be considerate. IF there's a problem talk to him, Collin, Jalissa, or Steph.

### **Hand Motions**

Jalissa moves onto to proceed how to explain how to council.

**Step One Make motions to add things to the agenda.**

**Step Two Use hand signals. It's not second grade- it's efficient.**

**If you have a motion, motions are top priority. Thumbs up means a motion. Means you want council to make a decision quickly.**

**Pirate hook sort of thing means question. “I am confused and have an honest and legit question.” Do not disguise comments with upward inflection or rhetorical lingo.**

**Index finger up means that it is a fact.**

**Hand in C shape means that you have a comment.**

Stephanie utilizes hand signals quickly. Motions to add discussion to agenda about an event that is requested to be hosted here.

Aron asks if we need to add seconds.

Jalissa says yes we need to do that.

Everyone says okay. We second that.

Natalia adds objection to ask that Jalissa brings objection up.  
Bobby adds comment to say that there is a long council already.  
Jalissa requests he just vote no.  
Spoken vote was too close.  
18 yes to add the discussion to the agenda.  
22 say no to adding.  
13 abstain.  
Therefore motion fails.

Maya asks question, are we going to bring procedural error sign?

Jalissa adds another hand signal. Triangle with both hands, is this the illuminati sign? Declares that we can motion to add that the motion is added.

David asks about abstention. This is a decision to not vote because more dialogue is required.  
Jalissa also says it could mean that it also could you could go either way.  
Abstention means non vote.

Mi Tar asks if abstention are the same as objecting.  
Jalissa makes a decision that if you abstain- oh wait- if you abstain it means you don't care. IF you want more discussion then you should object.

David motions to define abstention as a desire for continued discussion.  
Seconded.

One member asks how are abstentions computed?

Mitar comments that it could be easier to object and discuss rather than do the abstention count.

Emily says at CZ there was a number of abstention, it couldn't be voted on unless further discussed.

Jalissa says that if you have a signal up, we're making a list.  
L is asked to take names.

Jake  
Sage  
Natalia  
Mitar

Mitar has a procedural error. Jalissa says what we're doing is a response to questions.

Now we have to add it to agenda. Then have it seconded.

Natalia provides point of information. We don't have a bylaw on abstention.

Jalissa adds to agenda the vote to clarify abstentions.

Aron seconds.

Mitar objects and says we should table this for now. Resounding snaps are heard.

Jalissa presents vote to

Wes objects that we should figure out how we're going to vote .

Sage agrees.

Jalissa apologizes and says this snafu is her fault. What Natalia said, is how we are voting currently is yes or no. If we want to add abstentions or add them we should vote yes. Vote no if you desire to add abstentions later.

Mitar objects and says

Natalia says its not that abstentions don't matter, it has to be an order.

Kyle asks if Jalissa is going to ask for abstention. Abstentions apparently, are still asked but has to be yes or no majority.

Mitar requests everyone patience and reminds everyone of this difficult job.

Jalissa reviews by laws. It is not against bylaws to not accept abstentions.

Jalissa sweetly apologizes again,

Jalissa explains how we're going to vote. According to bylaws, when we vote, because we're doing the rules, there are three votes. Yes, no, and abstentions. Abstention is not defined.

Yes means yes. No is no. Abstention is undefined. WE have been told it can mean "I still want to discuss it", the other option is to object. The second option for abstention is "Either way is cool with me, I am abstaining."

How they are counted: it passes if it is more yeses or no. for things more than \$500, has to be more than 60% vote. (See bylaws for further clarification regarding the numbers").

So there is a motion on floor about whether or not we should discuss the abstention.

POI: elections are just speeches. We are given seven days to make up mind.

To clarify once more: a yes vote means we are adding abstentions. A vote no means we are not talking about it tonight

Mitar has a question, if we are not discussing it tonight, can we vote, or is it a by law change?

Jalissa says it is not a by law change because its not in the by law change unless we're going to vote to add it to the by law.

David responds that it is not a by law. Merely a definition for this council.

Jalissa says that lets not to direct response.

Aron adds a question, if we add the abstention vote to change the yes or no count, would it be superseding the bylaws.

JAlissa says she's not sure.

David says that as the motion stands it is not a change of bylaw.

James says can we just table this? And put it under by laws?

IS that what James motion?

Alternative motion: vote on this when bylaws come.

Two competing motions: we vote on which one we want.

IF you want to vote on James' motion, it means we take this to later in the council.

Those who vote yes.

Mitar says if you vote yes then we have to discuss it today. If we vote no, we can vote later.

