Associated Students of Claremont McKenna College

Executive Board Meeting
September 20th, 2015

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

- Monte Carlo & Renovations Updates
- Toga

Members Present: Melissa Muller, Cristina Lee, Eliana Keinan, Russell Salazar, Mica Laber, Ben Turner, Kris Brackmann, Kathryn Chakmak, Sharan Seth, Caroline Peck, Iris Liu, Griffin Ferre, Michael Irvine, Will Su

Members Absent: Makari Krause, Christine Horne, Nicky Blumm


Call to Order: 7:01pm

1. Welcome & Minutes
   A. Guest Introductions
   B. Both minutes approved

2. Introductions & Board Updates
   A. Melissa – I would love to hear what everyone is doing, don't just say “no update”
   B. Cristina – Hub Quiz, me, Melissa, Will, and Nicky talked about apparel during the week, might be competing against Huntley
   C. Eliana – Thursday, Will, Cole, Makari, and I met with new Dean of Faculty, easy to talk to, he outlined his 5 main things he wants to work on. RDS, Silicon Valley, Keck Science, Computer Science, Faculty Governance. He talked a lot about diversity. Hoping to have regular meetings. If you're interested let me know.
   D. Melissa – chartered Women's Forum, Skate Initiative of Claremont, made events calendar for clubs, made clubs instagram, let me know if you want to help
   E. Russell – went to SLE last weekend, lots of good ideas, creating an app for ASCMC and our website? Hopefully have something next couple weeks
   F. Mica – had phone call and exchanged a few emails with LA Times regarding how roll-out of the program would play out, Amazon Associates link up on our website, working on scheduling Ally/TealDot/Diversity&Inclusion trainings for board so keep an eye out for an email with more info from me
   G. Ben – I don't exist constitutionally but I enjoy being here. No update, but want to
commend Cole and everyone who helped with doing a great job at Toga. The RA’s on duty really enjoyed your leadership.

H. Kris – Monte Carlo, had a pregame for my class on Saturday which was not super well attended, but people went to the soccer game! And I was wearing an Athena mascot.

I. Kathryn – officially TealDot certified! We did not win the passion planner contest; we had about 40% participation. I’m working on 200 days.

J. Sharan – met with Will to reconcile our books, starting from April, will hopefully have all reconciliation up until August

K. Caroline – last Monday heard back from Devon about having tickets for symphony night in LA, met with SAGA leaders about a party we're helping them out with

L. Iris – student committee application decisions were sent out; they are to be confirmed at senate. Senate committee application discussion and finalizing that process. Diversity and Inclusion roundtable tomorrow night with Nyree. If Dean Uvin wanted to come that could be an option. It's not an open meeting; if you want to attend shoot me an email ili16@cmc.edu. Want to cap number of participants to have productive discussion. This has been publicized at Senate and Exec Board. Starting point at drafting policy/procedure about creating a position within ASCMC.

M. Griffin – More people signed up than expected

N. Michael – Going to get the Constitution edits finished and hoping to have them presented at next meeting

O. Will – Budget committee met today, elections committee has been meeting. Freshman class elections process begins tonight. CFO and Event Commissioner position applications are out. Spoke to Chodosh and Dianna about a PSR policy group. Sent out email about PSR sub-committees, at-large elected positions open. 4 positions, each committee, per class. Finalized toga sales this week, thanks Caroline for helping out. Good profit margin.

3. Monte Carlo & Renovations Updates
   A. Kris – Floor of event plaza is painted, emailed Brian to see if there were updates. Working on walls next. I sent you guys an email for sign-ups to distribute emails. Will to send boomerang tomorrow morning. Who hires student security?
   B. Cole – sent application last week, have decent amount of applicants. We're going to be talking about the hiring, we will have staff for Monte Carlo. In terms of hiring timeline, we'll know Tuesday morning
   C. Kris – I'll need 5 or 6. Pretty much everything is done besides finalizing food and decorations. If anyone goes into the offices, the poster is in there and it's sick. Don't touch all of the food.
   D. Will – October 3rd is also Forum for the Future, those of you on trustee committees keep an eye out.

4. Event Debrief
   A. Toga
      i. Cole – we were understaffed on the student side. Need to get event management staff hired. Understaffed on camp sec side. We were told there would be 11 officers, and they brought 9. Flamson is a tough venue to close off. We were able to get the Hub closed. It would have been nice to have more of a perimeter around DJ booth. Someone knocked the wires by the booth, people climbing over. Think one of the
outlets burnt out, plugged into a different one and it was fine. Can't speak to what it was like throughout entire event, but I was up at the front with Oliver to make sure equipment was protected. It seemed like a very crowded event. This is a positive because people came, but hope it wasn't unmanageable (Ben, comment?). Photobooth successful.

ii. Will – did we get any more intel on who dropped the fireworks?

iii. Cole – cut music off at 1am, compliant with camp sec. One officer causing problems in particular. Devon was on it and did a great job last night, he really had our backs. At 1 someone or some people lit firecrackers on the ground. 2 columns got smashed.

