**ASCMC Board of Directors**

Sunday, 2 November 2014

**Members Present:** Ben Tillotson, Will Su, Aviv Caspi, Christine Horne, Mohammad Abdul-Rahim, Anna Zimmeran, Chloe Zagrodzky, Abby Michaelsen, Ben Turner, Cole Mora, Reid Dickerson, Michael Irvine, Josh Mittler, Tooba Karim, Sophie Galant, Josh Mittler

**Members Absent:** Zachariah Oquenda, Jessie Thomas, Elaine Sohng,

**Call to Order: 7:03pm**

1. **Introduce Guests** 
   1. **Elijah Natividad – Crown Dorm President**
   2. **Mica Laber– Senate Secretary**
   3. **Shirley – Forum Writer**
   4. **Nicky Blumm – Marks Dorm President**
2. **Approval of Past Minutes:** Motion to approve, seconded. Approved: 7:03 PM
3. **Board Announcements**
4. **President—Ben Tillotson**
   1. Meeting Will, Moe, Sophie recap
   2. Sophie will fix the communication aspect between us and students
      1. Students don’t know what we do
      2. We want an accurate perception of what we do
   3. Helping with the perception that the board is insulated
   4. Documenting and publishing the work that we are doing
5. **Vice President—Will Su**
   1. Senate tomorrow – Tech and higher education will be speaking tomorrow
   2. Update on social responsibility and mental task force
   3. 7c sexual resource center
   4. Mental Health Task force – looking through applications tonight
   5. First event will be Wednesday night at snack – “Hump Day Rant”
6. **CFO—Aviv Caspi**
   1. No Update
7. **Senate President Pro Tempore—Michael Irvine** 
   1. No Update
8. **CO Chair—Anna Zimmerman**
   1. No Update
9. **Executive Secretary – Christine Horne** 
   1. No Update
10. **Presidential Advisor— Moe Abdul-Rahim**
    1. Discussion with Will, Sophie, Ben Tilly about Sophie’s role, Wedding Party, Social Pledge, etc.
    2. Suggestion from student that we should find a way to advertise to the entire student body from us – potentially Sophie can take on that responsibility
11. **Presidential Advisor—Sophie Galant**
    1. No Update
12. **Student Security Director—Zachariah Oquenda**
    1. No Update
    2. Absent
13. **SAC—Jessie Thomas** 
    1. No Update
14. **SLC—Chloe Zagrodzky**
    1. Discussed a more finalized finals calendar with Devon
    2. Ski Beach funding
    3. Instead going to get dogs – therapy dogs – for finals. Will be free, Devon will make the donation on our behalf
    4. Hub quiz is WWII this week

1. **DAC—Elaine Sohng** 
   1. No Update
2. **’15 President—Abby Michaelsen** 
   1. Snack last Wednesday, people signed the pledges there as well
   2. Certain people were against the pledge, convinced some, not others
   3. Threw trick or drink on Saturday
3. **’16 President—Ben Turner**
   1. Class dinner last week
   2. We wrote letters to those that are abroad
   3. Assassin game
   4. Talent show for the class – potentially
   5. Ben had a touching convo with his grandparents about Monte Carlo, they loved it, they were proud of him.
4. **’17 President—Cole Mora**
   1. In-n-out snack
   2. Karaoke night Friday
   3. Will go over event calendar with Devon soon
5. **’18 President – Reid Dickerson**
   1. Freshman class t-shirts
   2. Freshman snack tonight
   3. Freshman Fifa tourney

