

# COUNCIL MINUTES:

## July 19, 2015

### CATALOGUE OF MOTIONS:

1. **Add 3 minutes to Robert Reich discussion** - motion by Becca, seconded by Emily, passed
2. **Make the previous money passed for council dinners a single fund taken from house account and then add \$400 to that, allowing money that wasn't used for specific dinners to be used for future dinners, and repurpose the karma box through the summer to pay for council food** - motion by Jackson, seconded by Becca, passed **36-0-2**

James: Manager announcements

Kyle: Academic events coming up, Robert Reich at the end of the summer term

Sage: Others are invited, food?

Kyle: Not giving out workshift, probably just order something like dominos

Kyle: RR coming August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm by bequest of the BSC Alum, talking about new film, similar to Inequality for All, facilitate discussion about it

Gary: how collecting, disposing of waste?

James: Add 3 minutes to discussion?

Becca: motion for that

Emily: seconded

James: Passes, Emily?

Emily: Hackerspace turns out to be unsoundproofable, which is a problem.

James: Had guy who soundproofs places, said only way to soundproof is to either build a separate room within the makerspace, or move it to a different room like the gym. Questions?

Sage: What about accessibility in the gym area? Kind of hard for wheelchairs to get in there

James: I spoke with him specifically about that, only problems with accessibility there are door to the hallway and door to gym itself. Those most likely being made ADA accessible anyways as ADA deserve access to gym. Only 2'3" when need to be 2'6"

Jackson: So you're saying want to make makerspace soundproof to bother other house members, but is makerspace going to make noise than the gym would? People blare music in there, drop weights, very loud.

James: If we do have air tools, air tools are loud, very loud

Becca: Able to not move anything, soundproof closet just for the tools?

Emily: Don't want to have all tools in tiny closet, idea of large tables is to use them for crafting. It'd be like basically making a large booth that has tables within it.

Jingyi: What sort of tools do you anticipate having there that would necessitate soundproofing?

Emily: Air tools, cutting tools are pretty loud.

James: Drill, sander, any cutting tool, very very loud, annoying, personal experience.

Emily: Assume it's same kind of carry over into the west wing as well

Spencer: So it's easier to soundproof the gym?

James: It's possible to soundproof the inner gym, part behind the door that has the weight set-up.

Vincent: What's the size difference for the separate options?

James: There would be more space in the inner gym than in a booth in the makerspace

Andrew: Think should use maintenance room for the loud tools, as there's already loud tools in there and it's fine

Emily: reason I wanted to have tools in makerspace itself would be so that it's more accessible and you don't have to get keys from James and get in maintenance room in order to use the tools

Matthew: I like moving the makerspace to a different gym

Emily: Thing that concerns me is the level of light that gets into the rooms. Like if you got to the makerspace, which you should as you should get involved in your house, it's beautifully lit, very nice to work in there. Think having the makerspace be a nice place to work is one of the goals and appeals of it. Booth would also have windows, to allow for still having natural light.

Perth: How loud would the construction of the booth be?

Emily: Oh my god I'm dead

Perth: Well like should do it in week between sessions to make it easiest

James: Project would overall not be very loud

Sara: I object to these notions of loudness as if I've had to deal with bathroom building all summer, everyone else can have their turn with the construction noise

Sage: Try being in the West Wing with Jacobs being built this last year

Emily: Any more questions, comments, concerns?

Sage: I don't know how I feel about this, times, cost.

James: When Graham's back we'll be able to get more detail on finances. Going to talk with people who would be involved with this over the next week. For now we're just asking if people would be okay, if we absolutely have to, with moving this to gym.

Jackson: Kind of want a definitive thing to vote on.

James: Not voting, just doing temperature checks.

Jake: Something that maybe could be part of this discussion is how much people want tools that are loud in the makerspace.

