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### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

## **December 5, 2021**

Officer	Position	Present/Absent
Katherine Esther Almendarez	President	Present
Sam Harrison	Executive Vice President	Present
Cindy Lay	Chief Ethics and Procedural Officer	Present
Chris LaRovere & Daniel Hayon	Interim Vice President of Student Activities	Absent
Jon Joey Telebrico	Vice President of Campus Organizations	Present
Desmond Mantle	Chief Financial Officer	Present
Nisha Singh	Presidential Advisor on Campus Reopening & Culture & Interim D&I 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	Absent
Josh Nagra	Presidential Advisor on Mental Health	Present
Peter Dien	Presidential Advisor on Divestment	Present

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Adamaris Sanchez	Presidential Advisor on Low Income Student Advocacy	Absent
Anna Green	RA Liaison	Absent
Eric Warmoth	RA Liaison	Present

#### Senate Chairs Attendance

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

# Agenda

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Approve 11/21 Minutes
- 3. Updates
- 4. Events Debrief-Tabled
- 5. Senior Stoles
- 6. Bubble Storage
- 7. Open line of communication
- 8. Open Forum

## I. Welcome

Call the meeting to order at 7:02 pm Pacific Time. Sam Harrison, EVP will be chairing this meeting.

# II. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes: Cindy



Seconded: Nisha Minutes have been approved.

# III. Executive Officer Updates

Katherine: Does anyone have any updates?

President: Katherine Esther Almendarez	
EVP: Sam Harrison	Met with concerned international students about accommodations for break. They will be meeting with Chodosh, we helped them bridge that gap. That was great. RAs are doing well, parties went well. Moveout is scheduled for Saturday after finals week. If you are staying over winter break let your RA know.
CEPO: Cindy Lay	Lots of DL issues. MK working on making transition docs for all exec officers. Christina- celebration was a success, working with advocates on hotline, all dorms will be doing study events this week.
VPSA: Chris LaRovere	
CFO: Desmond Mantle	Hang up on stipend payment, worked with MK, should be getting paid before break.
D&I: Nisha Singh	Met with affinity group leads ahead of the Presidential Committee's update meeting. Had D&I kickback on friday, went well.
VPCO: Jon Joey Telebrico	
Comptroller: <b>Peyton Ogasawara</b>	Looking to put together an end of semester audit report using dorm audits and club expenses. Visible before finals week.
COO (VOO): Caroline Bullock	
Class of 2024 President: Zane Yamamoto	Meeting with MK debriefing events, processing receipts, working on prom, worker appreciation day



Class of 2023 President : Amari Huang	Doing a study session with food for class next week. Workers' appreciation went well.
Class of 2022 President: Sobechukwu Uwajeh	Cabinet has been working on thesis party, and I will be taking them to dinner. Working on 100 days and a Vegas trip.
Class of 2025 President: Addison Reddinger	Planning study and snack this week. Workers' appreciation went well.
Presidential Advisor on Mental Health: <b>Josh Nagra</b>	Working to get an indigenous therapist and an LGBTQ+ therapist and working on substance abuse resources and sessions. Helpline is still going through the CMC legal team. Website being paid through CMC mental health fund.
Presidential Advisor on Low Income Student Advocacy: Adamaris Sanchez	
AAA Committee Chair: Michael Gadinis	
Environmental Affairs Committee Chair: Nicole Jonassen	
Academic Affairs Chair: Sam Bogen	Committee finished research on reading periods, hoping to have research finished before break so I can prepare some reports.
Community Service Chair: Kirby Kimball	
Student Life Chair: <b>Tyler Craigwell</b>	
RA Liaison: Anna Green and Eric Warmoth	
DAC Chair: <b>Christinia Campbell</b>	



Presidential Adviser on
Divest day went well, good show up, sent first DL email.

#### IV. Events Debrief

Tabled because VPSAs are not present.

<u>Cindy:</u> One thing MK was really upset about was that the Exec board was not there for clean up or set up. To make the clean up not go past 2am we should schedule help.

<u>Desmond</u>: I would be happy to help if it could be predetermined, if I knew when to help and where. More structure.

Cindy: One thing MK said is Exec members could have different jobs or certain parties.

Sam: Maybe sign ups passed around the Exec before the events

Sobe: In the past, I haven't had to help set up, why is this year different? What is the discrepancy?

<u>Cindy</u>: In Grace's term, we helped set up for the bigger events, I think Chandler was trying to move more event staff, I think we throw these as a team so we have to set them up and clean them up as a team.

<u>Sam B:</u> We owe it to the events team, they put in hours and hours of work and do not get paid the same we do. We are dealing with extra security measures. It is the least we could do to be available for set up or clean up.

<u>Sam H:</u> Clean up is only drawn out if there are only a few people there. We will create more structure with sign ups. File work orders in advance, do not do last second requests to bolster a better relationship with Storyhouse. As early as possible and as detailed as possible.

#### V. Senior Stoles

<u>Sobe:</u> Stoles have historically been an issue with ASCMC in the past. Basically clubs ask for funding to buy stoles for their members, and it gets obscenely expensive. In the past, they have thought of one stole for the entire class, and have clubs and organizations buy pins. Stoles have a big presence on graduation and can show discrepancies in participation. I don't know what the answer to this is. Did Desmond and Jon Joey consider stole budgeting?

