Associated Students of Claremont McKenna College
Senate
April 11, 2016

Call to Order: 9:03 pm

Agenda:
1. Sign in
2. Approval of Senate Minutes (04.04.16)
3. Board Updates
4. Women and Gender Leadership Initiative Needs Assessments
5. Promotion of CMC Climate Leadership Summit
6. Discussion on recycling signage and Orientation proposals led by the Environmental Concerns Committee
7. 5C Senate Discussion & Review of Constitution
8. Roberts Pavilion Preview Days
9. Open Forum
10. Closing Remarks

1. Approval of Senate Minutes (04.04.16)
   1. Approved

2. Board Updates
   1. Not many updates on behalf of cabinet
   2. Updates from other colleges
      1. ASPC – finalized their elections (new ASPC president), discussed sexual assault skit during orientation (placement in orientation program), discussed process of past election, discussed different positions and roles within ASPC
      2. Pitzer – Senate went on as per usual

3. Women and Gender Leadership Initiative Needs Assessments
   1. Michelle – passed out assessments at beginning of Senate; background: KLI is launching a Women and Gender Leadership Initiative, funded by Chodosh; sent out grant email last semester; current survey’s goal is to figure out interest on campus regarding gender and leadership, as well as what people see current issues on campus as

4. Promotion of CMC Climate Leadership Summit
   1. Will – happening in 2 weeks (Saturday April 23); giving update as recipient of Senate funding; site for Summit at cmc.edu/climate-summit; talked about format of the day (schedule is on website) with multiple keynotes and sessions in between; starts at 7:30AM and closing reception is at 7:30PM; registration is required for attendance; Summit has many registered guests from multiple campus around the southern California area
5. Discussion on recycling signage and Orientation proposals led by the Environmental Concerns Committee

1. Sam – Adele wrote a proposal to DOS about incorporating recycling in orientation, with goal of making recycling a bigger part of campus community, first part of proposal = presentation at beginning of orientation, second part = RAs talk to students about recycling as fundamental part of dorm life/what they can and cannot recycle

2. Geno – believes they should hand out recycling bins after water party due to mix-up that happens after water party (which results in some students having two recycling bins or trash bins)

3. Teagan – could potentially tell dorm attendants to look out for missing recycling bins

4. Sam – only issue with giving them bins after = they can’t recycle before orientation

5. ______ - should give them other things to dump water on

6. Felipe – RAs and FYGs/etc should encourage return of both recycling and trash bins

7. Edgar – leftover bins (both trash and recycling) after party, FYGs could potentially regulate dispersal of bins after party depending on who is missing what

8. Felipe – plans to bring letter to Devon

9. Edgar – will there be a video/skit about recycling?

10. Felipe – yes, that is the goal (to get a skit about recycling to be with the other skits)

11. Russell – what kind of tone are you aiming for with the skits?

12. Adele – definitely on the funnier side, skit will be short introduction and real discussion will happen with the RAs

13. Sam – made image of frequently recycled items (beer bottle, beer can, Solo cup), believes the signs will encourage more of recycling

14. Edgar – will they be up all the time?

15. Sam – thinks they will just be up for parties

16. Edgar – had assumed they would stay up, doesn’t see need for images around campus

17. Sid – let people know you can get extra recycling bins when they register events

18. Nicky – believes image is unfair advertising for Coors Light, people would get the same idea if we used a similar can, would allow for people to leave signs up

19. Geno – one reason for beer can would be that no one drinks other things in cans as usually, wouldn’t be offensive

20. Suggestion to make can without branding

21. Russell – how are signs going to be held up above cans?

22. Sam – assumes if on wall, with tape

23. Russell – for events with cans held in open spaces, need to have different strategies

24. Felipe – would like to note that SSPEAR put up previous signs, potential for working with SSPEAR to facilitate new signs
25. Geno – some people don’t value recycling, if you give them monetary incentive people might do it more
26. Jack – likes idea of bringing signs out during parties and more recycling bins during parties, current problem of distance to nearest recycling bins
27. Felipe – could definitely incorporate new strategies into event commissioner training, etc.

