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#### October 3rd, 2021

Officer	Position	Present/Absent
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	Present
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	Present
Sobechukwu Uwajeh	Class of 2022 President	Present
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	Present



Anna Green	RA Liaison	Absent
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	Absent
Sam Bogen	Academic Affairs Chair	Present
Kirby Kimball	Community Service Chair	Absent
Tyler Craigwell	Student Life Chair	Present

## I. Agenda

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Approve 9/26 Minutes
- 3. Updates
- 4. TNC/Social Events
- 5. Fundraiser Event
- 6. Open Forum

### II. Welcome

Call the meeting to order at 7:01 pm Pacific Time.

## III. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve: Theo S Seconded: Sam H

Minutes have been approved.



# IV. Executive Officer Updates

Katherine: Does anyone have any updates?

President: Katherine Esther Almendarez	With Adamaris we have officially launched the low income advocacy group, we have 15 students. Director of financial aid and admissions will be on our board as well. We are waiting on two professors. This will be a very strong group that meets weekly. There is a protest on October 5th outside of Roberts Pavilion protesting the KKR Oil Pipeline. I am going to talk to the people to see how we can serve them. KKR funds CMC. We need to be aware of how this is going to play out, most likely this will be a big thing in our term. You can go as a student, or as an ASCMC representative to talk to the students and get educated on what they want. But we will be talking about their divestment. Divestment is very difficult at this school. We want to divest from fossil fuels, Harvard just did, so there should be a domino effect.
EVP: Sam Harrison	
CEPO: Cindy Lay	
VPSA: Amadeo Cantu-Trevino	
CFO: Desmond Mantle	
D&I: <b>Theo Siasat</b>	I sent out the google form for Alternative Fall Break and there have been many people who have filled it out. My committee is working on brainstorming events and social events within affinity groups and between them. We are working and focused on policy and advocacy.
VPCO: Jon Joey Telebrico	
Comptroller: <b>Peyton</b> <b>Ogasawara</b>	I am trying to fix my access to workday. I am trying to fix my access to club budgets.
COO (VOO): Caroline Bullock	
Class of 2024 President:	



Zane Yamamoto	
Class of 2023 President : <b>Amari Huang</b>	
Class of 2022 President: Sobechukwu Uwajeh	200 days has been exciting to plan. The Fox theater will rent it to us for 4k instead of 8k. The office of alumni said they might give us some money- hopefully 2k, but unsure. We might be able to slip through for 200 days without money from the general fund, but might need money for 100 days. Things are going pretty well. Double tree is our back up option. My cabinet is convinced that seniors do not want to be on campus for 200 days. I think it is important that we push for it to be off campus. The fox theater is outdoors and on a rooftop. This school has too much money for us to have to compromise on this event for seniors. Previously people have ticketed, or the venue had charged for drinks. At Baldy, it is hard to drive the busses, and elevation affects people's level of intoxication. In the future, the budget should be accommodated for these events. Maybe we regularly collaborate with the office of alumni. I do not need funding from Exec and General Fund at this moment. Thursday October 21st!
Class of 2025 President: <b>Addison Reddinger</b>	
Presidential Advisor on Mental Health: <b>Josh Nagra</b>	
Presidential Advisor on Campus Reopening & Culture: <b>Nisha Singh</b>	
Presidential Advisor on Low Income Student Advocacy: <b>Adamaris Sanchez</b>	
AAA Committee Chair: <b>Michael Gadinis</b>	



Environmental Affairs Committee Chair: <b>Nicole</b> <b>Jonassen</b>	
Academic Affairs Chair: <b>Sam</b> <b>Bogen</b>	Update on accommodations. Met with faculty and my committee. Thinking about creating a new feedback form, talking to DOS about granting accommodations, talking about the switch to AIM, working on long term goals like the reading period.
Community Service Chair: <b>TBD</b>	
Student Life Chair: <b>Tyler</b> Craigwell	
RA Liason: Anna Green	
RA Liaison: Eric Warmoth	

### V. TNC/ Social Events

<u>Amadeo</u>: We officially got the green light from Pitzer, Scripps and Pomona to host things. This week we did not host anything to wait for the COVID results. We also wanted to behave as the board of trustees was here, as well as it was midterm season. DOS also said that if ASCMC hosted anything it would be shut down if there were more than 250 students in attendance. That does not follow our inclusive culture. We can throw together a TNC in three days, Saturday parties as well, we must adapt as we move forwards. We have to do at least one 5c event this semester, we are toying with the idea of a TNC. We are hoping to make Monte Carlo a CMC only event. At this time, normally we usually have had 6 TNCs and 2 5c events. For TNCs, we are going to be tapering them off, but we are hoping to make them more niche and diverse, partnering with clubs and affinity groups. Also looking to hire a new EC. TNC and social stuff with some confidence there should be one social event a week for the rest of the semester hosted by the ASCMC or the 5cs excluding fall break and finals week. Clubs and affinity groups will be able to reach out to me to cosponsor events and TNCs. In the second inform, I will tell these clubs and affinity groups they can reach out to me or come to me during open door hours. I am not programming too much, the people who have reached out to me were given priority because they took initiative. It gets dicey to have to decide who gets to host one and who does not, while still ensuring that our events team gets to host our events. Project proposals will be beneficial for helping us.



<u>Sobe</u>: One night retreat or a day retreat might occur for our Exec retreat so there is no overlap between attending events and being in the events.

<u>Amadeo</u>: Junior class can help with Monte Carlo, but they are no longer required to host it.

Katherine: For Monte Carlo, I know that we do not have McKenna for COVID testing.

<u>Amadeo</u>: We have to get creative this year considering the school is using things for COVID safety.

