Agenda:
1. Welcome & Sign-in
   a. Call to order: 9:04 pm
   b. Everyone should download Slack! We will have test vote today at the end of Senate (can be accessed through internet, iOS/Android apps, or desktop apps); visit www.asccsenate.slack.com (should request an email, type in your CMC email)

2. Approval of Senate Minutes (October 10th & October 24th)
   a. Minutes 10/10 approved
   b. Minutes 10/24 approved

3. Cabinet Updates
   a. AAA: No updates
   b. Tech/Innovations: calendar is set up, committee plans on continuing to streamline event input to calendar
   c. EA
      i. Sustainability fund proposal, meeting with different staff/faculty to discuss proposal
      ii. Potential of getting funding for Eco Reps
      iii. Starting a Re-Room (like PZ)
      iv. Program to phase out pesticide use
      v. Talking with KLI to start integrating sustainability things into their programming
      vi. Trying to get sustainability facts onto screens at Collins, want to have a survey about sustainability practices at CMC/Collins
   d. CA:
      i. PZ: talked about funding requests; created funding committee; banned using school money on Wal Mart runs (unethical practices)
      ii. PO: talked about financial aid, mental health, Senate transparency
   e. 5C senate (Felipe): representatives from schools other than HMC met, HMC going to talk about the proposal in upcoming Senate; discussion about streamlining 5C processes (funding/social scene); all topics discussed/progress will be very transparent
   f. CI: mostly residential life related; also discussing more water access
   g. Felipe: Exec Board Introductory Program had first meeting last night at 6pm, will continue to meet every 6pm on Sunday in board room (went through
crash course on background of ASCMC and inner workings, next session will focus on different aspects of ASCMC [i.e. events, funding, etc.])

4. **For Discussion: Residential Life Committee Policy Recommendations & Ideas**
   a. Document detailing different proposals for Res Life attached to Senate email; Daniel (DAC) and Connor (CI Chair/member of Res Life) will be fielding questions/etc.
   b. 1) End Retention
      i. Idea = to encourage people to try out different quads/rooms (especially in North Quad (NQ); try to truly uphold lottery system numbers)
      ii. How many people retained last year?
         1. Believes around 20 rooms/40 people retained; lots stemmed from freshmen retaining who were placed into NQ (and Juniors/Seniors being unable to be in NQ)
      iii. How do we know it’s a problem?
         1. One room retention can throw everything off when people want to draw into half-suites in NQ, believe that ending retention is a must if we want to start block housing
      iv. Mostly problem of freshmen retaining?
         1. Most part, but high retention rates in Stark for upperclassmen
      v. Also seeing people retain for the room and not the person, creates pressure between roommates (results in resentment)
   c. 2) Block Housing in MQ/SQ
      i. Newest aspect of proposal; other schools in the Consortium have this (friendship suite)
      ii. Blocks would have 5-6 people; people would be able to draw into them with max of 2-3 singles; limit stems from not wanting a group to take over a whole floor in SQ or whole section in MQ
      iii. Goal: trying to promote dorm community
      iv. Daniel: discussions have varied on how many blocks to have per dorm; whether or not to change amount per dorm or per floor for each dorm
      v. Caroline: would block drawing be based on highest lottery number?
         1. Yes
      vi. Alec: how to mitigate a group of friends essentially taking over a SQ floor?
         1. This won’t limit people’s ability to room with their friends; the goal is to distribute people more evenly across campus with their friends
         2. Exit poll last semester showed people’s top priority as living with their friends
         3. Daniel: Also allows people of different genders within a friend group to live together
      vii. Zippy: how will this mitigate unfair advantages if you automatically get an advantage when your friend has a high number (if we had done this in Phillips then it would have been all seniors)?
         1. Connor: thought process is that it would redistribute seniors, giving seniors the opportunity to live with more friends instead
of just going for a single/double in Crown or Phillips, hopefully will incentivize people to spread out with their friends
2. Zippy: makes it easier for friends to draw into the same dorm?
3. Connor: thought is that you won’t take up an entire floor of Beckett; it currently stands that seniors/juniors take up the dorms that are ideal
4. Nicky: will distribute rooms; Phillips has a few juniors, all seniors and freshmen, will definitely work in dorms that are less desirable because people can draw into other dorms with their friends
5. Relevant to think of 2-single cap, sees seniors more likely to choose MQ single vs. MQ double, underclassmen can be brought into dorms via block housing