Those Who vote yes, in favor of moving discussion of abstention, then we are discussing later: 3.

Those who are opposed: majority.

Back to David's motion: we define abstention as a desire for more discussion.

We can simply define abstention as 'I want more discussion,' and proceed to discuss it later.

Mitar clarifies we are voting to talk about it later tonight. We are not voting for yes or not.

Mitar says: are we adding this abstention to the agenda?

David: "Withdraw the FUCKING motion".

Jalissa gives fifteen minutes to Mitar for hackerspace discussion.

We have to motion to add more time.

## **Discussion of Hackerspace**

Mitar is going to make it short.

Drew, Maya and a few others are interested in making basement room a hackerspace. Today we are undecided about it, but he wants to inform everyone of the idea. Wants to discuss why we would want it, etc.

Mitar says that he wants the space to be a creative space. It can be electronics to paintings to crafts to sewing. Anything people want to have. It is a safe space for learning. IF you want to learn- come there. A welcoming space for creativity. The term hackerspace is just a name, but it can be broader. Wants to make it a larger creative space. Things that the basement would be great to open to all of BSC. There is a way to close doors to people, so not everyone can just wander around.

Maya adds that alumni of Cloyne and lots of people have been wanting to fund this space. There are real people who want to give us money if we want to have this space. Wants to have a weekly meeting to discuss this. We can all attend meeting to decide what we want or if we don't want to . Clarifies that the tern hackerspace is just a term. The space is a space for everyone- not just techies. Also wants to make the basement wheelchair accessible. It would be really cool to have a wheelchair accessible space.

Drew adds that a collaborative learning space would be awesome. It would be cool to have the diverse representation of people and area for collaboration there. Its cool that its outside of campus, but close to campus is cool so its more available to people.

Mitar requests all sorts of feedback. Those who like it, people who don't, come talk to him! Opens eight minutes for questions, but please only really basic questions.

It would be in the room where the storage is. You know down the stairs on the right. Where the piano is.

Neil asks if we would have to move the stuff that is there? Mitar says lets discuss that later.

Mitar explains more about what it could be.

Neil says why not maintenance room?

Mitar says because there are limitations of that room. And there are other things that we want to make it open. Perhaps the whole basement.

Rodrigo Comment: maybe we could use another word. Hackerspace is indicative of technical world because of the MIT culture that arose in the 80s. (Interesting) Maybe we could say Hacker/Maker space.

Mitar says that the name is open. Maker space might be too corporate.

Mitidha asks what was there?

Mitar says hmm I think it was a disco and bar? Now it's storage.

Aron asks where the stuff will go.

Mitar says there is space. A lot of it is broken. There are ways to put the stuff.

David says TWO MINUTES left!

Mitar says these will be a listserve. We are going to start a meeting okay? Is going to send a list to the list serve and make a doodle to decide the time?

Kyle suggests a straw poll to guage opion. General vibes seem positive.

**By Law discussion again**

Jalissa: we have bylaws that were created by a task force including some people who are here. We have to figure out what we're going to do with them. Interrupts herself to add that there's always a precouncil/manager's meeting prior to council. We are allowed to attend. What they said today, they're going to give us options about how to vote.

1. we should have a group of people who talk about bylaws every so often- and then that group brings it to council.

2. We can put the bylaws on hold for four weeks and then talk.

3. Collin's options. In the next month, we can have a committee to discuss the bylaws step by step. Keep them up for discussion.

This is a discussion item, not an action item.

POI Mitar

Quetsion Aron

Comment Jake

Comment Dreads Claire

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POI Mitar

Question Neil

POI Steph

Mitar

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Mitar explains how they made the by laws. Made based on all of the other houses' by laws. They are pretty good. They are condensed Knowledge of houses. We said postpone the voting so we can have a good feel for how they feel. Suggests we wait a month to see how they are.

Aron: girst option is to establish groups to talk about it? But not establish by laws?

Jalissa responds that the bylaws now are the default standing rules. They are not frozen. In first option they would be proposed by laws. We would follow them but not frozen. We would gather those who want to talk about it, but they're not frozen.

Comment Jake: Let's make some assumptions: they're probably good. But we haven't voted on them yet. They're not legitimate yet. We will become self run and we can all amend as necessary. Things might get organically get fixed.

Claire says lets talk about it at a later date.

Natalia says they were done with a lot of thought. We should look at them.

Neil has a question: about the standing of the bylaws. Concerning task force and managers? Last semester bylaws were deactivated? So the taskforce and managers proposed bylaws? The working bylaws? What is the voting majority that we need to vote to change bylaws? Are we discussing a motion to defend the bylaws or... Oh. He is asking if we need supermajority or majority to change proposed bylaw.

Graham is consulted. Graham says it will depend if they are ratified and then changed.

Steph: pass.

Mitar: there are different interpretations of what is happening. Motions that we ratify bylaws as they are now. And then in month we start amending them as we see fit. IN next month we can discuss and have decisions.

Steph seconds.

Natalia comments: I think we had quorum, but noe people are leaving. Do we have quorum.

Zach tried to add amendment

Jake said we can't make amendments unless we have passed motion.

Quorum: it means that there are enough people here for the type of motion to be passed and valid. Different types of motions require a different number of people. Collin says it is 35 people.

Neil requests an online vote for Mitar's motions.

We should read the bylaws she say.

Zach's amendment is to ratify bylaws for the month. And then require a supermajority to vote or not.

Mitar says that this isn't what he says. He says we should not have to wait to have the limbo option (be without options)

Neil seconds Zach's motion.

Mitars motion: ratify bylaws and then discuss again in a month. Ammend again in a month.They are solid. Then are amended.

Neil requests an online vote.

Also requests to have bylaws as standing for a month, and then ratify them in a month.

Colin adds procedure error. We vote about whether its an online vote.

What we are voting on is what we're going to talk about... We are voting for one or the other.

Natailia adds a POI- well it was a question- do we have to have the two council meetings in a row vote?

Natlia drops question.

Jalissa: Do we want to vote to have online voting?

Maya is requesting on a heads down vote.



Collin says, "This is fun right?" Everyone cheers. Mitar says cheerfully, "it will get better!"

Gary asks for clarification.

Jalissa says: we are voting on whether or not we are voting for the motions online.

David moves to question.

Online votes yes: 29

Online votes no: 9

Abstain: 6

So this is an online vote. Woo!

Neil motions for ten more minutes of discussion time. Seconded.

Aron puts competing motion forward to only add five. Seconded.

Vote for five Yes: 13

No: 12

Abstain: 2

Therefore it passes. Five minutes added.

Maya asks what we are doing.

Jalissa says that we voting online whether or not we are going to keep bylaws.

We will have all the options available. Vote will have seven days. Seven days.

(ring)

Mitar adds there are only two options. The two motions made and then put on.

Mitar says if we want more options we must motion.

Natalia adds that there was not quorum for last vote.

Jalissa apologizes for not knowing how to facilitate this.

Crowd roars, "You're awesome. We love you!"

Neil motions for five more minutes. Travis loudly seconds.

All those who want to discuss more: 4

NO: 24

Abstain: 2

We are done talking about this.

### **Bathroom Improvement**

Colin's budget item. Graham is bathroom manager- but he cant do this because he is not a member. For 1200

Graham adds he wants to add shelves cabinets and hangers and et cetra.

Mitar motions to pass whatever he need to make bathroom clean.

Seconded.

Voting on whether or not we're voting. Everyone says aye.

Graham says that we need to have three quarters majority at this council to add this.

Chris leaves the dining room- causes uproar. He skulks back in to vote.

All those who said aye: 44

Those who say nay: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Therefore it passes. Clean bathrooms for all!!!!

### **Chest Freezer**

Graham says that we have a big freezer, but its inefficient energy wise. IF we had a chest freezer, so when we opened it, no cold air went out. We would recoup our costs within a year. \$476 after taxes freezer. To come out of furniture budget which is 13.000.

How big?! 4 and a half feet long. 26 inches deep. About the size of a desk.

Question about furniture budget: replenished in January.

Graham suggest we save money for mattresses and stuff.

Mitar says it is good to ask and see the money. Mitar motions to pass the freezer motion. Zach seconds it.

Yes we get one. No means no. No objection.

Hands up vote: 44

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Passed!!!!

### **Grad Panel Honorium Gift Furniture**

Bobby is late, but then comes back in. Says that people are coming to the forum on Wednesday. Bobby requests 20\$ for a shirt for a small person and gift cards. Passes with majority.

### **Maintenance and Workshift Team Creation**

We have two separate things. But two different votes.

Some managers were appointed by task force. Managers want a team. We have to vote on whether or not we can make it a team. But we have to vote on it. They have been working as such.

First vote is on whether or not Crystal can be a workshift manager team. Vote yes means that they can continue to work as a team. No means that they can't.

David speaks on her behalf. Crystal says please.

Sage asks hey how would they be compensated?

Jalissa says oh compensation is put in the bylaws and then team chooses to divide.

Graham says that we lose five hours of work shift, but cost of house is the same.

