Associated Students of Claremont McKenna College

Senate
February 1st, 2016
Call to Order: 9:05 pm

Meeting Overview:
- Welcome and Sign in
- Senate Committee Updates
- AAA Funding Request: Pomona Events Committee
- Tech Senate Committee Openings
- ASCMC Elections Timeline
- ASCMC Surplus Brainstorm
- Open Forum

1. Senate Committee Updates
   A. Campbell—Student Engagement
      i Getting the newsletters going again
      ii Brainstorming for ASCMC excess budget
   B. Felipe—Consortium Affairs
      i Will be meeting this week, hoping to move forward w/ ID scanner
      ii ID scanner for parties/senate check in/etc.
   C. Thomas—Campus Improvements
      i Working on ASCMC handbook, to be used during spring transition
      ii Expanding Gender Inclusive housing, working on being finalized by Deans
      iii Optimistic that this can get done by spring Room Draw
      iv “Grass update? Is buffalo grass working?”
         ▷ Apparently not, they’re pulling them up.
   D. Ryan – Tech Committee
      i Trying to get a few more members
      ii Two major projects
         ▷ Temporary solution for senate sign in
         ▷ Finding betters ways to channel funding requests
   E. Claire—AAA
      i Presenting funding request later today
      ii Sending an email out to student body to let people know that they can get funding for their events
      iii “Current procedure for getting funding?”
         ▷ On ASCMC website, this won’t change, we just want people to know its there
      iv “Purpose of Senate fund?”
         ▷ Senate fund is meant to go to groups that are trying to benefit larger amounts of students.
         ▷ In past, funded cultural events/larger events.
      v “Wouldn’t be appropriate for a club to just request funding for things that are just going to benefit their club members”

2. AAA Funding Request: Pomona Events Committee
   A. Nochella at Smith Campus Center on April 16th 2016
   B. Headliner will be Young Thug
   C. “Due to the racial tension that has spread across the 5C community, we feel that bringing in an artist of color will not only mitigate some of the current tension but also create a level of comfortability and inclusion for students of color. Our chosen artist, Young Thug, frequently utilizes his platform to showcase gender fluidity and a defiance for societal norms. We feel this particular artist embodies the proposed principles and values of the 5C community.”
   D. Free for students
   E. Estimated Student attendance: 3000-5000
   F. CMC student attendance: 1000
   G. Concern: not sure about past attendance, how Coachella might affect this. Not high attendance last year, but there is a new approach and style of artist that might bring more people out.
   H. Artist booking fee: 20k
I. Stage, Security, Traveling expenses: 5k
J. Other funding secured: 20k
K. Requested from AAA: 1k
L. Overall recommendation: Fund PEC $2000
M. There hasn’t been a rap artist or rap artist of color on campus for the past few years.
N. Contention over how appropriate this would be//this mission statement might be misleading
O. Difference between throwing a party to combat marginalization and to bring an artist of color to the 5Cs.
P. Also the Estimated Student attendance seems questionable
Q. Motion to table for a week so that Claire can consult with Patrick (D&I chair) and so that the senators can look into Young Thug.

Motion Passes

3. Tech Senate Committee Openings
A. Two spots open on this
B. Unsure how application will go, but likely use Google form sent through senators from Iris

4. ASCMC Elections Timeline
   a. Mandatory informational meeting: February 21st
   b. 4 days to get petitions signed (25th February)
   c. Tentative debates on Friday February 26th
   d. Speeches following that February 29th
   e. March 1st elections
   f. Appointed positions will be open up on March 2nd
   g. That weekend will be interviews by elections committee
   h. Week transition period
i. Iris’s last senate will be March 8th, 2016
j. “This process and timeline should be properly publicized.”
   i. Campbell can take a lead on this.
k. Senate positions come afterwards, co-chairs till the end of the year.

5. ASCMC Surplus Brainstorm
   A. Have 30k to spend
   B. Surplus last year of 10k, we entertained the idea of investing it and create the beginnings of an endowment for their student government
      i. A lot of the discussion surrounding that was that
      ii. 1) It wasn’t enough money to truly make a difference
      iii. 2) Student fees should go towards that year.
   C. Maybe make a second Ski Beach Day
      i. Unlikely because it would be a one time event
   D. Is there a constitutional framework we should be working within?
   E. This is all in the general fund.
      i. Should we reimburse student fees?
      ii. Logistically would be really hard
      iii. Also, whose money is it?
   F. What campus services could be benefitted by money?
      i. Bike shop never has enough bikes, maybe could benefit a couple thousand dollars
      ii. This could even come from the Senate fund.
   G. Start a Changemaker’s Fund?
      i. Campus improvements ventures?
      ii. If there’s interest, it should be student driven fund.
   H. Could be invested into the community back around us?
   I. Mental Health/ Mounsour staffing
      i. Maybe part time?
   J. An Environmental Concerns Committee
      i. Green fund?
   K. Send out a Survey.
   L. Phrase this carefully: “What would you like to see improved/changed on campus?”
      i. Maybe make checklist of items: (“Food” “housing” “etc”)
6. Open Forum
   A. Thomas: PSR met earlier
      i  There’s a temporary student space available for everyone
      ii Mod G between Roberts and Bauer
      iii Permanent space will be coming.
      iv Teal Dot is “legally” mandated for all students.
         ▷ Concerns about this.
         ▷ Are there ways to incentivize people?
         ▷ Very low cost
         ▷ “People have to buy in for this to be effective”
         ▷ Thomas will look into whether there will be more Teal Dot/Ally Trainings available this semester.
      v Paid positions for student interns.
         ▷ Devon, Kari, Mariana Cruz
   B. Is anyone on PSR for high-risk drinking and drug abuse?
      i  Tony Sidhom
      ii Meet about 4/5 times a semester.
      iii First meeting = Friday, Feb 5th.
      iv Metrics committee:
         ▷ Focus on how to measure information and what information to measure.
      v Hosting/Management
      vi Orientation based stuff

Meeting adjourned 10:01 pm
Submitted Respectfully,
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Secretary of the Senate