Associated Students of Claremont McKenna College

Executive Board Meeting
April 19th, 2015

Highlights: (Find the matching color within the minutes for more information)

- Room Draw 20% Discussion
- Amendment - Presidential Advisor (3)
- Budget 14-15 Spring
- Club2300 and Slippery When Wet Funding Requests

Members Present: Will Su, Christine Horne, Nicky Blumm, Kathryn Chakmak, Russell Salazar, Tooba Karim, Sharan Seth, Becca Zimmerman, Caroline Peck, Cole Mora, Cristina Lee, Melissa Muller, Iris Liu, Michael Irvine, Abby Michaelsen, Kris Brackmann, Makari Krause, Tyler Finn, Ben Turner

Members Absent: Mica Laber

Call to Order: estimate 7:00pm

1. Introduction of Guests
   1. Thomas, freshman
   2. Shirley, freshman
2. Approval of Minutes
   1. Approved
3. Board Updates
   1. Iris: Senate Chair applications/interviews, decisions soon applications received for Trustee/College/Faculty committee positions as well
   2. Makari: Thursday rented an amp to test our speaker system- worked really well so going to look into purchasing an amp
   3. Tyler: about 6 student security applications received, looking for people to help with decision process
   4. Abby: senior sweatshirts came in, meeting with Devon about Thesis Party (week from Monday), looking for help from 12-2 then, voting on senior superlatives
   5. Christine: Wake the Wild coming up on Thursday, Mudd party on Saturday, all the interviews for Mr. Stag completed
   6. Nicky: Game of Thrones tonight, issue about DL access (can only DL dorms but not do a full school DL) so off-campus people can’t get his emails, Will is going to check out off-campus DL access and trying to get full campus DL for Nicky
   7. Kathryn: no update
   8. Michael: ProTem applications came out, going to reapply
   9. Kris: Talent Show went well, need to get prizes (buy the gift cards), moving the Cave supplies up to Pickford was a lot to deal with
10. Russell: room draw situations (line-item) helped male classmates reach DOS and advised them, told them to bring in female representation but that didn’t really work out, reported the meeting to the class afterwards, question about representation versus facilitating
versus voicing personal views (Will: facilitate only)

11. Cristina: no update
12. Caroline: no update
13. Ben: no update
14. Will: Parents Network board meeting went well, talked about alternative programming, RSVP to President’s Dinner (April 28) and Alumni Weekend dinner (May 1), member offered funding/sponsoring/advice for Symphony trip and other similar programming

4. Event Debrief
1. Marathon Party: happened. Six people by the end. Lots of people came to get Pizza and s’mores
   1. Ben- broken glass in front of green beach, try to discourage bringing glass outside, trying to make it less culturally acceptable, call an RA or clean it up yourself carefully when it happens
   2. Speakeasy: went really well, crowd for Guantanamo Babes, went away after it ended, Marks worked well
   3. Soccer Match Screening: went well, about 15 people, donuts are popular, people really appreciate having someplace to watch matches