<u>Kamara</u>: It is important to reach out to affinity groups, we do go to a PWI school. I'm getting a lot of feedback from students of color saying that they feel excluded and that they do not belong. How are you working to make non-co hosted events more inclusive for all students? It is important that as upperclassmen we understand we can recreate the social scene, and we have the power to do so. What efforts are being made by the events team. Targeted outreach. It seems to me that the events team does not care about diversification, social life has traditionally been very white.

<u>Amadeo</u>: I think that hit the nail on the head. Given that we have had one party, we kind of wanted to get through one, now that we have a calendar kind of put together, and now that we can do things, targeted outreach is a great idea. It has been a long haul getting back to throwing events. All the small things in north quad thus far have not been hosted by ASCMC, and that may be why it feels exclusive. I agree with your suggestion to take a more active approach, and I will look to work with Theo on this. Now that we are hitting our stride we can work to tweak things, to make them co-hosted, and to make them more POC friendly and inclusive.

<u>Kamara</u>: The first step should be to set up a meeting with all the affinity leaders, just reaching out to us. Get us all together and ask us about the social team and what we can do better to support students of color. We have advice to give to your team to help you. When Chandler said he was working towards inclusivity, he was actively taking steps to do so. Think about how you can continue and make that better.

Zane: This may be a discussion better held by a committee, I think the setting of a board meeting is not conducive to it. I do think there are legitimate issues to be resolved, a committee or a special working group may be more effective. After that group has met they can bring a list of recommendations for the board to visit and discuss. In this form, I don't think much more debate would be productive. A smaller group might be more effective.



<u>Theo</u>: Kamara said it perfectly in terms of the reedback she has been getting. The resources are there, I have a committee, a group chat with all the affinity groups. I hope we can work together with DOS, the affinity groups and work in tandem to make a more social life.

<u>Adamaris</u>: I think you should have clear guidelines to help affinity groups co-host your events so they aren't actively going against your events team. I also think when Theo and Kamara bring up these issues you should not be on your phone or computer and instead give your full attention, or make it appear that you are giving your full attention.

Zane: One thing we could do is to make a motion to create a committee for this discussion.

<u>Cindy</u>: Making sure we have productive discussions, it should be in the minutes, we can have people speak to us so it is in the minutes but it does not need to be discussed.

Nisha: A working group may prolong any strides needing to be made

<u>Katherine</u>: We do not need a working group, we can probably just have a discussion, and bring it up to Exec

### VI. Fundraiser Event

<u>Katherine:</u> Essentially we talked about fundraising for Haitian immigrants and refugees at the border, I ran it through the 5c presidents, Amadeo, and Sam. We are all excited to host a party because of the high demand for social life. We will be ticketing for this party because all the proceeds will go to the organizations. To make tracking the payments easier, students can just show proof of donation. I am echoing Amadeo in saying that we need to make sure students do not lose the reason for this event, and students need to acknowledge how lucky we are. The other 4c presidents are supporting us financially and with man power. They can donate food, volunteers, and more. I need the whole board on this. The date for this is most likely October 23rd. MK is already working to get public safety for the event.

<u>Jon Joey:</u> Is there a way we can incorporate education into the event? Maybe during the day we can do event highlighting? Or it would be cool to incorporate the faculty. We have a commitment to show that we are a college community and show that it is not a one and done thing so students do not donate once and disengage. The event space also needs to be accessible, especially for students not at the events so they can maneuver around campus.



<u>Katherine</u>: The faculty can participate in the day event, just not in the drinking. They are also welcome to donate.

<u>Theo</u>: While we are planning this event, we must make it very intentional. Make the messaging of this event more towards fundraising than the social scene.

<u>Addison</u>: Money collection-wise, MK suggested we use a venmo instead. I want the students to see what they did.

<u>Katherine</u>: It would be nice to have a tangible thing.

<u>Amari</u>: If you have to prove a donation, we could total it.

<u>Katherine</u> DT was wondering who would be checking donations, it will be the exec board not public safety.

<u>Michael</u>: On the venmo thing, it's a logistical nightmare. On the idea of donations, it is important to have multiple donation outlets depending on accessibility, there should be some way to do cash. Multiple different donation options to promote inclusion.

<u>Desmond</u>: The easiest way would be direct donation, then we could total it at the end. That might work if we total by hand. A tally would be great, and willing to work. Venmo is not the solution.

<u>Katherine</u>: If we are doing the day things, we can use a wristband thing. You must show a donation to get a wristband.

<u>Nisha</u>: I liked the idea of an educational aspect for the event. We can have an event on the day of or earlier to educate and advertise the party to reaffirm the message of what we are doing. A minimum threshold might be problematic, what is the rationale behind that.

<u>Katherine</u>: I don't want it to be like each student donating \$1, so that students also learn about the value of donation. If we can agree that a minimum is not necessary then I am willing to drop that.

<u>Josh</u>: Maybe we can use a preferred donation amount.

Katherine: I love that idea.



<u>Sam</u>: If we run the education aspect, we should do it on friday. I believe that we would get a higher professor turn out.

<u>Katherine</u>: Just to clarify, this will be led by us because we are the host campus. We will write out the guidelines and other campuses will have to follow them. The educational aspects can probably be online for Mudd students. I will also put out a draft for a notification of importance so that we can sign it.

## VII. Open Forum

<u>Sobe</u>: Motion to table my request for money until a later date.

<u>Addison</u>: I have had a lot of students, specifically freshman, who are curious about mental health resources, this is something we need to address.

<u>Josh</u>: Reach out to Nisha and I

Motion to adjourn: Theo S Seconded: Zane Y Time ended: 8:04 pm PDT