Jackson: one point I had a house improvement project that was painting in the gym, and it was pretty, uh, not fun. Terrible ventilation, I lost my voice, it's not a good place to be creative in, and current makerspace is pretty nice

Emily: Yeah it's really nice

Carlo: How much work is it to build a booth in the maintenance room? I had to do an intense project last semester and I almost broke my spine.

Emily: Maybe you should have worked out more

[ooooooooooh]

Andrew: I worked in a workshop recently, it was possible to put soundproofing materials in there and still reduce the sound a lot.

James: yeah but it wouldn't be comparable to a full sound-proofed booth.

Jingyi: What exactly is involved in soundproofing? I thought it would just be putting up foam diffusers.

James: It mostly is, but the biggest dilemma here is that the makerspace ceiling is a maze of pipes we can't interfere with.

Sage: I know there are a lot of nice windows in the makerspace, but not very well insulated, maybe that's an issue?

James: Those can also be soundproofed very easily [eardrum-shattering beeps] Okay thank you everyone for your input, we'll have meetings to talk about this, also we have office hours.

Emily: Just because you're not on workshift doesn't mean don't get to be involved, more hands the better, feel free to come to those discussions.

James: Damn, me again. Already passed \$200 for council dinners last time, if we pass another \$400 we'll have dinner at council through the end of the summer. I don't know how down I am for that as a member, because then that's \$2000 for council dinners by the end of the summer and we've only used \$1600. We could also all pay \$10 to cover this cost.

Tim: Is that a house fee?

James: Yeah

Chloe: Like idea of house fee because then you've already paid for it, probably going to come to council.

Charlie: For a lot of people \$10 is a really good deal for these meals, but not everyone can pay that, make exception for EOP people.

Spencer: But we've already passed \$2000, and not used it?

James: We passed \$1600, and haven't used it all yet. The \$10 fees would go back into the house account so overall only about \$600 would have actually come from the house account

Kyle: Main motto of the BSC is affordable housing, all these fees rack up, and this fee would be coming really late in the semester.

James: When you pay your rent you pay the BSC, they use that to allocate fund utilities and other projects, and money from that that's not used on specific houses replenishes the house account. My personal view is that house account funds should only be used for things that long-term improve the house and benefit all members.

Sage: I like food at councils, and I don't like charging everyone. There's the EOP thing, and not everyone comes to council, and probably wouldn't know about this fee because they're not here, and still wouldn't come anyway.

Sara: I think we can reduce the cost of dinners if we cut out meat and use more dried goods. Haven't been using everything that's staples and cheap in the pantry, easily could and reduce cost.

Kyle: these motions are every week, I'd be okay with this fee if it had been earlier in the summer, but we've been continually pulling money out of house account for this, and passing this fee now seems like going back and saying "oh you know all those things we voted for? Nevermind, we're charging you personally money now," retroactively.

Sage: A lot of international students who might be low-income and aren't in EOP because they're just here for the summer, making people verify EOP in order to pay a lower fee is a logistically unpleasant thing to make them do.

Spencer: How much money is in the house account?

Perth: As of the beginning of July, \$44,000, after some makerspace stuff got bought, probably like \$40,000.

Spencer: Oh.

James: We can change these house account extractions to not be for specific councils and instead into a general fund for the whole semester, and then pour that back into something like the food account, which has been done in the past.

Carlo: Hey, this isn't related, but there are cupcakes. No offense, but I couldn't find any vegan counterparts. But you might want to opt out of the vegan thing for today because these are fucking bomb. Everyone can take a third of one cupcake. I'm going to put them here, and, you know.

[they do indeed turn out to be fucking bomb]

James: Let's bring it back to council, one more agenda item after this one, any more comments?

Jackson: I think it's wrong to charge people who don't come to council, they're not any less of co-ops for not coming, maybe they have work or something

Sage: what about Karma Box?

Sarah Chase: I think this should be out of the house account, fairest option.

Sage: Doesn't karma box money go to food budget in the fall? Like it wouldn't directly go back to paying for the council.

James: To clarify, what you're saying is that that would only benefit Fall?

