Associated Students of Claremont McKenna College

Senate
October 23rd, 2017

Call to Order: 9:04 pm

Agenda 10/23/17:

1. Welcome and Sign in
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Cabinet Updates
4. Campus Organization Chair
5. 5CIV
6. Open Forum

Welcome and Sign in
Meeting began at 9:04 PM

Approval of Minutes
Minutes pass with no contest

Cabinet Updates
Elijah - Consortium affairs will be introducing the consortium inform, club events and administrative events, point students towards the engage tab
Connor - AAA - no funding requests, running behind on funding requests
Elliott - Talked about starting up a skim for senate and executive board to engage people who can’t or don’t come to meetings
Sam - Environmental affairs is working with Collins and the Ath to get a composting system set up; working in the mailroom to reduce paper waste; working with laundry services to get drying racks to save energy used on dryers; working with Pitzer to help reduce the amount of food waste that people have in dining halls
Bini - North Quad heat survey has gone out; people still need to fill it out. Changing the contact us page on the senate website to encourage people to submit concerns about campus to it, and then we can discuss the issue during the meetings.

Patrick and Bini will be hosting an open table discussion at Collins to discuss changes that can be made with dining options. Meeting coming with facilities to get hammocks placed outside of Marks hall. The hub will now be open until midnight every Thursday.

Campus Organization Chair - The campus organizations chair controls about one third of the budget of ASCMC, with clubs receiving over $100,000 worth of funding from ASCMC. The COC used to have voting power in the executive board, but no longer does. A presentation was given by Chloe Amarilla that discussed why she believes this position should regain that voting power.

5CIV - Nyree Gray, Assistant Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion / Chief Civil Rights Officers - The nondiscrimination policy indicates that no club may “discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, nationality or ethnic origin, sex, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, class, marital status, or disability.” This line is part of the charter for every club on campus, and for every club in the 5Cs. The requirement for religious
affiliates indicates that any organization that has members that are not members of the colleges must abide by all of the policies and standards of the 5Cs.

A religious group is allowed to require employees to be a member of that religion. The 1980 court case Widmar v. Vincent dictated that universities cannot prohibit groups from using campus facilities. In 1995, Rosenberger V. Virginia ruled that the student newspaper was entitled to university funding. At the university level, we decide that members of our clubs can be from any background or identity.

The national organization reaffirmed its theological position and still has gay employees today. Claremont 5CIV is open to all students and LGBT students have held leadership positions in recent years. Nyree Gray can be reached at ngray@emc.edu if there are any students who would like to reach out and work with the campus community to try to work forward with this. If anyone is willing to talk about this decision and would like to try to take some form of action, Nyree would love for the students to reach out to her so she can help facilitate the discussion and bring about positive change for everyone.

Questions

“What normative message does 5CIV set?”

Kate Vosberg - People come from a variety of backgrounds; not all students are Christian. The student leadership of IV has a variety of beliefs surrounding the interaction between sexuality and theology. 5CIV is saying that they want to create an environment that is accepting and generous

“The organization is not actively requiring members to disclose their sexualities, which will result in their termination if it is actually revealed”

It is Nyree’s understanding that the organization requires members to articulate and share the values of the theology. The question

Johnson Lin called the IV national office and spoke to one of their ministers

The minister said that at every organization, any person is welcome to be a member. He said that all organizations are separate from the national organization, but this does not always work out in theory. Leaders are expected to abide by traditional values of the theology.

“What does it say about us as an institution that supports an organization that supports conversion therapy?”

IVCF has a publishing house that publishes a variety of books - one book was published in 2007 about reparative therapy. The book asked what the Christian viewpoint of this therapy was, but does not necessarily condone that point of view.

Open Forum

Motion to adjourn at 10:03 PM

Motion passed with no contest