Associated Students of Claremont McKenna College  
Senate  
September 12th, 2016  

Agenda:  
1. Welcome & Sign in  
2. Approval of Senate Minutes (September 5, 2016)  
3. Board Updates - Introduction of Senate Committee Members  
4. Elections for Budgeting Committee  
5. Elections for Elections Committee  
6. Update on Freshman Class Elections  
7. Guest Speaker: Sharon Basso, Dean of Students  
8. Announcement of Turf Dinner & 5C Activities Fair: 09.13.16, 5-7 pm at Scripps College  
9. Open Forum  
10. Closing Remarks & Adjournment  

1. Welcome & Sign in  
   - Call to order: 9:03 pm  

2. Approval of Senate Minutes (September 5, 2016)  
   - Motion to approve  
   - Approved  

3. Board Updates - Introduction of Senate Committee Members  
   - Introductions of all members on Senate committees  
   - Committees will start meeting week of 9/12  
   - Felipe: members of all committees should join Slack and their respective committee threads  

4. Elections for Budgeting Committee  
   - Thomas: budget committee drafts budget and submits it to Senate and Exec Board, two senator positions open for election  
     - Will first meet in fall to review past budget and again in the spring to draft the new budget  
     - Eligible: senators (have to also have attended Senate 9/5)  
   - Dina and Anthony voted as representatives  

5. Elections for Elections Committee  
   - Thomas: Elections Committee oversees all elections that occur, including Freshman Class President; will also serve on committee in the spring to help select next members of ASCMC Exec Board  
     - Same eligibility requirements  
   - Alec and Andrew voted as representatives  

6. Update on Freshman Class Elections
Thomas:

- First step: mandatory meeting after Exec Board this Sunday (9/18); candidates will get signature form (required: 50 signatures from class of 2020); due at Snack on Thursday 9/22
- Campaigning begins after form is turned into ASCMC; rules on running are outlined in form
- Friday 9/23: campaign statement due to Thomas; not mandatory but free publicity
- Monday 9/26: speeches from all candidates during Snack (3 min or shorter)
- Monday 9/26: at midnight ballots will be emailed to members of class of 2020
- Candidates will be called the night of Tuesday 9/27
- Make sure to read rules on how to campaign (many ways to be disqualified)
- Current class presidents of other grades are available for any questions/advice

Connor: what is the freshman class budget?

- $3,000; quarter is reserved for next year

7. Guest Speaker: Sharon Basso, Dean of Students

- Advisor of student government at past institution
- Early observations/plans for future
  - Very involved and hands on; values and expects to have genuine and transparent relationships with students in a guide and mentor role; sees value of faculty outside of professors and professional settings
  - Plans to be a part of student life (was at 6:01)
  - Wants DOS staff to be approachable and engaging; wants to set expectation of approachability
  - DOS resources should align with the office’s core values, would be willing to share core values/future plans with Senate in the future
  - Potential partnership with Senate/other student groups
- Asks that instead of assuming things about DOS office decisions/policies, call or email Dean Basso or office for clarification first

Tyler Finn: curious about initial thoughts regarding mental health on the campus (considering her background in mental health), especially resources

- Dean Basso: is a psych major, has a master’s degree in counseling and worked in therapy; lot of experience in mental health
  - Has found that environments with high achieving students and high tuition leads to stress, anxiety, depression and notes that CMC/5Cs are no exception
• Has already been in conversation about where the gap is with mental health services offered; doesn’t feel current situation is adequate; wants to bridge gap current gap between Monsour’s capacity and student needs
• Other holes/gaps: other than mental health, sees space for more proactive work regarding student conduct and forming better community standards (around dorms, personal relationships), would like students to suggest ideas and form expectations that are both proactive and that address being held accountable
  o Additional academic support systems: more tutoring or staff who can address questions (who aren’t direct academic advisors)
  o Cole Mora: can you talk about the vacant dean of residential life position, how do you see that play out (in the past it has involved students, how does DOS sees role being best filled considering past confusion)?
    ▪ DOS staff consists of 6 people (all student activities and residential life goes through them, least staffed of all 5Cs); the Consortium provides services (health, etc.) that are not on CMC’s campus, harder to provide certain things on CMC because it has to be approved by all 7Cs
    ▪ Goal of DOS is to find the best possible person for the position; will enter the hiring cycle typical for the field in spring of 2017
  o What’s the relationship between DOS and especially the freshman class?
    ▪ Kristen Weyman is the dean of first and second year students, serves as point person for any problems or issues with anything on campus; wants DOS office to be place to go with any problems
    ▪ Also wants DOS office to be seen as place to go proactively, hoping to see more leadership development program out of the DOS office

8. Announcement of Turf Dinner & 5C Activities Fair: 09.13.16, 5-7 pm at Scripps College
  o Felipe: Turf Dinner is tomorrow (9/13); 5C clubs will be putting on tables, at Scripps outside their dining hall
  o Individuals who applied for other committees (faculty/consortium) are having their applications reviewed

9. Open Forum
  o Sarah: First CMS Athenas Conference Soccer game against Pomona-Pitzer is on Wednesday at 7PM
  o Josh: feels overwhelming tinge of events last year, sees presence of freshmen wanting to help campus but feels they are unable to because they don’t know what exactly happened last year; wants to somehow have freshman class more informed
    ▪ Multiple members of Senate/ASCMC: feel free to reach out to any members of ASCMC/upper classmen in general to ask questions about events from last year
The goal is to have more dialogue on campus about what happened in 2015-2016 and to have more events like the Day of Dialogue.

10. Closing Remarks & Adjournment
   o Adjourned 10:08 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Maddie Lee
Secretary of the Senate