



**EXECUTIVE  
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**October 10, 2021**

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>
Katherine Esther Almendarez	President	Present
Sam Harrison	Executive Vice President	Present
Cindy Lay	Chief Ethics and Procedural Officer	Present
Amadeo Cantu-Trevino	Vice President of Student Activities	Present
Jon Joey Telebrico	Vice President of Campus Organizations	Absent
Desmond Mantle	Chief Financial Officer	Present
Theodore Siasat	Diversity and Inclusion Chair	Present
Peyton Ogasawara	Comptroller	Present
Caroline Bullock	Chief Operating Officer	Present
Addison Reddinger	Class of 2025 President	Present
Zane Yamamoto	Class of 2024 President	Present
Amari Huang	Class of 2023 President	Absent
Sobechukwu Uwajeh	Class of 2022 President	Absent
Christina Campbell	Dormitory Affairs Chair	Present
Josh Nagra	Presidential Advisor on Mental Health	Present
Nisha Singh	Presidential Advisor on Campus Reopening & Culture	Present
Adamaris Sanchez	Presidential Advisor on Low Income Student Advocacy	Absent



Anna Green	RA Liaison	Present
Eric Warmoth	RA Liaison	Present

### Senate Chairs Attendance

Senate Officer	Position	Present/Absent
Michael Gadinis	AAA Committee Chair	Present
Nicole Jonassen	Environmental Affairs Committee Chair	Present
Sam Bogen	Academic Affairs Chair	Absent
Kirby Kimball	Community Service Chair	Present
Tyler Craigwell	Student Life Chair	Absent

## I. Agenda

1. Welcome
  2. Approve 10/3 Minutes
  3. Updates
  4. Fundraiser event update
  5. Alternative fall break
  6. Conversation on divestment
- Closed minutes: Ath talk & survivor's support

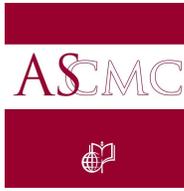
## II. Welcome

Call the meeting to order at 7:02 pm Pacific Time.

## III. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve: Cindy Lay  
 Seconded: Zane Yamamoto

Minutes have been approved.



## IV. Executive Officer Updates

Katherine: Does anyone have any updates?

President: <b>Katherine Esther Almendarez</b>	
EVP: <b>Sam Harrison</b>	
CEPO: <b>Cindy Lay</b>	
VPSA: <b>Amadeo Cantu-Trevino</b>	Last night, nothing crazy happened that was in our control. Tournament went well. Timing was a bit off but going forward we need to think about how we are going to do crowd control especially with non CMC kids. There was an incident with a student so EMS came, as well as three non CMC noise complaints. Hopefully a small kickback this thursday. I played all but two hip hop songs last night, working on finding that happy medium.
CFO: <b>Desmond Mantle</b>	
D&I: <b>Theo Siasat</b>	
VPCO: <b>Jon Joey Telebrico</b>	
Comptroller: <b>Peyton Ogasawara</b>	In need of Club Budgeting forms.
COO (VOO): <b>Caroline Bullock</b>	
Class of 2024 President: <b>Zane Yamamoto</b>	Sophomore class registered two events. A study break and a thursday pregame for the sophomore class- location TBD. Meeting with MK on Tuesday.
Class of 2023 President : <b>Amari Huang</b>	
Class of 2022 President: <b>Sobechukwu Uwajeh</b>	Found money for 200 days in her budget, her treasurer and her had a miscommunication. Would like to get a formal



