Associated Students of Claremont McKenna College
Senate
April 4th, 2016

Call to Order: 9:07 pm

Agenda:
1. Sign in
2. Approval of Senate Minutes (03.28.16)
3. Board Updates
4. President Pro Tempore Speeches, Debate & Vote
   a. Two candidates are David Brown and Thomas Schalke
5. AAA Funding Requests:
   a. Student attending Poetry Slam Competition
6. Brief Discussion on recycling signage and orientation proposals led by the Environmental Concerns Committee
7. Formal Presentation of the ASCMC Handbook
8. Open Forum
9. Closing Remarks

1. Approval of Senate Minutes (03.28.16)
   a. Approved: 100%
   b. Motion to approve by Geno

2. Board Updates
   a. Felipe: committee updates
   b. Campbell: not much, working with Residential Life to form room draw survey
      i. About exit survey, room draw hasn’t changed in a long time
      ii. Geno: it has changed
      iii. Said that it hasn’t changed in a long time
   c. Thomas: ASCMC handbook done
      i. Felipe: will have institutional knowledge, good work by Campus Improvements committee
   d. Felipe: members from Consortium Affairs
      i. Luke – PZ had two big things in Senate – moving forward with proposition to ban sale/distribution of bottled water, working with vending machine companies to remove from vending machines and Bon Appetit; no substantial progress moving forward; put forward official PZ college sustainability definition (3.5 pages long single spaced), fairly standard; allocated money for new speakers for parties
      ii. Felipe: other student gov’ts going through elections, PO’s meeting short passed funding request to get digital boards for Coop store (digital menus); passed reform in bylaws for PR person in Senate,
way they’re chosen is now by senate, now required to give regular updates to student body but not weekly

3. President Pro Tempore Speeches, Debate & Vote
   a. *Two candidates are David Brown and Thomas Schalke
   b. Felipe: move onto elections with both candidates present, David Brown – Elections Committee, Thomas Schalke – head of CI committee
   c. Mikey: speeches have to be 3 min, will give time signals
   d. David (speech): ran to be 2019 president recently because of openness of position, not a whole lot of written responsibilities, could focus on his passion, opening for something with similar job description. Came across with hard agenda for sophomore class president and Edgar embodies that more than he did, when it comes to President Pro Tempore that’s his thing, his policies can be found in the forum, he loves student gov’t because during sophomore year in high school he had a rough phase where he couldn’t speak, learned power of words and started to write frequently (short stories/fantasy), transferred to poetry, wants to be President Pro Tempore to continue to speak up for you and with you isn’t consolation prize, is about love for school and passion for student body and wanting to communicate, about a nerd who wants to accomplish great feats and who has seen student gov’t be too silent at times
   e. Thomas: majoring in PPE/IR, main points – reforming ASCMC, working with administration, and ethics
      i. Reform – ASCMC needs to meet laws and regulations, increase accountability and transparency and work to minimize inefficiencies, helped create handbook and now knows system inside and out
      ii. Work with admin – one of most critical roles of ASCMC, helped to expand gender inclusive housing and will use established relationships
      iii. Chief ethical officer – will be moral compass of senate for the next year, deserves a President Pro Tempore who can unify student body and requires that President Pro Tempore maintain standard of professionalism and work with ASCMC, candidate needs iron moral compass
   f. Felipe: thank you for speeches, candidates please step out, we will discuss and vote
   g. Geno: question – go over what role of pro tempore is
   h. Mikey; PPP parliamentarian and chief ethical officer, should know what constitution says and what procedures are, people will consult him if other board members are trying to amend constitution, will work with AAA to amend constitution or deal with senate operating procedures to keep things flowing with Senate and exec board, sits on exec board as advisory member, CEO – keeps ethics in mind at all time (using fees responsibility, effect of public statements) can be there for exec board meetings to lead board in right direction and serve as trusted advisor an call people out when they’re doing the wrong thing; one thing he’s tried to do is be
impartial so people see him as someone able to interpret rules fairly and impartially
i. Discussion of candidates credentials, ethics, past statements, personal relationships
j. Felipe: motion and second to vote
k. Thomas elected as President Pro-Tempore
   i. Felipe: Mikey will serve for rest of semester; Mikey will help Thomas for the rest of semester