Wes boldly motions to elevate Crystal. Seconded.

Asking for yes, hands begin to wave in air as if at a Nickelback concert. Waved in full support.

No nos.

James and Matt come forth for a similar idea.

Maya says James was helpful and here the whole summer.

Brian motions to make them a team. Seconded.

Jalissa asks council to hoot and holler to congratulate Crystal on her own position.

Matt, more or less, tearfully grasps James, thanks him for his help and pleads we allow them to remain a team.

Everyone happily votes yes.

### **Moving on to Election speeches**

James enters room and we all celebrate.

David proposes that we run and tell people we're voting.

Travis leaps up quickly making indecipherable noises, crowd follows to cause a ruckus in house. As all file back in with sore throats and heaving chests, efficacy called into question by this secretary.

### **Health Worker: the person who stocks health cabinet and gives health tips**

Matilda resigns.

Aron is flabbergasted as he runs unopposed. Believes he is qualified. Seems very qualified. Pre-Med. "Vote for me for a healthier you" he says with a winsome smile.

### **Social Manager**

Zach Pine: been in co ops for going on three years. Would like to do top down events like hiking trips. Wants smaller things for everyone too.

Danya: "Has a lot of cool ideas" has to urinate. Talent show. Outings. Meditation sessions. Cozy nights.

Parisa says why not run together?

Cooperatively look at each other, shrug, and say yeah we can work together.

Parisa motions to give them both five hours.

Confusion over whether or not we can do this. Mitar says that we have three managers. Community manager, academic theme manager, and then social manager, so therefore it may or may not be necessary.

Parisa withdraws. Zach motions for three more minutes. Seconded.

Not running together.

Izze says what about out of house events? How do we make it substance free?

David said we cant have out of house events that aren't not academic free.

Zach says he thinks we should be clear with out guests over our mission and bylaws.

Danya says she would be aware and be at every event. Try to have someone aware the whole time.

Jalissa says we are not voting on this tonight. Talk to people whatever. Email.

### **Garden Manager**

Claire Parker loves plants.

15 hours of garden stuff. 4 to 5 people.

Favorite tree: Manzanita (actually a shrub)  
Favorite flower: loves all (currently wearing sunflower)  
Favorite vegetable to grow: beet.

David motions to table community agreements in interest of time.  
Jalissa adds aside that we could have make up meetings- please email her if we pass this so we can organize those.

Vote yes to table that. Vote no to still vote today.  
Tables shake and rafters quake as all council says aye.

Jalissa then says okay lets please have 1 minute speech and then 5 for questions.

### **Mail Manager**

Justin withdraws.  
Parisa has done mail before in CZ. Would like to handle everyone's packages.  
Heather loves mail. Not afraid to take on everyone's task.

Maya asks what adverb best describes how they will handle packages.  
Parisa: meticulously  
Heather: happily

### **Board Reps: we need two people to represent us at the board of directors meetings**

People running Neal, Travis, Vincent, Jake, Hayley (haleigh? Haley?),  
Zach throws gauntlet, asking those running what they would do if there were another Cloyne situation. All reps take it and run, answer enthusiastically.

### **Hot Tub and Sauna**

Aron sent in an email.  
Unable to attend  
Lilly Rosenthal  
spoke

### **Librarian/Historian**

Sage withdraws.  
L runs.  
Jalissa says "she will be cool"

### **House Historian**

Miakela Raphael

### **Academic Theme Manager**

Rodrigo Ochigame and Robert Tano  
Justin Riddle

### **WRM**

Alastair Boone: wearing a hot dog costume

Gary: not wearing pants?

Kelly: at burning man, Maria gives sweet speech in her absence.

### **To Note About Voting**

For the two person job (Board rep) you will rank your top three.

For those with just one, pick only your top choice.

David adds central level workshift.

OH shit. One last thing.

Neal wants to vote allow a mural on door to west week. It has to be finished.

Seconded.

Everyone with tired voices and drooping eyes votes.

Majority voices say aye.

Negative voices are scattered.

Question: what does it mean if we vote?

Neal says that we are muralizing it.

Mitar makes a competing motion that we should let the girl finish then decide on whether or not we want it.

Majority raise hands. Scattered ahnds say no.

It passes that Elsa Pearson will be allowed to finish mural and then we can decide if we are going to muralize it.

Elsa is apparently kinda short with brown hair and will just paint.

Aron motions to end council. All second.

Mitar interrupts.

Everyone deliriously looks around.

All say aye to allow council to end.

Mitar says nay to be a dick.

Three hour and fifty-minute six council concluded.