1. Associated Students of Claremont McKenna College
   Senate
   January 22nd, 2018

Call to Order: 9:08 pm

Agenda: 1/22/18:
1. Welcome & Sign In
2. Approval of Minutes (12/4/17)
3. Cabinet Updates
4. Executive Board Updates
5. Swear in Ceremony
6. Guests: Diana Graves & Sharon Basso
7. Open Forum

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2. Approval of Minutes (12/4/17)
   Minutes pass with no contest
3. Cabinet Updates and Fall Semester Recap
   Elijah - Not much to report from Consortium Affairs. They are moving towards extending the libraries hours.
   Alumni Relations Committee - Getting support for alumni students events
   Bini - The textbook loan program is a new program to rent your books for free from the CARE center; more will come during open forum about this
   Connor - Working on a project that provides opportunity for student initiative programs
   Sam - Sustainability fund just opened again, so if you have a sustainability project you can get funding for that project; still working on getting an Ath speakers; still looking into how to cut down on food waste practices; improve student outreach
   Ryan - Trying to digitize ordering at the hub a little bit more
   Elliott - Taking time at the beginning of the semester to gather and analyze ideas from the students. It seems that students would like to do a community engagement project. Another idea that came out of the discussion was to try to match upperclassmen to lowerclassmen who are majoring in the same field.
   Patrick - Working to get more televisions put into the South Quad towers; working towards creating a table conversation program; working on matching with students of underrepresented majors with alumni from the same majors
4. Executive Board Updates
   Chandler Koon will no longer be able to fulfill the role of VP of Student Events; members of the executive board have decided to take over the roles of this position temporarily
5. Swear in Ceremony
6. Guests: Diana Graves & Sharon Basso
   Patrick and Sami were on a search committee for a new Dean of Students. It had been suggested that we have a VP of Student Affairs and a Dean of Students. Posted a search for this position last Spring, but initially felt like most of the prospects were not a great fit. Last semester Diana Graves was working on alcohol initiatives, and
some other projects. Diana Graves met with the National Search Board and she was unanimously voted to fulfill the position.

Diana has been a staff member since 1999; she was a biology major here, and then began working for the science department immediately after graduating. After, she took a job coaching the volleyball team. Over 12 years of working as the volleyball coach, she took on more and more responsibilities. She then took a job in the Associate Deans’ Office. She has had a number of roles in the college and she acknowledges that it’s the most challenging, rewarding, and best position that she has had here. She aims to make this college experience the best that it can be, and she wants students to feel like faculty are here for the students to help them.

“Where do you see DoS going over the next few years?”

Just added an academic success unit, headed up by Sue Laden. Also a new role for Health and Wellness. Still need a director for Residential Life. Planning on hiring another person for Community Education and Conduct. Those positions hopefully signal something; DoS is not working in the same way it has in the past. The entire philosophy of DoS is to be supportive and to help students not only overcome problems but to figure out why that was the solution. DoS is more interested in understanding what’s going on to bring about a behavior than trying to penalize students. They want to help students work through problems like this by investing time and resources into the students. There are many vacancies in positions because the hiring system will not fill a spot until the perfect candidate is found. Working on student safety and health, along with student success. Think of the DoS office an extension of the classroom for life lessons and learning moments.

“What kind the office do to increase faculty diversity?”

Faculty hiring is not controlled by the DoS office, but DoS has been having conversations about trying to recruit more diverse faculty members. There aren’t very many people from marginalized backgrounds that are seeking this position.

There was a question about how DoS is planning on resolving the community relations issues regarding the April Ath protests.

Generally speaking, when a student is accused of something, they must be penalized for that by their home campuses. Each campus did this differently. When talking about the community relations issues, it’s really difficult to address hateful conduct as a whole, but cases can certainly be taken on individual bases. Sharon believes that it’s sad that we never really got to have good conversation regarding the Heather MacDonald protests because it immediately became a conduct case due to the poor actions of the few. CMC is committed to allowing free speech, and what they are finding is that it’s better for students to feel open about their opinions so that we can learn how to coexist with other opinions respectfully, while also giving people the opportunity to speak and to be heard.

On a side note, DoS is working on making a “Sanctioning Guidelines” that makes it more clear cut what penalties come from which violations. We now know that shutting down free speech is a suspendable offense. There are also initiatives regarding how we can change commencement eligibility of 3/2 students and students who have violated conduct code.

“What initiatives do you hope to enact this semester?”

Trying to get help to cover the student health insurance cost for students. Working on an initiative for a start-up allowance for students of lower income backgrounds. Working on getting more sex ed programs going on. Health and wellness here is a really large concern, but we don’t do enough concerning that. Working on a lot of little changes like this to try to make a bigger difference.

“There were differences in the RA on call zones and some RAs were added. How is that going?”

We were well below the national average of the ratio of RAs to students, so we added some to give a better student experience. They are also on call, so it takes away from the time that DoS has to be on call. Ended up with 21 RAs last year and currently. Planning on continuing this trend in the coming years. Aiming for 22 RAs for next year.

“What other areas of campus are you planning on working with?”
Diana is planning on working a lot with the Student Athletics Department. She is also wanting to work with the Soll Center. They are also doing a lot to interact with Academic faculty. Working with how the research institute is going out to select people. Working with the early application process. There are really partnerships between DoS and other members of the 5C community almost everywhere. The general council, the lawyers for the college, are important partners of DoS. DoS is also working towards enacting a strong peer tutoring program. Also working with Story House to get them more interested in the student activities. The more that the students can interact with the building attendants and make connections with them, the more willing Story House will probably be to work with the students.

7. **Open Forum**
   
   NextDorm.college is the new website for book loans and it’s live.
   There was a question of how we can determine which students are of highest need to get them books first.
   
   This is still in the works and trying to be determined

Motion to adjourn at 10:08PM

Motion passes with no contest