4. AAA Funding Requests:
   a. *Student attending Poetry Slam Competition
   b. Claire – poetry slam competition $470
      i. Iris: CUPSI = int’l poetry slam competition, original plan to send 5C team and everyone dropped out except for Iris and PZ senior to participate and watch, to gain knowledge about how CUPSI works and watch, to have full information about what it takes to send a team and be competitive; will do her best in last month to bring knowledge of slam to campus; funding request is for LAX → TX, half of Lyft cost, and no flights from Ontario to TX, $78 for ticket to be registered as non-competing poet, which gives access to all parts of conference; costs are currently out of pocket, PZ has slam team and has funded PZ student, still trying to get Changemaker funding but not sure if that will pan out because not competing anymore, if funded will bring back knowledge and work with interested members, will host open mic depending on interest and will put together go-to plan about necessary steps for bringing team to CUPSI, hoping to generate interest, one benefit is that she may be able to represent CMC through open mics and other opportunities, also has pickup poets that could lead to competition, also opportunities for open slams she could participate in; able to work with national/international poets and could talk to coaches around area (UCLA, etc.) will be volunteering to organize ballots; if not funded won’t be bound to do any of those things
     ii. Mikey: questions?
     iii. Patricio: when is it?
     iv. Iris: wed-sat this week
     v. Alec: reason to do Lyft and not Metrolink?
     vi. Iris: don’t want to take a lot longer
     vii. Iris: poetry community has depended on Iris for slam for past four years but wants to be able to do what she can to generate interest from CMCers now
     viii. Question: can Claire put into context in terms of AAA budget?
     ix. Iris: keep in mind that people dropped out, which is why they aren’t fully funded, need to pay because of that
     x. Claire: we have a little over $1200, in terms of precedent for one student, last time was $150 for Women’s conference
     xi. Connor: how many more weeks do we have to use it up
xii. Mikey: 3.5
xiii. Geno: motion to move in full
xiv. Senator: Iris = incredible slam poet, has added $500 worth to school, will add more value through this opportunity
xv. Emma: something talked about when reviewing, contention points: AAA hasn’t funded individual request as large, have shot down group requests around $500 mark, would be way more than in past, but also talked about Iris’ contribution to ASCMC and student body and has put forth things she’ll do if funded, see options as funding in part without stipulations or >$150/full if she does workshop and open mic (retroactively)

xvi. Senator: we should also consider funding in full on stipulation she does workshop et cetera
xvii. Claire: still hesitant to fund in full, $470 is a large portion of budget
xviii. Bhavin: not funding Iris in terms of work she’s done in past, past work is irrelevant and need to consider if we would do the same for anyone else, need to place in context that past amounts have been much less, on point of workshops – we have three weeks left and we should fund ~$200 to cover Lyft with no stipulations, with as little time as we have left workshops won’t contribute as much as they could with someone who will be here next year; funding in full is unfair to other students at CMC

xix. Kathryn: when she was on AAA they stopped funding single-person requests because they funded someone’s community service trip that ended up being spring break, wouldn’t expect any workshops out of Iris

xx. Patricio: wants to know what we’d get back from funding her, while she provides bullets how will that knowledge be shared with us especially with her leaving and not having someone able to communicate about what she knows yesterday, especially considering current lack of slam team, wants more clarity
xxi. Geno: if someone had asked for this before we might’ve given it to them, what we get back is less important than what people get from stuff, if we have $ we should let people have great experiences, we should just fund
xxii. Felipe: limit comments to 30s
xxiii. Connor: can’t replace Iris with any other name, one of most passionate people about her craft, if she brings enthusiasm back to Claremont it will be worth it, if she can expand lit community it’ll be worth it
xxiv. Bella: shouldn’t set precedent of funding in full, should fund in part, if she’s really passionate shouldn’t mind paying money herself
xxv. Alec: we should spend money responsibly, shouldn’t just spend at end of month just to spend
xxvi. Geno: funds are partly seniors and should be used for them
xxvii. Emma: in order for ASCMC to be as ethical as possible, need to remove name and consider who will bring back as much as possible, from unbiased standpoint we need to consider implications of funding due to personal connections to certain group or organization

xxviii. Luke: doesn’t sit well that the request is “pay for ____ and if funding is given then she’ll do ____,” should be separate funding and what she’s giving back

xxix. Felipe: you can stipulate in motions what you want

xxx. Nicky: are there other slam poetry events in LA? Seems like a big investment to go to TX
   1. Claire: have been planning to go for a long time

xxxi. Kathryn: if a club were to be created out of this experience, it wouldn’t be
   1. Connor: there is a 5C club
   2. Jess: isn’t funded by CMC

xxxii. Jack: motion (1) to partially fund $332 (flight amount) with stipulations stated

xxxiii. Geno: motion (2) to fund in full with stipulations stated
   1. Will: second

xxxiv. Emma: motion to fund for $150 with no stipulations (highest an individ has been funded thus far)

xxxv. Luke: motion to fund $250 for trip and make it clear that she can get $ for funding for outreach events (without stipulations)
   1. Felipe: she made it clear she won’t do it without funding

xxxvi. Claire: suggestion that funding about half is pretty fair with stipulations

xxxvii. Mikey: the last one that passes will be the one that passes

xxxviii. Felipe: starting with motion 1, A=pass, B=reject, C=abstain
   1. Motion 1: failed
   2. Motion 2: passed
   3. Motion 3: passed
   4. Motion 4: failed

xxxix. Felipe: motion 3 passes

5. Motion to adjourn, adjourned 10:22 PM. Remaining items moved to next senate: brief discussion on recycling signage and orientation proposals led by the Environmental Concerns Committee, formal presentation of the ASCMC Handbook

Respectfully Submitted,

Maddie Lee
Secretary of the Senate