

Senate Meeting Minutes

5th december, 2022

Start Time: 8:00 PM

End Time: 9:02 PM

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approve [11/28/22 Minutes](#)
3. Senate Chairs and Officer Updates
4. **5C Student Center Discussion** - The Claremont College Services
5. **Substance Free Housing Expansion** - Dean Guyett, Dean of Students Office
6. **Student Connection Budget Request** - Administrative Affairs and Appropriations Committee
7. Open Forum

Zane: Welcome. Presentation from TCC about the student center. Jenny guyett will be coming to talk about sub free housing

Zane: Approval of minutes

Connor: Motion to approve minutes

Nicole: Seconded

Motion clearly passes

Kirby: Hi! This week we're doing an initiative called the final push which is programming till saturday to help people destress. If you were to have food from a local restaurant, where would you go?

Haven: Canes! Bua Thai?

Nicole: Reminder for vegetarian people on campus!! Get coleslaw.

Desmond: Cole-slay

Connor: Crumbl cookies?

Senator: Boba!

James (TCC architect): For the last 16 months or so, we've been working on the center. We need to decide what spaces will be in the building. Near Honnold, central to all campuses. Looking for fresh ideas about what you need in student center. Need to understand what issues you have, we as architects can convert it into space. Do we need a bookstore?

Aara: I like huntley, would like to have bookstore. Sometime shortage of books because shortage of space.

Rohan: When you say apple store, you mean students we're buying anything?

Kirby: Not good options for merch for CMC students.

Nicole: Most people are realizing that buying books online are cheaper anyways, dont feel any particular desire to have a bookstore

Haven: i like the library a lot

Nicole: claremont apparel is part of a student org on campus, women business, designed by them

James: study spaces, what is it that you guys need

Kaitlyn: personally i dont wanna be in a space people are coming in and going out, things like mental health services, i wouldnt wanna be spotted going into therapy while my friends are there

James: good to hear these opinions,

Kirby: virtual tours as a tour guide, maybe my roommate is sleeping, or spaces are busy, something like private rooms, like a cubical, honeycomb structure, private study area would be appreciated. Merch store - contact claremont women in business would be good to contact

Senate: group meeting rooms are also important, have a more professional space, alone

Nora: ceilings on cubicle style small room, cant talk loud

Nicole: since covid, virtual spaces have become more important, one communal kitchen on campus, having another space to cook, mostly people live on campus for all 4 years, hub makes great fried and grilled food, not many coffee options, having a place to cook would be nice

Haven: zoom rooms, natural light big windows

James: sorry for no reading week!

Josh: spaces for affinity groups, socialize in a place thats not the care center, would be nice to have more spaces for that

Desmond: private spaces, seconding those points, outdoor spaces, spaces for meeting where you can be alone and take meetings, library spaces - plexy glass walls, feels like a fish hole not very private

Kirby: care center has this, textbook book library, take one give one, textbook recycling program.

Secondly, as a cmc student who did a ton of creative arts, most offerings at pomona, more art spaces at cmc? Monthly exhibition?

Nicole: no dance studio at cmc, every other 5c has one, having a place would be nice. People have spaces to do therapy.

Meg: furniture related, in study type rooms have more tables and chairs

Haven: breakout rooms would be nice too.

Nora: rooms with different lighting is important, some students like a ton of light

James: what could we do with the student center, that would make you feel like its both a cmc and consortium experience, what would make this place special

Josh: movable furniture! Would make it more 5c

Desmond: some folks prefer dark lighting closed rooms

Nicole: boba! Good way to mobilize cmc students, everyone would go get boba at midnight if there was a space

Zane: all comments about food, i will second

Aara: adequate space outside to have fun, sometimes i dont wanna go outside cmc

Meg: space that feels like living room vibes, walker hall at pomona has this vibe

Haven: bonfire space sounds really cool if you can make it happen, napping place!

Nora: a tv you can watch games on

Kirby: storage lockers, for things like suitcases or some program with subsidized fee

Zane: sounds goods!

James: going through design in the spring, we can go over things more!

Zane: welcome jenny!

Jenny: appreciate everyone being here, this is a very initial conversation. We have outgrown stark. 72+ students who wanted substance free. Auen & Fawcett floors have been used. 3rd floor valach is something we are using. Causes confusion across floors. What can we do to solve this problem for room draw next semester, what else would make sense. Gender inclusive option on stark floor. Not fully set up. Snap decision. Quick test out try out. What options are there in terms of living experiences. How do we make environments for students who want to be in these environments. Would love to hear from you all. Where? What floor? What building? Best way to get student involvement and feedback?

Senate: maybe consolidate south as a whole to be substance free

Josh: i disagree with that, i think its good to start making it seem like south quad as the substance free and non social quad. Interesting to see a dorm in north as substance free.

Jenny: that perception of south is smth RAs are working on, dont wanna turn south quad into a substance free environment.

Nicole: i still think the perception of south as being a quiet place should be a negative factor.

Solution - part of dorm being sub free is not as productive. Taking all of beckett?

Meg: agree w josh, not creating bubble of south being sub free, good to spread out and make mid quad dorms sub free, change culture

Jenny: dont wanna mix quiet with sub free, some people love being social and playing music

Nora: harder when floors are sub free, huge part of socializing and dorm community

Desmond: philips is a good candidate, make stark completely gender inclusive and then keep the dynamics of philips.

Jenny: bathroom layouts are something we are working on

Nicole: big fan of the way we lay out single gender bathrooms, smoke free dorms could be an idea, where alcohol is not the idea of substances

Jenny: that is a really important case with smoking in marks

Meg: secondary stairwells in fawcett and auens, cig bud smudges

Jenny: we will revisit the smoking vonco!

Jenny: what about more student input? Focus groups, tabling

Gio: anonymity is a plus for surveys, beanies and t shirts are a hit

Desmond: asking people abt their prefs gets people talking, people were willing to do that, so i think people would be willing

Nicole: really cool to send surveys out to accepted students, to see their prefs

Jenny: you can partake in the use of subs that can affect the community, can't make everyone else miserable, appreciate your time and this space tysm!

Josh: hi im josh at cmc, first time at senate, sophia & i run a club called student connection.

We've been doing great. Wanted to up the budget. Cmc has immense resources. We are also doing research with profs from berge and k lab. Fund raising, advertising, political advocacy

Sophia: junior at cmc, director of fundraising, 25 cmc students in our club. Uncommon good partnership, non profit org

Josh: bi weekly tutoring w k-12 students w one 5c student, more and more students are more interested in reaching out and partaking in this initiative

Josh: budget req for certified background checks on students, 35 per tutor, highest level of checking, 20 cmcers to star, 700, we will do our own fundraising for non cmc students

Nicole: mechanism to make sure they make commitment, those who we are paying to certify, later back out

Josh: yes we are very strict about it, we make sure they know. Hard to break off that relationship that starts once.

Zane: step out, AAA can give their deliberation.

Meg: So AAA heard, our rec is to fulfill their full request, if they had a group larger than 20 and those fees were provided in an equitable way. Our suggestion was full funding

Desmond: uncommon good is lit - for context

Nicole: motion to fund

Aara: seconded

Motion passes

Open forum:

- Committee reminders

Zane: on the first senate of the semester next spring, become senator, Any points

Carson: Motion to adjourn

Haven: seconded