Associated Students of Claremont McKenna College

Senate

October 3rd, 2016

Agenda:
1. Welcome & Sign in
2. Approval of Senate Minutes (September 26th, 2016)
3. Board/Cabinet Updates
4. ASCMC Introductory Program
5. Guest Speakers:
   a. Vince Greer, Assistant Dean of Students for Diversity & Inclusion
   b. Nyree Gray, Assistant Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion/Chief Civil Rights Officer
6. Open Forum
7. Closing Remarks

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

2. Approval of Senate Minutes (September 26th, 2016)
   a. Approved

3. Board/Cabinet Updates
   a. Tech/Innovations/Student Affairs: wants to get Bookstore to have Athena gear as well as Stag gear; been throwing around possible ideas (Finger Painting Day); trying to make a calendar to store all events that are happening on campus
   b. Campus Improvements: attended building and grounds trustee committee meeting/residential life trustee committee meeting on Friday, will present feedback next week
   c. AAA no updates
   d. Consortium Affairs no updates
   e. Environmental Concerns: discussed how name implies concerns, wants to break stereotype of being concerned, thinking of changing name to Environmental Affairs Committee
      i. Thomas: to do so, we would have to amend Senate Operating Procedures (entirely possible)
      ii. Positive feedback on name change

4. Guest Speakers:
   a. Vince Greer, Assistant Dean of Students for Diversity & Inclusion
   b. Nyree Gray, Assistant Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion/Chief Civil Rights Officer
   c. Differentiation between their titles (both work in CARE Center)
      i. Vince is the assistant Dean of Students, works under realm of DOS
      ii. Nyree works with students and faculty for the college as a collective (Student Imperative), representation in staff, supervises Title IX
coordinator, handles concerns with protected categories for students, staff, and faculty

d. Goal of CARE Center: way for campus to communicate across difference; want conversations to happen at Center and across campus

e. Details about CARE Center – Vince
   i. Programming sections
      1. Educational – open to whole campus, goal is to teach about different topics of identity and to encourage interactions between students, faculty, and staff
      2. Small group discussions – includes Real Talk program, focuses on current events and tries to facilitate conversations face-to-face rather than (for instance) on social media
      3. Partnerships – with Dean of Faculty/Athenaeum
   ii. In general, trying to have programs on a weekly basis and build the space as somewhere everyone is welcome (new student staff was recently hired)
   iii. Services through Center
      1. Counselors (independent of Monsour) are at Center Wed-Fri; students can schedule appointments with them on those days (email counseling@cmc.edu)
      2. Faculty office hours
      3. CUC resources/open office hours (OBSA, CLSA, etc.)
   f. Questions/answers between Senators/guest speakers
      i. Nyree’s promotion – now oversees new Title IX coordinator, now serves to act more proactively on policy (instead of simply responding to cases)
      ii. Conversations held at CARE Center – details about Real Talk and conversation topics are open to feedback
      iii. UChicago and “safe spaces” versus CMC’s policies – CMC’s current stance is to support the expression of people’s opinions and allow professors to facilitate what they believe is appropriate
      iv. Discussion about Jewish students on campuses – sentiment that Jewish students were left out of many of the conversations that occurred in Fall ’15, discussion with Nyree about increasing involvement in the future
      v. Monsour and lack of resources – Nyree/Vince recognize excess demand, are trying to compensate by bringing in other resources to CARE Center
      vi. Student response to center – Vince strongly encourages feedback and people using the space for more than just programming (as a study space, for hanging out, etc.)
      vii. Empower Center and more dialogue on sexual assault – groups on campus are working to build advocate programs for survivors of sexual assault, relationship between CMC/Empower Center includes regular meetings
      viii. Potential renovation for CARE Center
ix. Statistics released on sexual assault – while numbers have gone up, they are indicative of more reporting and more conversations happening; efforts to stop assault are still very much a priority

5. ASCMC Introductory Program
   a. Program apps sent out 10/4; program aims to provide educational piece about ASCMC institutionally to students who are interested; must be senator to be part of the program
   b. Emphasis that program is not direct pipeline to obtaining a position on Exec Board; purely for interest and information
   c. Predicted time commitment: 1-2 hours/week (most likely 1, in addition to attending Senate)
   d. Also a chance to ask current ASCMC members about their positions

6. Open Forum
   a. Alec: voter registration time!!!! Wants to volunteer as reference person, will help anyone, message him!
   b. Will: HFA5C having voting registration booths throughout the week
   c. Tune into VP debate!
   d. Next week: It’s on Us week

7. Closing Remarks
   a. Adjourned 10:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary of the Senate