viii. Grace: explain how it’s been in the past (for freshmen present)?
1. Currently, there are applications for the apartments, retention/off campus are solidified before room draw at large as well, juniors go on a day of the week and the next day is sophomores, the next day is freshmen (there is a Google form that will update which rooms are available)
2. In February everyone gets a lottery number for housing, juniors go first, then sophomores, then freshmen
3. In NQ, people go in in half-suites, so if someone gets a good number, then they can draw their friends in
   a. Closes off NQ housing to others; results in lots of first-year women living in NQ and few first-year men
4. Last year, singles ran out quickly for the sophomore class, block-housing tries to alleviate that problem and lack of NQ availability

ix. Andrew: where did the 5-6 people come from?
1. Attractive enough to draw into it, slightly bigger than NQ half-suite (thus more attractive); is also half a floor of Auen/Fawcett
2. Andrew: seems to be rooted in SQ problem, but if NQ has 4 people per group and SQ has 6, then MQ should have its own number for blocks; should either customize block numbers for dorms or not make it 6
3. Daniel: more complex the process gets, the less faith people will have; less likely we’ll see solutions from DOS
4. Felipe: if we’re going to overhaul all of room draw, need to be able to market it to entire student body and able to be easily understood
5. Different block sizes would result in people being unable to switch what block they want if the one they want is taken; if block is too small, then the odds are that another friend can draw into the same space as the block
6. Andrew: If we’re worried about numbers, we should make all block numbers be 4
7. Daniel: Could potentially make it 4-6 people?
8. Nicky: would be happy to draw out every block that could possibly exist; could see that as blocks disappear then the whole block isn’t free, (NQ is easier because people are already in blocks, this would answer this question); doesn’t want to group all the dorms together, wouldn’t be that hard for people to figure out a system with different number of people in blocks based on different dorms

x. Sam: why would block-style dis-incentivize people from going to NQ?
   1. Daniel: an alternative that is attractive (can take in 6 people vs. 4, can be gender-inclusive); is essentially consolation prize for people who wanted to live in NQ but couldn’t due to numbers, alternative to still let people live together; will send out another survey to gain answers about people’s motivation for where they live

xi. Thomas: best attributes of housing system are that it offers different environments and accommodates a lot of people; is hesitant to changes that would dilute this, sees people who don’t get NQ drawing into MQ/SQ trying to retain NQ culture with people who don’t want NQ culture; MQ/SQ dorms have a certain expectation and culture; also likes that in most cases, people are mixed with people they don’t know and to expand their social groups; we already see our friends all the time, would miss opportunity to extend yourself to people; unrealistic in terms of being exposed to other people; argument about Stark could be achieved by creating more sub-free housing
   1. Felipe: important to maintain dorm identities, but by nature, some halls in MQ also have people that have similar attitudes to that of NQ
   2. Connor: really think this would help mix classes together, seniors/juniors could pull in underclassmen friends, could give people a chance to move into other places; while identities are important they do change over time, don’t think there are that many rowdy people to destroy the cultures of SQ and MQ, the number of people who want that lifestyle won’t expand, it’ll just help concentrate them; didn’t see demand for another sub-free dorm as very high, was not a solvable problem by just creating another floor as sub-free

xii. Indira: wasn’t there a petition sent out last year about sub-free housing?
   1. Sizeable demand