	count on all Exec members that can help out. Theo, Desmond, Nisha, Josh, Peyton, caroline and zane can help out after 7
Class of 2025 President: <b>Addison Reddinger</b>	Sent out my first email today. Cabinet Applications are up-due this upcoming friday!
Presidential Advisor on Mental Health: <b>Josh Nagra</b>	Met with Lean on Me which started a helpline at MIT, talked if we could bring the platform and program to CMC. It is \$2,000 a year but provides us with everything we need- website and phone number
Presidential Advisor on Campus Reopening & Culture: <b>Nisha Singh</b>	Talked to Zane about creating some kind of space for first years and second years for a debrief on the transition back to school. There hasn't been an official acknowledgement on how difficult that transition has been.
Presidential Advisor on Low Income Student Advocacy: <b>Adamaris Sanchez</b>	
AAA Committee Chair: <b>Michael Gadinis</b>	Had my first AAA meeting. Will be doing weekly on Sundays to have budget requests ready for the Senate.
Environmental Affairs Committee Chair: <b>Nicole Jonassen</b>	
Academic Affairs Chair: <b>Sam Bogen</b>	Met with MOD on accommodations. Student and faculty meeting weekly now.
Community Service Chair: <b>Kirby Kimball</b>	
Student Life Chair: <b>Tyler Craigwell</b>	
RA Liason: <b>Anna Green and Eric Warmoth</b>	
DAC Chair: <b>Christinia Campbell</b>	First dorm pres meeting, South Quad wants to throw a rave



## V. Fundraiser Events Updates

Katherine: The fundraiser event is now November 13th because it is a large scale 4c event because we have a shortage of security staff. Concept is still the same, the date has just changed. It is now time to contact professors and organizations.

## VI. Alternative Fall Break

Theo: I sent out the email for attendees for fall break. They have 24 hours to confirm attendance, and sent emails to the waitlist. I secured leads and drivers for the trip. I do need to meet with Desmond to confirm some funding. There are like 20 people on the waitlist for the Santa Monica trip. I met with MK on equitability but given we only have 3 DOS vans, there's not much I can do to increase capacity. Hopefully with the waitlist and people having to confirm their spots might open up some spots. The cost was one to two thousand per trip.

Katherine: Instead of tasking the D&I with so much tactical work, I will be contacting CPB to make some partnerships because they have lots of experience with planning events. That way Theo and his group can focus on policy issues. We could also look to Outdoors Initiatives as well.

Theo: In the past, the affinity groups pooled money and planned fall break, how has the work been tasked to me and my committee?

Desmond: Because the money we allocate them is given back to us to fund the event, we figured it would be easier to go through rather than circumvene. Jon Joey has a larger discretionary because of it, you can advocate to get some of his discretionary as well to fund your other spring break trips as well. I don't know why the planning fell upon you and your team. \$17,500 is lying with Jon Joey currently as no reimbursements have been made.

Cindy: There could also be DOS funding

Sam: You can also revisit this in the Spring to get more funding

Katherine: I believe when we first mentioned it

## VII. Conversation on Divestment



Katherine: We have visitors from Divestment 5c and KKR Kills. Tell us about yourself and your goals

Ethan: We started organizing our own divestment on campus in 2015. Started in response to the fact that 4C have not divested their endowments from fossil fuels. We started organizing at Pomona, COVID happened and now we are back and organizing, specifically at Pomona but looking towards CMC as well.

Malcom: KKR Kills. We started in December 2019. Started a petition. October 1st KKR purchased stakes in energy. Our goal is to express our solidarity and love to those resisting these divestments. We won't stop until they are off campus or quit their genocidal projects. We want to put pressure on KKR and tell the police to not hurt our friends.

Ethan: We would love to see the full divestment from fossil fuels. But we are looking for full transparency with the way the endowment is handled. If the endowment isn't used for justice then why do we use it? We would love ethical transparency. It would be pretty performative for CMC to divest from fossil fuels without reprimanding the genocidal actions.

Peter: Building a public sentiment on the negativity of fossil fuels. We are trying to build student fervor. Solidarity with the indigenous peoples, and turning away from fossil fuels. We had direct action earlier this month, and articles are being written about it now. Kravis and Roberts have funded a lot of this school, but they do have a direct impact on Climate Change.

Ethan: To help us, as far as divestment, you should pass a bill to disclose the schools endowment, be transparent about that and get student's impact on it. KKR is a little more distant.