5. Room Draw 20% Discussion
1. Nicky: the demands kind of seemed to expect a change during Room Draw, which was unrealistic, but I agree with some kind of change to happen. South Quad being able to be pulled suite style would be a good idea
2. Russell: that was a proposal, the short term was assigning half the remaining girls room to the boys, but again, no female representation, wasn’t a solution that had hold; long term proposal of drawing into south and midquad the same way people can pull into north quad; Dean Vos said they can schedule a meeting next week but that’s a short time frame, so it’s something that will go into next year as a discussion
3. Ben: really good email Russell to the class; Res Life committee talked about it right before the announcement went out but it was thought that it was going to be 15%, didn’t seem like there would be too much of an effect; also they didn’t announce before the retain deadline, which may have had an effect; but housing was never a guarantee, and that’s part of the bummer about random room draw, the expectation that being able to live with friends was going to happen was kind of a problem; no matter what no one was going to be guaranteed Room Draw- it’s good to have the gender balance (see Beckett); the privilege in the discussion was hard to reconcile with the thought that had gone into the new policies; junior returning from abroad- super disorganized, juniors coming back aren’t guaranteed rooms (in contrast to the idea that the rising sophomores were guaranteed to get rooms at all)
4. Tyler: the idea of the rising class being deserving of the rooms was “pretty disgusting,” and hard to listen to (“new freshmen hadn’t contributed to campus yet”); hard to endorse any of the comments
5. Kathryn: last year there were 3 half suites remaining for sophomore boys, so even with the 20% there wasn’t a guarantee that there would be rooms left over
6. Russell: two or three main points; 1. the 20% created a panicky, desperate effect on people finding roommates because the information was sent out so close to draw, 2. a lot of senior and junior males and a lot of underclassmen females- clear polarization to consider
7. Will looking for a couple people to help with Conduct Board interviews of rising juniors:
6. Amendment - Presidential Advisor (3)
   1. Ben Tillotson was the only one with 2 PAs because of a concern with board bloating because of the controller position
   2. Ben: Advisors are kind of like “swiss army knives” for board, institutional knowledge, really helped with success, diversity added a lot to board; the other perspective is good as well
   3. Will: constitutional amendment necessary
   4. Iris: the concern that was there before really isn’t the same issue anymore (too many people “talking” at once)
   5. Mikey: we should make the decision based off of whether there is a need for 3 advisors; what is your idea of what you would want in an advisor?
   6. Will: Mica could use assist on the public affairs work so she can also do the scheduling necessary
   7. Ben: confirming that it is an optional 3, presidents can have less than 3
   8. Iris: related- want a videographer; something to think about
   9. motion passes- 10/0/0
   10. Ben: can we put it in the constitution that I exist? (RA Liason)

7. Budget 14-15 Spring
   1. Will: Rainy Day rollover is the same, general fund increased by $8,000, Rainy Day fund went up, DAC discretionary went up, increased events fund the increases came from a heavy surplus (about $36,000) from reduced spending by dorms and clubs (reduced CO discretionary fund and 5C organizations spending/fund)
   2. Tyler: concern about making something that could be a fluke into a practice
   3. Mikey: might not want to be making a profit because they are things that we are doing for the student body, the goal should be breaking even
   4. Christine: developing a folder for the event process
   5. Ben: this idea that student fees are going to the events when they could be from ticket fees; making sure there are avenues in which students can be able to go considering their student fees are going to them but then also have to pay for a ticket; 5C students are paying us back for the services that we provide across the colleges, as they don’t pay student fees for us
   6. Will: proposal coming for a $10,000 investment fund; general fund is going to be used for other investment costs (offices, amp, etc)
   7. *general fund requests are voted on by board
   8. Will: Rainy Day fund will soon reach cap because of the unexpected surplus, so the remaining funds will go to investment fund; passed Budget Committee unanimously; main discussion was how to deal with the surplus considering the Rainy Day fund was a big goal of ours
   9. Ben: any opportunity we have to gain funds in order to down the road possibly decrease student fees, etc. is worth it
   10. Iris: other concern was whether we’re ticketing too high (Spring Party), want to look at where funds are at before making pricing decisions; target why we have a surplus and know that it’s a problem
   11. Tooba: we need a profit on our events to fund alcohol purchases
   12. Will: since we no longer have a yearbook, mainly Monte Carlo is needed to fund alcohol purchases
13. motion passes: 10/0/1
14. will be presented in Senate

8. **Club2300 and Slippery When Wet Funding Requests**
   1. Club2300 (Mudd): asking for $1,000 from the other schools, Pitzer gave $300, Scripps gave $500
   2. Christine: recommendation of $600 as a cap
   3. motion to approve $600: passes 10/0/0
   4. Slippery When Wet (Mudd): asking for $400 for kegs and merchandise
   5. motion to approve $400 with the stipulation of not alcohol and not merchandise: approved

9. **Open Forum**
   1. Christine: general fund request for iPod and Spotify Premium account and aux cord for events; checked out only by ECs for ASCMC events
   2. approved for up to $250: passes
   3. Iris: Mr. Stag; Spellman expressed that Chodosh had a LOT of concerns about Mr. Stag, just generally concerning and disgusting behavior; potential of Pirate Party being cancelled if it doesn’t go well; trying to make it a sustainable event
      1. Tyler: board needs to communicate this to the student body
      2. Ben: what is the value of Mr. Stag/the goal of the event?
      3. Christine: the contestants of this year are starting to be diverse and are very aware of the situation and the constraints; would love to see this as a sustainable event

Adjourn: *estimate* 8:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Caroline Peck
Event Commissioner

*Huge thank you to Caroline for stepping in and taking minutes this week!*