Sage: Yes

James: Thanks for reminding me, could make a separate box for council-food-money

Vincent: that seems unnecessarily confusing, can we just use the karma box money?

James: yeah sure. As it stands now then, no food for next two councils

Jackson: Motion to pass money for the next two councils

James: \$400 or less?

Jackson: \$400

James: So a motion to make previous money passed a single fund taken from house account and then add \$400 to that

Jackson: I am whatever the thing is that means yes to that motion

Emily & Becca: Friendly!!

Jackson: Fine, I'm friendly to it.

James: Wait do we have quorum? (counts) We're three members short of quorum.

Donya: Let me go get people! [runs out and rustles up the ruffians for ruminating]

James: Alright we have quorum. The motion, again, is to make the previous money passed a single fund taken from house account and then add \$400 to that, allowing money that wasn't used for specific dinners to be used for future dinners, and repurpose the karma box through the summer to pay for council food. No fees. Everyone understand? Cool, now we hands vote, yeah. Raise your hand if you are in favor of that thing. Anyone opposed? Any abstentions? Cool, great, 36-0-2, motion passes.

Matthew: Yay it's my turn! It's mine, it's me, hi! I'd like to motion for \$350 for the rest of the summer, from house account. 135 pounds of bacon, 25 pounds of semi-sweet chocolate chips, 75 pounds of almonds, 6 gallons of Coconut Bliss (vegan ice cream), it's really good.

Becca: Maybe every thing should have a corresponding vegan option?

Matthew: That'd be a lot more money than I'd anticipated spending.

Vincent: Or maybe buy less bacon and some tofu instead; vegan ice cream isn't really a substitute for bacon

Sara: The vegan ice cream is made in a factory that processes milk products, but still made vegan.

Donya: Yeah, and then there's just random rat shit in it, just consider it vegan though

Emily: Is rat shit vegan?

Parisa: Think it would be cool if we changed that 3 to a 6 and get some gouda and other great stuff.

Kyle: Feel weird going from last motion where we were trying to refund house account to this one where we're spending a bunch for extra food

Perth: In general losing money from house account is bad business, not going to get replenished.

Ed: One thing that could be an issue would be making sure everyone gets some of it. What about some calculated way where we have a special food day or group thing to make it equally available.

James: At this rate the house account will be greatly depleted, already spending money from it for garbage, repairs, utilities, possibly electricity used by construction. This only benefits individual members

Matthew: But aren't we increasing membership, so more money would be coming in?

James: Perth and I will talk to Marie [in Central Office] about this

Carlo: I agree with Parisa, this isn't just random shit, it's food that everyone can eat, it will be shit at some point, but hey you made it. Grocery shopping can take a toll on me sometimes financially, this additional food from the house is extremely helpful. It's not a luxury, it's a necessity.

Parisa: James and Perth, I understand your concern as managers, but we spend so much money on just random crap, \$1000 for food is not a lot, not going to spend the \$40000.

James: As a direct response, what were some things that were superfluous we spent money on that didn't benefit the whole house?

Gary: Point of order, this is just about Cute Matthew's motion, not about anything other than what Cute Matthew is up there talking about.

Becca: Seems like people have strong opinions, like we're going in circles, do people feel they have enough information to vote on this?

Vincent: No

Becca: Okay

Andrew: There's no house-provided food officially in the summer, you can go buy your own food and then food's provided in the fall. So I'm against it

Sage: The argument that these are necessities doesn't really work when it's bacon and Coconut Bliss.

Vincent: Almonds are very expensive, not that I don't want almonds, just would feel kind of bad about it

Emily: Okay with the bacon, like last semester only about 10 people who would just eat obscene amounts of bacon at night. Not really cooperative, adding some tofu is good.

Matthew: I'm not going to monitor that, but it is an issue that people blow through the bacon. I'm open to adding tofu, and more milk, raising it \$500.

James: We're off of quorum by 10. 8 now.

Andrew: Move to just adjourn?

James: Alright it's past 7:30, council's over anyway, we're going to move this to next week.