iv. Cristina – I couldn't see very well, it was a group of guys, supposedly Pomona students.

v. Cole – a bit of an issue with non-CMC students being the trouble makers. Something Christine and I and the EC's talking about, she's meeting with the event heads of other colleges. Felt like there was a lack of respect, general entitlement to be on our campus. Look at how we manage our relationship with other 5Cs.

vi. Ben – I wasn't on duty, but I know the RA's were dealing with people in NQ. There was no empirical difference between being in NQ and in the event, need incentive to move people in the event. An issue for a part of the time. One of the biggest parts is talking to people who are willing and able to listen to you about moving in. I also haven't heard a whole lot else other than that.

vii. Kathryn – A lot of townies from Chapman or Cal Poly Pomona, not sure if they're guests of CMC, but twice I went to someone who looked passed out and they were not from the 5Cs

viii. Guest – I have a friend who had problems with someone from Stanford who came for the football game. Physically disrespectful.

ix. Caroline – a lot of people come in wanting to bring guests who shouldn't bring guests. You need to have your ID's with you.

x. Guest – Toga was specifically difficult for ID's because people don't have a place to put the ID, might not be as big of an issue in the future.

xi. Russell – the entrance and the bike racks; we need to figure out a way to not get people to stand there because people try to pass ID's over the barrier. Will and I had to run back and forth to make sure people weren't passing anything off. Get creative with space in front of bike racks.

xii. Caroline – appeal of bike barriers is people can see into event and want to come inside.

xiii. Will – need to look at layout of Flamson in general.

xiv. Caroline – at a previous event, we've had DJ in front of McKenna, might be more secure.

xv. Ben – I assume the county fair went well. Thursday was tough because there was no registered event on campus. It's not ASCMC's responsibility to have on campus events all the time, but it does have certain implications. There were 2 registered events in Wohliford and Appleby, but it ended up being just Appleby and it got a bit out of hand. People were climbing trees, breaking glass. Encourage people to have registered events, Devon and DOS in general really want to work with students on that.

xvi. Cole – it'll be easier when people become familiar with event registration system. On nights when there is no ASCMC registered party, make it really clear to encourage people to register their own parties.

xvii. Eliana – it was really fun
B. Hub Quiz
   i. Cristina – A lot more people showed up than expected, going to do more coming up, Halloween, they should be more frequent. I was surprised by how into it people are. They won movie tickets!

5. Open Forum
A. Michael – I emailed you just now. Melissa and I have been working with The Forum on creating contracts for the writers, especially if they're technically employees of ASCMC. Can we quickly take a look at that and discuss it and potentially vote on it tonight.
B. Kathryn – does this mean we can't approve these until we have a CFO?
C. Michael – realistically we will hopefully appoint a CFO next weekend. Shannon wants to hire by next week.
D. Kathryn – who dictates stipend? Right now, Forum editor is making more money than I am
E. Michael – looks like they've added some positions, not sure if from this year or earlier.
F. Kathryn – people shouldn't be making more than 200.
G. Sharan – do they get paid on top of the stipend on the hourly?
H. Michael – no one except photographer/video gets paid by hour. Writers make $10 per article.
I. Kathryn – we need to look at these stipend amounts
J. Iris – I don't have as big of an issue with editor in chief because they're in charge, but all the editors seem like they are getting too much.
K. Michael – some stipends have been decreased from 2013-14. Some positions are different. In general, positions have lower stipends but there are more people.
L. Christina (guest) – Shannon is changing the structure of The Forum so some roles are being reduced and others increasing
M. Melissa – the idea is that this is a one-time thing for precedent so that they can be independently funded in the future. I'm fine with these numbers, I don't mind lowering a bit but I think it's fine. I'm more concerned about them actually becoming independently funding.
N. Guest – if you did the math, the money they're making is like a regular job on campus.
O. Iris – but they're funded by ASCMC
P. Guest – Claremont Independent does not pay their writers
Q. Melissa – TSL does pay their writers
R. Ben – We have other student publications and while this contributes to CMC conversations on campus, are we doing a disservice to other publications venues?
S. Melissa – Since it's CMC only they get more funding from us
T. Ben – I don't see this as creating/stopping discourse necessarily because there are other venues that create discourse
U. Michael – if we're questioning their discourse, then we should revisit our own. I'm uncomfortable paying stipends for a club when we don't do that for other clubs.
V. Kathryn – they shouldn't be getting more than what we pay. It should be on-par. Why would a publication be paid more? It's valid to think about our stipends in general.
W. Iris – I wouldn't say that The CMC Forum is as integral to CMC as ASCMC, some people, like me personally, the stipend helps a lot in being able to be here because of financial issues.
X. Michael – you could make the same argument for The Forum.
Y. Iris – no I don't think so, in terms of The Forum being necessary for CMC as ASCMC.
Z. Melissa – if you have specific questions refer them to me and Michael so we can make an informed decision.

AA. Motion to vote tabled.

6. Executive Session: Finance

Adjourn: 7:43pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Executive Secretary