1. **RA Liaison—Josh Mittler**
   1. No Update
2. **Controller – Tooba Karim**
   1. No Update
3. **Event Debrief**
   1. **Elaine – absent – update through Ben:**
   2. This week TNC is off campus – Buckhorn Lodge
   3. Next week is collaboration with Mudd
   4. Dorm cup – crown won this last month
   5. Funding requests are currently off the table – we will discuss later
   6. TNC went well this last week (Halloween TNC)
   7. Abby: are we going to pay for the Camp Sec officers that didn’t show up?
   8. Will: There were only 8 scheduled, miscommunication between Elaine and Devon. We will double check if we are being charged for 12 or 8.
   9. Will: Kickoff events only had about 12 residents between the residents, Stark didn’t have the haunted house, Fawcett had food – no one knew about it, Auen tower of terror was successful.
   10. Tilly: There was a gap between when this fund was created and how it was intended on being used and how the dorm presidents want to use it. Maybe budget committee will go and talk to the dorm presidents.
   11. **Friday:** a lot of people liked it. It went well
   12. Rumored arrest
   13. Was it a grad student? They are given CMC IDs so they could get into CMC parties as well as 5c events.
       1. They are getting into CMC events but they aren’t paying student fees. That is a concern that we need to look in to before further action.
4. **General Fund Requests**
   1. Made purchases for kickoff event (Tilly) – hopefully the keg will be covered by Jessie because it was the only event done on Saturday – bocce ball, tables, Food (CO chair), volleyball, etc. PLEASE MAKE USE OF THEM. Will be placed in storage closet. Reimburse from the general fund.
   2. Elijah: Mid quad paint party
      1. Start at 2-3:00
      2. Becket and Phillips – Mid quad residents will be getting wristbands.
      3. 3:00 the event will start – you need a wrist band for entry
      4. 3:00-5:00 there will be holi style paint party
      5. DJ will be there, Music, it will be a lot of fun
      6. Pizza will be at the end of the event
      7. Potentially 451 students (including Benson and Marks)
      8. Devon is going to pay for pizza, student security, clean up after
      9. We want to this the day of reggae fest – Saturday 11/8
      10. Requesting: $650
          1. Beverages and water
          2. Holi Paint powder
          3. Wristbands
          4. Water toys – beach balls, water guns
      11. Chloe: Are the dorm presidents contributing things to this?
      12. Elijah: we are willing to contribute $50 per dorm – however we strongly feel like it should be less than that, if at all
      13. Nicky: we feel like this is the perfect event to fit the goal of this fund. Also, we don’t have that much dorm money left, we are pretty much tapped out.
      14. Chloe: How are we advertising?
      15. Elijah: Facebook event, posters posted in dorms, Tuesday night is the RA meeting where David and Elena will get all the other RAs on board – hopefully dorm DLs sent out by RAs
      16. Expected attendance: 200 at least – ideally 450 people
      17. As dorm presidents, we don’t know what the discretionary fund is, so please communicate that more clearly to us.
      18. Abby: are we okay that the dorms are excluding the other dorms?
      19. Chloe: This is designed for dorm funds. If it was a single dorm only that dorm would get the money, I think it is fine.
      20. Will Su: Is Elaine contributing any?
      21. Elijah: she is unsure on how she can use that money, but she said if you guys won’t fund it, she will find the money somehow.
      22. Moe: if you are serving water, make sure people don’t grab and throw it. If you find that on the day of only 20 people show up, let someone know so we can have everyone come in the school.
      23. Aviv: I will go to the next dorm meeting to make this discretionary fund clear to Elaine and to the dorm presidents. I’m comfortable funding this because of how proactive they’ve been. This fund was created for dorm exclusive events.
      24. Chloe: I think that they should contribute something because I don’t want to set a precedent that this will fund dorm events entirely.
      25. Cole: How much money is left in the fund?
      26. Will Su: $3,000 is left, we can only spend 85% before spring break. I like Chloe’s idea. If each dorm gives $25 then we only have to spend $500.
      27. Mikey: I’m very uncomfortable with funding such an exclusive event. I would be uncomfortable setting such an exclusive event as a precedent. The inclusivity of CMC is why I came here and I feel this is a direct contrast to a lot of what our social scene is.
      28. Chloe: My only question to that is this fund is to fund dorm events, is the nature of this fund inherently exclusionary? Or is it just this event? Are all quad events off limits? How do we circumvent this?
      29. Mikey: I think there is a fundamental difference between a Christmas party or dorm snack snack vs. something that is along the lines of a traditional CMC party. I don’t see the benefit of this party as a dorm event. It could just be a whole school event.
      30. Moe: I agree with Michael. I think that potentially upping the budget, and making it a school wide event.
      31. Chloe: Then it isn’t a dorm event. Then the fund isn’t for this.
      32. Aviv: Wristbands excluding people is what makes it exclusive. Most dorm events devolve into general events in the end anyways.
      33. Chloe: In terms of food and stuff, you buy the food that you’re going to buy, you run out of supplies and food, then it will be the way it is. I don’t think we need to plan to feed an entire school or anything. Advertise it to only mid quad.
