**Associated Students of Claremont McKenna College**

**Senate**

**October 9th, 2017**

Call to Order: 9:05 pm

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**Agenda 10/9/17:**

1. **Welcome & Sign In**
2. **Approval of Minutes (9/25/17)**
3. **Cabinet Updates**
4. **Club Liaison Introduction**
5. **AAA Funding Request: CMC Advocates**
6. **Open Forum**
7. **Closing Remarks**

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1. **Welcome & Sign In**
2. **Approval of Minutes (9/25/17)**
   - Minutes pass with no Contest
3. **Cabinet Updates**
   - Elliot - talked about a few projects to bring the 5c's together. More details coming soon. A meeting is scheduled with the soil center to partner for some funding things
   - Ryan - meeting with someone from the cuc to see what both they and we want to bring to cmc.
   - Meeting with the tech leaders of the 5c's. Redoing the website soon.
   - Sam - We will be doing way to weigh events (weighing excess food). Looking to institute composting in the city of Claremont. Sustainability staff positions are being looked into throughout campus. Paper waste in campus
   - Connor - AAA had one funding request this week. How can we get the senate funding out there more?
   - Bini - Gave a proposal to revamp the website. Ryan, Bini, and members of the committee will be working with members of the executive board to improve the website - updating information that is outdated and improving presentation. Also, they finished the north quad heat analysis survey, residents of nq should do this
   - Consortium affairs - Finally in all the student governments, more details to come soon. Working on how to get more students to join 5c Clubs.
4. **Club Liaison Introduction**
   - A new committee was created this year: Campus organizations committee. This year we have 57 clubs, many of which have a lot of problems, issues, and concerns. Brendan Busch, Teanana Contango, Olivia Ison, Cristi Kennedy, Gonzalo Secaira. Each person will have a handful of clubs that they oversee, and they will bridge the gap between ASCMC clubs and the student body. Each liaison came to introduce themselves and to talk about which clubs they are representing
   - Brendan - Arts and Music Clubs (Alternatives Anonymous, CREATE Club, Fashion Photography and Design, Under the Lights, 5C Records, and more!!) Wants to make the arts clubs more visible and accessible on campus
Teeana - Service and Athletic Clubs More inclusivity and less intimidating (CMC Advocates for Sexual Assault)
Olivia - Academic Clubs
Cristi - Special Interest Clubs and Publications. Trying to increase the diversity of students who are involved in these clubs)
Gonzalo - Diverse Identity Groups. (SAGA, Mi Gente, BSA, Women in Power)
All of these liaisons just went on a four hour retreat where they were trained on some of the issues that clubs have and how each person will be able to address those problems
Club Leaders can help these Liaisons by giving them their support, sending them dates for any events, and perhaps attend a club leader mixer, and to tell them how they can help. Participation in the events that this committee puts on would be very beneficial for both parties. The first workshop (How to manage time effectively) is next Friday; the next one is coming the week before Halloween. As of right now, this group is not going to be institutionalized. All of the liaisons have office hours where people can come and ask any questions that might come up.

5. **AAA Funding Request: CMC Advocates for Survivors of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence**

Advocates will be hosting CMC’s first Sex Week from October 23rd-October 27th. This week will be holding a bunch of events that might not have been covered from traditional sexual education. The capstone will be the sex carnival - there will be a ferris wheel. Tickets received at the informational events can be used at the carnival. DoS is in full support with this proposal and funding has been given from many sources. O.school (A website where all kinds of information and lessons about sexual health can be found) and SAFE (Sexual Accountability for Everyone) have partners with Advocates. There will be several speakers and free STI tests. The total cost from for the event is $9,980. The STI truck will cost about $30,000, but we will not be paying for it; we have overwhelming support to make this event happen. If you get tested (for free) you will also get In-n-Out (for free). CMC Advocates is requesting $1,250 for this from us. The recommendation is to fund this in full.

- For - 16
- Against - 0
- Abstain - 1

6. **Open Forum**

Thomas - Executive Board met yesterday and there was a discussion about the 5C Intervarsity. The 5CIV is associated with the national committee, which we believe does not allow student leaders to identify as LGBT. We support the identity of Christian-identifying students and athletes, and the intersection of the two. We are proposing that either we should revoke the status of the club, or force the club to revoke their identification with the national club. We need to include a nondiscrimination clause for the creation of clubs to ensure that this doesn’t happen in the future.

A response - 5CIV has never, and will never, be in violation of the nondiscrimination clause. We do not require our students leaders to identify in any way. The larger organization requires its staffers to identify their sexuality and identity. Students and student leaders have no obligations or requirements to identify themselves as anything. There are no requirements for any person to be of any identity for any position.

Sam - What is the benefit with being associated with this group?
Response - A group of students have decided to not do that, because the organization itself has helped the group of students in a variety of ways. They help the group to continue with leadership training and mentorship from the national level. Without the national group, the campus group would not be able to do as well.

Cat - One of the most important parts of 5CIV is that you can only go to the national events if you are a registered member of IV; in order to try to change the opinions of the other members of this group, it’s important to keep it alive. The 5CIV group has always been a very inclusive, transformative, and safest place she has known.
Response - I cannot believe that you are associating yourselves with a national group that discriminates against a group of people. If this was any other marginalized group of people it would not be acceptable. Don’t keep this going.

Response - We have had these conversations with the higher-ups, we have had protests, we have sent letters to try to change them. We make it a point to really talk about it here. Groups at other schools are not even talking about it. We are having these conversations; we are bringing up both sides of this arguments. 5CIV is practiced in a very different way than the national group. We are trying to create more safe places on campus to have these conversations.

Connor - 5CIV is probably not the only religiously affiliated association that at the national level does not meet inclusivity, right?

Jess - We do fully support a Christian Fellowship, we simply do not support a group that violates a nondiscrimination clause. The group on campus here is amazing, but the ties to the national group that is discriminatory is not acceptable.

Response - We can only have an impact when we have a dialogue with these people. Churches typically try to pick pastors that represent their morals; a person of an LGBT background does not fit into those morals.

Thomas - All of want to support this club, we want to recognize the value of this club, but we do have a need to respect the morals of the school.

Response - You have the right to practice any religious views that you want, but ASCMC should not affiliate itself with a club that believes it is okay to associate itself with such a discriminatory group.

A retreat (6 or 7 every year in the SoCal region) can cost $150-400 per student. In the past, the school funding has not been used to attend these retreats. Funding from conferences come from alumni or general people. If we were no longer a part of the national IV group, she believes that people would not donate to the group. There are other organizations that exist, but none that are in or around Claremont.

Connor - If we did revoke this charter, how much of a slippery slope is it that we will not support clubs that do not have the morals and values that we hold?

Chloe - Several other schools have publicly disaffiliated from the national group.

8. Closing Remarks

If anybody wants to continue this discussion, they can come to the next executive board meeting and voice their opinion.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM