EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

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#### November 20, 2022

| Officer          | Position                               | Present/Absent |
|------------------|--|----------------|
| Josh Nagra       | President                              | Present        |
| Zane Yamamoto    | Executive Vice President               | Present        |
| Kaitlyn Hohl     | Chief Ethics and Procedural Officer    | Present        |
| Chris LaRovere   | Vice President of Student Activities   | Present        |
| Sam Bogen        | Vice President of Campus Organizations | Present        |
| Desmond Mantle   | Chief Financial Officer                | Present        |
| Nisha Singh      | D&I Chair                              | Present        |
| Maeve Conte      | Mental Health and Wellness Liaison     | Present        |
| Peyton Ogasawara | Comptroller                            | Present        |
| Nicole Cepeda    | Chief Operating Officer                | Present        |
| Tori Williams    | Director of Event Operations           | Present        |
| Ryu Nakase       | Class of 2026 President                | Present        |
| Giovanni Pierre  | Class of 2025 President                | Absent         |
| Wolfgang Hutton  | Class of 2024 President                | Present        |
| Amari Huang      | Class of 2023 President                | Present        |
| Kirby Kimball    | Dormitory Affairs Chair                | Present        |
| Peter Dien       | Presidential Advisor on Divestment     | Absent         |



| Sarai Ortega | Presidential Advisor on First-Generation, | Absent |
|--------------|---|--------|
|              | Low-Income Student                        |        |

#### Senate Chairs Attendance

| Senate Officer     | Position                     | Present/Absent |
|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Meg Birenbaum      | AAA Committee Chair          | Present        |
| Nicole Jonassen    | Student Life Committee Chair | Absent         |
| Aara Nanavaty      | Academic Affairs Chair       | Present        |
| Haven Qin          | Community Service Chair      | Absent         |
| Nathaniel Braswell | RA Liaison                   | Absent         |

## Agenda

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Officer Updates
- 3.Inter-Exec Collaboration Discussion
- 4. Open Forum

## I. Welcome

Call the meeting to order at 7:07 pm Pacific Time.

# II. Approval of Minutes:

Amari: Katherine reached out and wanted us to adjust the minutes based on her experience, she did drink at 200 days but not 100 days because she needed to work. I just thought we should be considerate

Nisha: I don't see the relevancy, she has since graduated. I don't think it's relevant to have this in the minutes anyway, we can just take it out. There are five different versions of how this went down, I think we shouldnt mention people who's experience we can't speak to.

Desmond: We can put it in closed.

Sam: I agree.



Josh: If we remove it, we should remove the whole piece, her name isn't necessarily relevant and we can't speak to that.

Sam: I think we should be able to reference former people/former officers. That is a messy precedent to set.

Nisha: Discussing intoxication is different.

First motion to strike the portion: Zane Seconded: Nisha Aye: 2 Nay: 5 Abs: 3 Motion fails.

Second motion to put it into closed. Seconded: Josh Aye: 3 Nay: 3 Abs: 4 Motion fails.

Motion to approve: Sam Objection: amari Roll call: Josh: abs chris: aye sam: aye desmond: aye nisha: nay ryu: aye wolfgang: aye amari: nay kirby: abs zane: aye



Zane: motion passes with no changes as written. we can discuss in open forum.

# III. Executive Officer Updates

<u>Josh</u>: Does anyone have any updates?

| President: Josh Nagra                                     |  |
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| EVP: Zane Yamamoto  |  |
| CEPO: Kaitlyn Hohl  |  |
| VPSA: Chris LaRovere                                      |  |
| CFO: Desmond Mantle                                       |  |
| D&I: Nisha Singh  |  |
| VPCO: Sam Bogen   |  |
| Comptroller: <b>Peyton</b><br><b>Ogasawara</b>            |  |
| COO: Nicole Cepeda  |  |
| DEO: Tori Williams  |  |
| Class of 2024 President:<br><b>Wolfgang Hutton</b>        |  |
| Class of 2023 President :<br><b>Amari Huang</b>           |  |
| Class of 2026 President:<br><b>Ryu Nakase</b>             |  |
| Class of 2025 President: <b>Gio</b><br><b>Pierre</b>      |  |
| Mental Health and Wellness<br>Liaison: <b>Maeve Conte</b> |  |



| DAC Chair: Kirby Kimball                                 |  |
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| Presidential Advisor on<br>Divestment: <b>Peter Dien</b> |  |
| AAA Committee Chair: <b>Meg</b><br><b>Birenbaum</b>      |  |
| Student Life Committee<br>Chair: <b>Nicole Jonassen</b>  |  |
| Academic Affairs Chair: <b>Aara</b><br><b>Nanavaty</b>   |  |
| Community Service Chair:<br><b>Haven Qin</b>             |  |
| RA Liaison: <b>Nathaniel</b><br><b>Braswell</b>          |  |

# **IV.** Inter-Exec Collaboration Discussion

Kaitlyn: Some of the things that I wanted to discuss is what a collaborative exec board means to you/what can we do to be more collaborative

Kirby: maeve and i met this past week, we want to call a "final push" to let students know that we are supportive of them/book out a study room, we are hoping that we can get into groups of two or three to plan each day in particular, this would take place the week before finals week and it'd be a good way to be there for the student body. rabbits or hares possible.