      34. Mikey: I think there is a fundamental difference between a snack and this party. I think that a dorm is in need of a community and that is what it does by snack. I don’t see the need to bring together a quad.
      35. Aviv: what if we removed the wristbands
      36. Mikey: That would make me feel better
      37. Cole: Similar concerns, it is not necessarily a dorm event, it is just moving mid quad to a different event. If it is advertised to mid quad, then I think the wrist bands are unnecessary. Maybe just put dorm presidents in the entrance.
      38. Christine: I think that the dorm presidents have put in a decent amount of work on this. The nature of the event is exclusive and I have the same reservations about this. However, I think that it is still going to be good quad/dorm bonding. I propose keeping the wristbands and enforcing them for the first hour and then let everyone in after. This will allow a more inclusive environment, reduce waste of any extra things, and also keep in line with what the dorm presidents want.
      39. Motion to approve funding, with dorm presidents contributing $25 and wrist bands only for the first hour
          1. Seconded
          2. For: 9
          3. Opposed: 0
          4. Abstain: 1
      40. Motion approved: 7:59pm
5. **CMC 26.6 Updates**
   1. Focus right now is on the pledge, would like to get more board involvement after the pledge.
   2. We can get involved and help set a precedent that we can get involved and make a difference with issues like this.
   3. 84 sign ups right now – hopefully more will join
   4. Hopefully as the pre-training events are started, it will grow.
   5. Tomorrow we have 30 minutes of training
   6. Moe: if anyone knows of students don’t want to run it all, let me know and we can get a group together that would walk it.
   7. Faculty email tomorrow or tonight
   8. Goal is to raise money and make a substantial impact on CMC’s financial aid.
   9. Will be reaching out to alumni mid November
6. **Social Pledge Updates**
   1. Bring back all the pledges, compile them all in the offices, make a spreadsheet
   2. Assigned dorms – please go knock on dorms
   3. We would like to hit ¾ by next meeting
   4. Unsure of current progress
   5. Anna: do we have a tracking system?
   6. We will set one up
   7. Tooba: for door to door bring paper copies
7. **Discussion on New Equipment Purchase – Will Su**
   1. Proposal to get a new refrigerator for the downstairs storage closet
   2. About $550 for a new fridge, price range is $400-500
   3. I will find the lowest price I could
   4. Motion to approve up to $500 for a new fridge, seconded
      1. For: 9
      2. Against:
      3. Abstain: 1
   5. Will send out the specs for the final purchase before I buy it
   6. Ben Tilly: I put a lot of games in there for everyone to use.
8. **Open Forum**
   1. Wedding Party: Indian themed (Tilly)
      1. This would be a big change from the norm because there is not usually a theme
      2. Chloe: Is this a precedent we want to start? I don’t want there to be an article in The Student Life about appropriating cultures
      3. Abby: I am very against this idea, everyone loves wedding party/ I’m worried about it not being awesome and everyone getting angry. Also I don’t know if budget wise this is something that would be effective. You’re going to piss people off in terms of cultural appropriations
      4. Anna: what does that look like in your head?
      5. Abby: is the music going to be all Indian music? What does this look like
      6. Ben Tilly: there would be a Bollywood DJ and then a traditional band as well.
      7. Ben Turner: I think that we could have a separate event besides wedding party that would be super fun. I think there is a way to not take away anything from this party and throw another awesome as well. If we aren’t able to commit fully towards being Indian, I’m not comfortable doing this. I don’t want to do a disservice towards people or the culture
      8. Tilly: To do this well, it will take a massive budget, which is what Wedding Party has.
      9. Chloe: I think a theme this elaborate is more appropriate for Monte Carlo in the future. I still think this might start to set a precedent that there needs to be a theme.
      10. Tilly: What this could look like is that most years is a traditional wedding party and every now and then we have a themed one. There needs to be a clear idea that I can share. Right now it looks cool in my head.
      11. Tooba: Elaborate
      12. Tilly: there would be Indian food, procession, dancing, elephant, white horse. For next meeting I will present a more clear vision
      13. Aviv: In the past we have done a poll, which might see where the student body stands.
      14. Abby: Is this something that we will all vote on? Or will a committee decide it.
   2. Student Fees – Potential Increase
      1. Tilly: okay. Also this came up as an issue last year, but if we want to raise the student body fee we need to talk about that now.
      2. Aviv: It isn’t adjusted for inflation and never has. Usually it is just raised every few years in accordance with inflation, but it is always raised because of initiatives that we are doing. We need to say what the money is going towards in terms of projects we are working on.
      3. Tilly: last year it didn’t pass because Gavin didn’t propose it in time.

**Adjourn: 8:14 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Horne

ASCMC Executive Secretary