Associated Students of Claremont McKenna College

Senate

November 23rd, 2015

Call to Order: 9:05 pm

Meeting Overview:
- Welcome and sign-in
- Senate Committee Chair Updates:
  -- AAA: Diversity and Inclusion Chair Constitutional Amendment (see doc)
  -- Campus Improvements: Senate Legislation on Students of Marginalized Identities (see doc)
  -- Consortium Affairs: SC Demonstration Resolution Draft (see doc)
- Know Tomorrow Claremont Petition Presentation on GHG emissions: https://goo.gl/To7
- Open Forum

1. Senate Committee Chair Updates:
   A. AAA: Diversity and Inclusion Chair Constitutional Amendment
      i. Applications will be sent out tonight.
      ii. We haven’t yet discussed the composition of this committee.
      iii. The chair would have a committee that would be composed of 5 standing members, made up of the 5 CMC standing affinity groups (APAM, BSA, CMCers of Color, GenU, and SAGA) and 3 at large members.
      iv. Every year the outgoing members would select new members.
      v. This year, however, since no existing committee, the five affinity group members along with the chair would review applications and select the 3 at large members.
      vi. New amendment: can vote by 2/3rds super majority to add another standing position for another affinity group. No existing cap on how many positions can be added. Also can remove at large spots or student group spots, but would not go into effect until the next year (can’t kick off people because you don’t like them)
         ▷ Can you go below 3 at large spots?
            • No but this language is vague.
            • Amend this to make sure this is explicit in the language.
      vii. What if a chair cannot make the meeting? Who holds power if the Chair cannot be there?
         ▷ Informal body, so no real strict duties of the chair at a meeting. This responsibility of “second in command” can depend on the specific needs of the meeting and will be left to the committee to decide.
      viii. Do we need to think about it getting too large?
         ▷ Committee members will likely be cognizant of size, so no need for real cap on size.
      ix. There’s an implied re-evaluation of this legislation.
         ▷ How would this happen?
            • Come before senate and explain what’s worked and what hasn’t.
      x. Make this mandatory and add explicit language in the legislation.
   xi. Motion to add amendments that add a mandatory review process as well as ensure that there are always at least 3 at large members—passes.
   xii. Concern over allowing the people in the committee choose the members of next year
         ▷ But the people in the committee know the direction of the group better and know who to select to take that vision forward.
         ▷ Other positions get appointed by elections committee, which also changes on a yearly basis.
         ▷ Giving the committee the power to select members ensures a swiftness and agility of the committee.
   xiii. Concern over how the 3 at large members are chosen
         ▷ An only 4/6 vote needed to approve at large members.
         ▷ Chair being the tie-breaking vote.
   xiv. Questions of timing?
         ▷ If a committee chair applicant gets denied, they should be able to apply for a committee spot.
         ▷ Maybe at large members should be chosen by the new chair (after spring break).
         ▷ Outgoing committee doesn’t have much interaction with new committee.
         ▷ There’s no continuity within people
            • But the people who are applying for these positions have similar interests. There’s a self-
selecting pool.
▷ This is an issue that every committee faces but its mitigated by informal interactions between old and new.

\( ^{xv} \) Maybe new incoming chair would sit on committee to help appoint at large members.

**Motion to pass this amendment with the amendments that we passed earlier, passes.**

### B. Campus Improvements: Senate Legislation on Students of Marginalized Identities

i Designed to address concerns that were expressed by students recently.

ii Wouldn’t change anything institutional

iii Recognition of support and gives credit to students who have worked hard to change this campus for the better. Affirms the effort and voices of students.

iv Amendment to change to “endorse the sentiments in the letter”

v Worried about clause 5: condemnation of the administration?
▷ Think we have to be honest about what has and hasn’t happened.
▷ Promises and commitments have been made but there hasn’t been action.
▷ “It’s wrong to point out the administration when ASCMC hasn’t actually responded until this point”
  • ASCMC actually responded in the spring and introduced the D&I chair position.
▷ As senators and representatives, we shouldn’t be afraid of standing with students who feel wronged by the administration.
▷ Also there’s a part of the student body that believe that the administration has acted appropriately and acted in a timely manner, so we should represent them as well.

vi Maybe change the language.
▷ Perhaps clause 4 covers the fact that the administration has failed to act.

vii Amendment to add “sentiment of letter” in clause 4, and strike clause 5.

viii Vote Recorded:
In favor: 12
Opposed: 9
Abstain: 1

**Motion Passes**

After some discussion, Motion to undo the striking of clause 5...

In Favor: 11
Opposed: 9
Abstain: 1

Clause 5 has been re-introduced.

**Motion to vote on the complete resolution:**
This passes

**Vote on this resolution right now:**
In favor: 12
Oppose: 5
Abstain: 4

The resolution passes.

### C. Consortium Affairs: 5C Demonstration Resolution Draft

i A resolution that has been discussed by Consortium Affairs along with other senators

ii In response to the attempts that were made but then tabled by 7C administrators

iii This resolution poses that Campus Safety act as peace keepers and have actual reason to act against protestors before they do so.

iv Affirms student rights to protest

v After demonstration takes place, a president or dean should respond to the protest.
▷ Standard norm but holds the administration accountable

vi Resolution will be reviewed next fall.

vii Is this in coordination with other 5Cs?

viii Pomona has passed it, fairly similar to our document but we cut a few things.
▷ Pomona had some language that we felt was rather adversarial as well as some poor wording
that we didn’t support. Made language more peaceful and supportive.
▷ Pomona said “Teachers to provide accommodations for students when protesting”
  • We didn’t think that that was fair or necessary.
Motion to approve this resolution:

Passes in full

2. Know Tomorrow: Claremont Petition Presentation on GHG emissions
   A. Tabled till next week.

3. Open Forum

Meeting adjourned 10:32 pm
Submitted Respectfully,
Tanvi Gandham
Secretary of the Senate