6. 5C Senate Discussion & Review of Constitution
   1. Felipe – proposal to establish 5C Senate, supposed to represent students of all five colleges, main idea = monthly meetings, problem with 5C resources and feedback process considering disparate aspect of senates; would have representatives from each college; could potentially help with 5C clubs/budgeting/parties, etc.; Nicky is in process of meeting with other presidents to discuss; each college would have one designated liaison and one vote
   2. Senator – who else is in favor?
   3. Felipe – Pomona is in favor, hasn’t ratified, HMC is about to, all colleges are in favor
   4. Thomas – have there been any proposals made to change structure for funding?
   5. Felipe – hasn’t been talked about specifically, potential for that
   6. Jess – would they be open meetings?
   7. Felipe – yes
   8. Nicky – currently the only topic has been the 5C senate, discussed between presidents, believes the body having a lot of people would decrease its efficiency
   9. Thomas – given how much power the body will have, if it’s inefficient it will not last long, necessary to streamline meetings
   10. Jess – concern that elected liaisons won’t have necessary institutional knowledge
   11. Felipe – initial conversation was that, at least for CMC, it could be Felipe, but thought is that since meetings are once per month, one member could go but could also bring relevant delegations as needed
   12. Sid – what is power that we are vesting in the group? It doesn’t seem like they’ll have power, but if they do then we’re limiting the amount of contribution
   13. Nicky – we’re not extending ASCMC’s power of purview, it’s just a different forum and place to discuss status of campuses; his understanding is there isn’t decision-making or funding, Pomona has shown a lot of motivation for idea
   14. Felipe – we might consider adding more teeth for body, but as of now the idea is to allow colleges to still have autonomy over themselves, but if it works more power may be given
   15. Geno – our Senate should elect the ambassador, or have someone elected by Exec Board and voted on by Senate, should have someone outside of current ASCMC group
16. Felipe – definitely possible, issue is not finalized and will continue to be discussed
17. Thomas – mentioned changes to 5C demonstration policy last semester, believes that this body could address similar issues
18. Felipe – should be cognizant of power and someone who student body supports
19. Jess – seems like more of a reactionary body, seems like more of a tool for the colleges to go to given its few meeting times
20. Felipe – current lack of communication at student level, this could be potential solution; direct further thoughts to Felipe/Nicky

7. Roberts Pavilion Preview Days
   1. Felipe – Melissa Schild sent out email before about Preview Days, will be open this weekend with some rooms open for use; need to fill out form; good way to check out the Pavilion and tours are being given

8. Open Forum
   1. Felipe – announcement about Art Council’s showcase 4/29 8-10PM; reach out to Jessie Capper or Kris Brackmann for more information
      1. Adele – recommends applying for the program
   2. Zach – wanted to bring up issue of funding clubs/orgs at the end of the year, sees problem with clubs spending all money at end of the year to avoid smaller budgets the following year, the reason is wanting to have responsible funding but thinks we should extend the period of freezing funds, should have CO chair look at budgets for longer
   3. Jess – should freeze earlier? And more of budget?
   4. Zach – yes, move up freeze, would help reduce massive mass spending
   5. Jess – as CO Chair, while there are people who spend money more towards the end of the year, there are still normal reimbursements; believes closing events are good de-stressors and does wants clubs to spend more money to celebrate, Claremont Radius did celebratory party
   6. Zach – that’s why I brought this up, doesn’t think it’s appropriate
   7. Teagan – considering the surplus, I think it’s not that big of a deal
   8. Jess – I’m surprised you had an issue, we talked about this at Exec Board about how the dinner would be a good way to support writers; we have money for it
   9. Zach – CMC does have a lot of money, but we shouldn’t just spend it
   10. Sam – agrees with Zach, clubs should be incentivized to save money; current policy is that clubs get smaller budgets if they don’t spend it all, thinks that if clubs don’t spend a certain percent they should get the same budget
11. Geno – this year’s money is for this year’s students, if you don’t spend it now then it doesn’t go to the students who paid for it
12. Zach – still, doesn’t believe we should waste money; acknowledges that clubs do spend money
13. Teagan – we shouldn’t discourage clubs from spending money, they should throw more events if anything and spend more money on them
14. Thomas – both Jess and Issa have to approve reimbursements, considering their election it’s enough credentials
15. Zach – in support of events earlier in the year
16. Russell – could be interesting study to look at budget requests and reimbursements over time, would probably see a lot of spending at end of year, could be reason to adjust budgets in the future and to make better budget allocation
17. Felipe – goal is to streamline funding process, if people know process well at the beginning (club leaders, etc.) will encourage them to spend throughout the year, ultimate goal is to be reasonable with student fees; we will get preliminary view of budget next week, in two weeks we will have final vote on budget, direct any questions to Budget Committee, we will discuss how to make budget use most effective
18. Geno – has the Budget Committee talked about funding individual students at all?
19. Felipe – no, there has been a discussion about increasing Senate’s allocation to make Senate a place for personal funding
20. Felipe – this Saturday is 5C budget hearings, will be two rooms
21. Jess – needs more people to get involved, pretty sure there’s free dinner
22. Felipe – we have 3 senates left, let him know if there’s anything you’d like to talk about, there might be food next week, try to incentivize other senators

9. Closing Remarks
   1. Adjourned 9:53 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Maddie Lee
Secretary of the Senate