Associated Students of Claremont McKenna College

Senate
April 25, 2016

Call to Order: 9:04 pm

Agenda:
1. Sign in
2. Approval of Senate Minutes (04.18.16)
3. Board Updates
4. AAA Funding Requests
   a. Claremont Colleges Hellenic Society Events
5. Review of 5C Senate Constitution - For Discussion & Vote
6. For Discussion: ASCMC Budget '16-'17 Presentation
7. Focus Group: Leadership Competencies, presented by KLI
8. For Discussion: Potential CMC Fossil Fuel Divestment Campaign
9. General Announcements
10. Open Forum
11. Closing Remarks

1. Approval of Senate Minutes (04.18.16)
   a. Approved

2. Board Updates
   a. Ellie: Pitzer – talked about what positions to remove again, keeping int’l representative and keeping others
   b. Elliot: Mudd – review of how their room draw went (it being unique) and how to change going forward, were going to change in the beginning of the year but they didn’t and people weren’t thrilled, so they’re in discussion of changes
   c. Ryan: drone is now legal
      i. Nicky: we bought a drone; to be able it legally fly it we need to register it ($24.99 for registering); seems logical to register drone considering we already have it and would like funding to do so; wants to fly preferably during Pirate party
      ii. Discussion about funding drone
      iii. Ryan: motion to provide funding for drone registration
          1. Approved

3. AAA Funding Requests
   a. Claremont Colleges Hellenic Society Events
      i. Claire: had an event last week and has an upcoming event this week, one was to hear talk from Finance Minister of Greece, this week is Greek Easter picnic hosted by Greek orthodox church; have asked multiple schools for funding
      ii. John: the reason we are asking for funding is because we were formed second semester and thus don’t have a budget, so we
needed to ask Pomona/CMC directly for funds for the remaining events

iii. Thomas: membership?
   1. John: heavily CMC and Pomona, couple from other schools but mainly from CMC/Pomona

iv. Felipe: they are registered as 5C club and do have funds for next year now

v. Claire: AAA’s recommendation is to fund in full

vi. Connor: were these advertised at all?
   1. John: yes, through Facebook and international event, and the club is open to anyone

vii. Motion to fund in full ($110)
   1. Approved

4. Review of 5C Senate Constitution - For Discussion & Vote
   a. Felipe: discussed a few weeks ago, would like to ratify, was scheduled to be approved by Pomona if they had quorum; summary = Senate will have representatives from each college, shall include staff/liaisons and representatives will rotate on semester basis; meetings held regularly and agenda published including open forum, quorum requires all liaisons and constitution can be amended with unanimous vote by all liaisons
   b. Alec: Didn’t capitalize “K” in “McKenna”
   c. Sid: can whoever was in discussion explain why there’s still only one rep for each school?
      i. Nicky: wasn’t there, but understanding is that this exists for formalizing discussion purposes; essentially holding 5C presidents accountable for meeting, but thought it’d be good for different students to be involved (presidents would send designee or go themselves) but wouldn’t have full Senate format to increase efficiency especially considering the lack of agency that the body has
      ii. Sid: when will we decide who will be chosen?
         1. Nicky: up for whatever people decide, whether that be through voting or designating him or someone else, etc.
      iii. Alec: would 5C Senate be able to overrule ASCMC Senate decision?
          1. Thomas: no
          2. Nicky: everything has to be unanimous
   iv. Mikey: uncomfortable for a couple of reasons; 1) voting – unclear what voting on and if it supersedes our constitution, implications of vetoing? 2) legally speaking – concerned about ratifying something that says it supersedes our constitution considering our constitution’s place as our laws as a federal agency
   v. Unclear about power
      1. Nicky: this has no power and is strictly for organizing purposes; ie. increasing accountability
      2. Felipe: serves as institutional way to link committees that currently exist and meet; goal is to increase accountability
across colleges; experiment to have stronger unifying voice among colleges

vi. Thomas: spoke to incoming Scripps president about this, could only vote on joint issued statements, noting Article IV about amendments—not threat because the Senate has no power at all
   1. Alec: why is stricter language not in the Constitution
   2. Mikey: if your organization doesn’t have power then you should state it

vii. Who wrote it?
   1. Felipe: former presidents of each school contributed;
   2. Nicky: Pomona got into it and Pitzer originally wrote it but mostly Will Su and Pomona; Pomona ratified today or last night

viii. Connor: any discussion about increasing power eventually?
   1. Felipe: potentially, but would require unanimous approval from all five colleges

ix. Will: someone mentioned 5C Senate could help allocate funding for 5C funds?
   1. Felipe: not as of now, could potentially happen in future but not a thing right now
   2. Nicky: would never happen without all college consent, and believes that would be very unlikely
   3. Felipe: if anything, could help with budget discussions, but no power to distribute funding at all

x. Connor: clarification – each college can choose how it selects its liaisons
   1. Felipe: college can bring other members as delegation but there has to be a distinct person to vote

xi. Teagan: question about semester rotating?
   1. Felipe: only the chair will rotate every semester (who will be a liaison from a college)
   2. Nicky: chair’s job is to set agenda and keep meetings moving

xii. Motion to ratify as long as “K” in “McKenna” is capitalized
   1. Passed

5. For Discussion: ASCMC Budget ’16-’17 Presentation
   a. Thomas: overview of attached proposed budget – consolidated multiple items into one line-item; added $2,000 office relocation fund for ASCMC furnishings; discretionary fund increased from $8,000 to $10,000 to help clubs out after the freeze; 5C clubs increased from $10,500 to $18,000 and CMC clubs increased as well; President’s fund increased; class budgets (except Senior) have been increased all by $1,000; DAC chair fund decreased from $7,500 to $5,000; Mental Health Initiative cut entirely
   b. Nicky: looking at 3-year spread, we’ve largely increased funding for clubs but if we keep increasing then we will eventually not have enough to keep increasing
c. Discussion about budget proposal; reminder that budget proposal will be sent out again before next Senate

6. **Focus Group: Leadership Competencies, presented by KLI**
   a. Emma and Rowan: KLI is trying to reevaluate its definition of leadership at CMC, conducting focus groups with students and faculty to figure out what their definition of leadership is; question: what does an effective leader do, and what skills does an effective leader possess?
   b. Other questions
      i. What are skills you think would make you a better leader?
      ii. What skills or competencies would you most be interested in learning about at CMC/how can KLI support path to becoming leader?
      iii. What do you think role of leadership institute is at CMC?

Felipe: mention of candidates for VP for Student Affairs; encourages going to candidate events; there will be an anonymous survey for each specific candidate at the end of four days and there will be a comparative survey as well

Geno: cost?
Felipe: unsure

Felipe: Senate committee chair apps due on Wednesday (4/27) at noon

7. **For Discussion: Potential CMC Fossil Fuel Divestment Campaign**
   a. Jack: member of Environmental Concerns Committee; divestment = opposite of investment; reasons for divestment: more symbolic, but puts some sort of pressure on companies’; example = South African Apartheid; divestment is just another way to address climate change
   b. Discussion about implications of divestment, including moral and political arguments for and against

8. **General Announcements**
   a. None

9. **Closing Remarks**
   a. Adjourned: 10:18 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Maddie Lee
Secretary of the Senate