Malcom: That connection is a bit more abstract, especially because I don't know how close you are with the board of trustees. We just want them to know that our eyes are on them and we are watching what they are doing.

Katherine: I have access to all the trustees, so thank you for giving us background information so now I can go to the board and talk to them. We are very motivated to start divesting. Right now given that Harvard divested, we can see other schools might follow. Great job with the manifestation yesterday.

Nicole: In terms of raising more student awareness, our committee is looking to send out our first monthly email. It would be great to include your guy's message! One of the problems with divestment at CMC, some of the faculty members associated with the environment don't actually believe in



divestment. So that might be a good starting point. Professor William Asher is outspoken for divestment, so that would be great to talk to him first.

Ethan: There was already a news piece and an op-ed that might help raise awareness.

Cindy: As an organization who relies on the board of trustees, and we have students on the board of trustees, I am wondering what ways we can raise awareness without fracturing our relationship or funding with the board of trustees? The Board of trustees is a very conservative group, what recommendations do you have for us?

Peter: These student liaisons are symbolic. They don't have to listen to you. The board of trustees have to act on what the students want to do, that is inevitable. We need to show the scenario where there is such tremendous near unanimous support for divestment. I think that may change the faculty perspective or that of the board of trustees.

Ethan: ASCMC does not to be demanding, we just need to show widespread support- not unanimous but large spread coverage. I do believe that Kravis and Roberts value the connection with the school and the students more than their pipelines. It does not need to sever the connection, but it is important to use your position.

Malcolm: If I was in the room with Kravis and Roberts I would give them everything on my mind. Obviously you can't do that. But there are ways to show our and the students' position without hurting the relationship. By continuously bringing up the problem and asking about it could be very meaningful. It is showing that their reputation is being associated with the pipeline. Just asking questions.

Peter: It would be a pretty easy ask for more transparency. It would help with polling and mobilizing students towards divestment. This would help educate the students, I am not confident that the students understand our endowment, and that the board of trustees is trying to make the endowment understandable.

Nicole: The faculty members don't think that divesting is the ethical move, they have a rationalist economic concern. Would you guys be open to making a plan to divest within the next 10 years? It makes it easier so when market conditions change and are better, it may be easier to do so.



Sam: Do you have some presentation that you would like to share with the Senate? Maybe another week. I recently met with Michelle Chamberlain who helps with the endowment. They want to make the endowment more transparent too. They do want to make it more transparent so that student's know what is going on. Have you reached out to anyone at the advancement office yet?

Ethan: We don't have the resources yet to tackle CMC, we are focusing at Pomona now. It is only a matter of time before CMC and Pomona divest. It is now just a matter of when and why. Fossil fuels are no longer performing well. Financially, saying divesting is not economic is not true. It is now the question of whether we will divest on a moral or economic basis?

Sam: I think there it is important to distinguish between our endowments and the investments into KKR. The money at KKR is different from the money in our endowment.

Eric: I am a representative of Sunrise Claremont Colleges. Professor Asher is our only environmental professor on campus, that is something worth discussing and tackling. Thinking about student investment funds and whether they are invested in fossil fuels (SIF). Increasing leverage, a petition would be good, and it would be good to get student opinion. Hard numbers of students and faculty that are willing to advocate. 75 years of responsible leadership is very important right now, and investing in fossil fuels is evidently not. That might be good leverage.

Katherine: I think we should do this in a partnership with the other 4Cs, get more numbers and mobilize. I would not necessarily just focus on Pomona because they make more liberal decisions, but we should focus more so on 4C action and mobilization.

## **VIII. Closed Minutes**

The Exec Board discusses the Ath talk of Laura Kipnis on the impact of our student body with the intention to provide support to students.

## **IX. Open Forum**

Motion to adjourn: Desmond Mantle

Seconded: Sam Harrison

Time ended: 8:49 pm PDT