3) Only allow NQ to be drawn as half-suites
   i. No quarter-suites anymore
   ii. Teagan: if you can draw one room out of a block, why can’t you draw into one room in a suite
      1. Connor: this is highly under debate
      2. Daniel: if you draw into a block, the block is flexible/can morph, if you draw into a half-suite, it ceases to be able to be drawn (whereas other rooms exist in other dorms past just the blocks)
iii. Grace: This would mean that no freshmen would be surrounded entirely by older students?
   1. Yes
iv. Daniel: RAs want to ultimately have freshman suites spread throughout
e. 4) Allow RAs to draw into room next to them
   i. Already in NQ; can have people drawn in next to them
   ii. Encourages RAs to have more support, could bring more upperclassmen to underclassmen heavy dorms
   iii. Connor: hope is that RAs can have friends/someone they trust next to them
   iv. Alec: do you think that this addresses a symptom rather than a problem (how tough the job an RA has)?
      1. Should be equally rewarding to be an RA in NQ vs MQ vs SQ
      2. Jessie: would allow RAs to be rewarded
   v. Sam: Jamie talked about low per-capita number of RAs, should keep in mind as well
      1. Connor: looking into that as well
f. 5) Make Marks/at least one floor gender inclusive
   i. Currently very male-heavy (2 floors male one floor female); based on survey results, women wanted to get MQ singles at faster rate than men; Marks has capability of being gender-inclusive due to full-length bathrooms
   ii. Teagan: likes having one floor gender-inclusive and allowing other floors to be gendered
   iii. Jessie: likes idea of gendered floors considering feedback from tours (incoming freshmen)
   iv. Alec: living in Marks, it is weird to have two floors of males
   v. Nicky: colleges are turning more towards gender-inclusive housing, looking at all towers being gender-binary (and Phillips), but college should be ready to embrace gender-inclusive housing as wider idea, this is a small thing
      1. Connor: Building and Grounds Committee wants to see whole campus gender-inclusive eventually; BCB gender inclusive was big step
g. 6) Re-do Freshman room draw (before coming to CMC)
   i. Would change to ranking system (rank all 14 dorms before coming to CMC)
   ii. Teagan: harder for DOS?
      1. Connor: Jamie said at Scripps, people rank it, therefore people will find compatible roommates
   iii. Nicky: thinks that this assumes that prospective students have a deep knowledge about the dorm culture (NQ dorm vs. another NQ dorm), thinks quad by quad is an appropriate measure, the people that assign dorms are really conscientious about the dorm preferences
      1. Current system is just highlighting, ranking would be better
      2. Marion: easy to find out about different NQ dorms
   iv. Ryan: my parents and my sister went here, I still had no idea
v. Grace: had no one to ask about dorms
vi. Josh: unable to get broad enough perspective on dorms
vii. Andrew: no matter what you hear, it won’t be true for everyone; easier to just do based on quad
viii. Felipe: consensus is that ranking by quad would be better?
h. 7) Mock room draw, possibly Mudd-style
   i. Week before room draw, in dining hall they separate a corner with maps drawn out, people go in with their number and people with higher numbers can take other numbers off the charts; thinking of doing it in Heggblade
   ii. Caroline: while room draw is stressful, and could be useful to do some sort of practice, not sure that it’s the best use of DOS’ resources to do a practice room draw, some people might get a good idea but not everyone
   iii. Teagan: a lot of not-involved people wouldn’t consider this to be “real”; wouldn’t actually reflect room-draw
   iv. Thomas: would also give false sense of security (if you put your number on a room but then can’t get it)
i. 8) Drawing into a half-open double
   i. If you want to live in double, you can draw into a double and dean of residential life will pair you with someone
   ii. Daniel: right now there are about 15-20 “dingles” where people drew into rooms and blocked them out; now resulting in transfers living off campus
   iii. Caroline: what would you propose happens to people who go through room draw and the only rooms left are half-open doubles?
      1. Daniel: if we do block housing, incentivize more people into doubles (there should be more singles available); need to send email to 2020 warning of potential lack of singles; if you want to draw into half-open double then there will most likely be someone else looking for a half-open double too
   iv. Why didn’t DOS put transfers into doubles?
      1. By the time that the half-doubles were all realized, too late to fix all of the transfers’ room assignments
j. General comments
   i. Indira: block housing would result in people not interacting with anyone else, would hurt culture on campus (people wouldn’t have to interact with rest of community if they just live with their friends)
   ii. Teagan: doesn’t think that culture of campus will be ruined with block-housing, will give people opportunity to live in SQ if they want to with their friends; people that want to live in MQ will have more opportunities to live with their friends; people will still branch out and walk around; opportunity for a lot of people to do similar housing to NQ residents
      1. Sami: doesn’t see many changes that would occur due to block housing, would still be inclusive
iii. Zippy: to go off of Thomas’ earlier point about block housing, alarmed that this would create NQ culture in MQ, allowing people who want to use MQ as the second choice to NQ will try to create NQ culture
   1. Connor: looking at limiting number of blocks per floor, could max it out as one block per floor or one block per dorm, could change depending on dorms, would not drastically alter it
   2. Zippy: if people living in MQ dorms want to throw parties, then that will disrupt the culture
   3. Nicky: not for people who want to live in NQ, for people who want to live with their friends in MQ or SQ, shouldn’t have to relegate themselves to less desirable dorms just to live with friends; recreating living with friends so you don’t have to live in NQ

iv. Alec: one great thing about CMC’s social life is that it isn’t cliquey, we have friends all over, but if you start to encourage block housing it would encourage an increase in cliquey-ness
   1. Connor: everyone has home base of friends that they come back to at the end of the day, would just allow more people to have a more defined home base

v. Jessie: my entire half-suite retained from last year, but retaining has had no effect on ability to socialize with others; people are still able to live with their friends
   1. Felipe: if you go out on a given night, it’s not like you only go out with 4-6 people

vi. Josh: wouldn’t be a bad thing to dilute a social scene to move it across the campus and allow people to do different social things (i.e. Chall this past weekend)

vii. Teagan: more of an opportunity for people who don’t want to live in NQ to live with their friends

viii. Felipe: in terms of a poll on block-housing, who would be in favor/against?
   1. A few more people in favor than against

5. Open Forum

6. Closing Remarks
   a. Adjourned 10:22 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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