Sam: absolutely love the idea, you have picked the time when thesis is due so you may have lost a few seniors. we'd love if you can chip in, but no major

Sam: lines of comms. We have a channel that is for meeting updates (stakeholders, DOS, etc etc), having that be active can go a long way, great way to get additional help/find someone who does have the bandwidth.

Josh: Seconding what Sam said



Kaitlyn: We should celebrate each other's accomplishments, hence why I wanted extended updates this week. we should be transparent about what we're doing, we can give lil heart emoji reactions on slack and though that seems insignificant, we can build a cohesive and uplifting environment.

Nisha: Along those lines, I think we need to have a convo on constructive criticisms, I feel like the way that we take feedback from each other/the way its been solicited and discussed within ASCMC/how we take feedback from affinity group orgs/student body. We are all students. making accusations against someone's character/getting angry, this goes against our values of creating a community of care. we should create more concrete guidelines. I have been concerned with how we process feedback internally and from students.

Sam: I have two points– I couldn't agree more. I get if you disagree with what the feedback is. I can react emotionally, but ultimately if someone is giving feedback that is trying to make you better, there is no point in arguing. be receptive. acknowledge you're not perfect. no one has it figured out at 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, chris how old are you? 23? ASCMC is naturally hierarchical and I don't think most like that. Once you get past Josh and probably Zane, there is no hierarchy in this organization. one. don't boss each other around. don't force people to do things. that's not going to work. We are people. students. We are trying to be friends. There are people who all of us report to, and having a level of respect for that person is important– this doesn't mean that we have to agree with them. we shouldn't yell at our boss. That isn't how things should be.

Nisha: I think the way that 200 days debrief went down is indicative of a lot of the issues we are having in exec. It was a debrief. it was intended to be a dialogue, and it was concerning for me. i don't think that was at all what we discussed briefly here. community of care is very important to me. i don't think we should shut up and take it, but we should be receptive to feedback. in my own experience, when SAGA communicated that they didn't feel included in pride, i did apologize to jenasis, and that shouldn't be a sign of weakness or that we are doing things well. at the end of the day, we are a group of students trying to do our best and work for the students. we don't have to take things personally. and i know that its harder for some. but maybe this is a conversation we can have every few meetings.

Kaitlyn: I do kind of have an issue with "shut up and take it", i think there is a difference with taking feedback for feedback and actually listening to what the feedback is. Like with the ticketing situation, when we had people come to exec and share how their experience with ticketing was, and I thought



that was a great opportunity to get feedback directly from the student body, and that hasn't gone anywhere either.

Sam: that is what I meant kaitlyn, thank you.

Tori: I will say, A: yes its hard to take negative criticism, we have smart people here. sometimes, i think we should aim to find some sort of middle ground or compromise, particularly as we all have so many different jobs. from an events perspective, sometimes we make decisions for a certain reason and people ultimately don't know. for some concrete structure, i think a debrief (like in senate) where people can come with questions is good.

Josh: I think we need to work on making our criticisms actionable. we can have lofty goals. when you cant come up with 60,000, i don't know what to tell you. it makes my life difficult when we naturally have demands from DOS. i think having compassion for one another within the different things we do is important. the saga conversation at first was an ego blow. that shit hurt. but they have a perspective that is really valuable. they elected us. we get paid to listen to them. incorporating their feedback. an organization may say something, and you may not be able to incorporate everything they say, but show that you're listening.

Nisha: inviting people to come to exec to say something, too. thats the one time all of us are in the room together. you're one person too, we can have different opinions. this has also been a learning experience for me, i didn't really realize what events had to go through. i don't want anyone to be overwhelmed. constructive can mean a lot of things. some of us have office hours. i like talking things through. you can adapt how you take feedback. I am happy to have people meet with the affinity groups. I think there are many mechanisms, we just have to think intentionally about them.

Josh: We need to remember that we are students. this is an extracurricular activity. it shouldn't be our entire lives, and sadly it can be at some points. have the compassion, someone may not be able to discuss something at a certain time but they may be willing later. this is really difficult. have compassion.

# V. Open Forum

motion to adjourn: aara



seconded: sam meeting adjourned 7:58 pm