Desmond: We did not write a line item for stoles, they can be requested for the Senate. We did not



want clubs to spend a lot of money on stoles. We encourage clubs to use pins.

<u>Jon Joey</u>: Clubs know that merchandise is not an allowable expense and are not line items. MK and I talked about it, in the past clubs could buy stoles if they had the money. We have to decide pins vs stoles now, pins are cheaper but they might require a lot of coordination.

<u>Sam H</u>: I am in favor of pins because they are cheaper and visibility issues.

Jon Joey: I understand the issue of equity because of involvement, the senior stole last year was a good move in making it equal. Graduation is such a special time, I think we should let clubs continue buying clubs but have the senior president buy a stole for the whole class. That is my own personal feelings. Because of the budget freeze, I probably will be able to find the funding for stoles this year. I can use my discretionary to help. We should probably take a straw poll on our stole policy, but we need to help people celebrate this accomplishment.

<u>Cindy</u>: In reference to stoles vs pins, we had a discussion in 2019 about it. Which clubs have them, which don't, as long as ASCMC does not provide the funding, I don't think this is an issue.

<u>Sam H</u>: We have to decide if clubs need to budget for stoles or request money and if we are setting a precedent.

Katherine: We need to make sure the stoles arrive on time regardless of our decision.

<u>Sam B</u>: I worry that if we say we can't fund it but you can will benefit the clubs that have more money. Or clubs that have outside funding sources can go to them. That might not be fair. My gut feeling is to say yes you can or no you can't.

<u>Sam H</u>: I am not sure we should consider last year as a precedent because there was so much left over money because we could not host events.

<u>Desmond</u>: Because of stole supply issues, we might need to switch stole suppliers. We need to find a new company.

<u>Katherine</u>: Should we talk to affinity groups feel about pins versus stoles because graduation might be more monumental to these groups.

<u>Sobe</u>: I think everyone should know even if ASCMC doesn't do stoles, 5C groups do stoles. Even if we are going to equalize, there will still be others having stoles.

<u>Nisha</u>: I am planning on meeting with affinity groups later this week, I will bring the stole debate up to them.



Zane: For the underclassmen and the board as a whole, I think we should outline our options and the effects.

<u>Sam</u>: The question is whether or not we should allow clubs to purchase stoles with their club budgeting. The consequences is that clubs with less budgeting will be unable to buy stoles. The options are yes you can buy stoles, you can buy stoles or pins, or we can say you cannot buy stoles and only buy pins. Stoles may make students feel less included based on participation. One way to mitigate this is to buy a senior class stole so that everyone could have a stole for equalizing. We might use the senior class fund, general fund, or senate fund. Sobe, how does the senior class budget look?

<u>Sobe</u>: We are on par to completely use the budget as is without stoles. We could utilize Alumni funds. We need to figure out what precedent to set, we can figure out money later.

<u>Sam</u>: Between budget freeze and senate and general funding this year, we can probably pay for senior stoles this year. We will be able to piece together funding for a senior class fund.

Amari: PPE and RDS and RAs will also have stoles

\*Straw poll: Exec board unanimously concurs that they would like a senior class stole

Clubs to purchase stoles: 7 (50/50)

Clubs to pins: 13 (13:1)

Looking at operating with Senior Class stole and working to have clubs institute pins rather than stoles.

Motion to table until further Exec: Sobe

Seconded: Sam H

# VI. Bubble Storage

Tabled until further Exec.

Motion to table discussion: Sam H

Seconded: Zane

### VII. Line of Communication

Tabled until further Exec.

Motion to table discussion: Sam B

Seconded: Sam H



## VIII. Open Forum

<u>Sobe</u>: Next Sunday we are doing our annual Exec holiday event. 7 pm. I feel like line of communication should be talked about now. Maybe with a month away, we might not be as intentional with our reflection and action. We have talked about it with parties and I wanted to know why Sam brought it up.

<u>Sam</u>: Lots of feedback with email. Students get a lot of DL emails about the same thing, or some students get no DL emails. Monte Carlo had so many emails. Mistletoe had one DL email. When it came to the Yule Ball event, the junior class got no formal information about ticketing. I don't know the perfect situation, it may be we need to be on top of when we send our emails and be intentional.

Zane: As sobe said earlier, given that Michael is working on the constitution, we can think about deficiencies of ASCMC and the constitution. We have so many students who have no notion of what ASCMC should and can do. Now is a good time to shape what ASCMC can and should do. Some officers have greater roles than others as well. Staff could also be helpful. When it comes down to it, we have to ask the exec to do it. Paid staff would be good because it would help more people be involved with ASCMC early. Pay is important because so many students already have so many things to do. This shouldn't just be a band-aid on persisting problems, now is a good time to fix the foundation.

<u>Sam B</u>: Over the break, Michael is just rewriting the constitution, not adding any policy changes.

Zane: Michael's committee is handling the shortening, so now we could work on policy changes.

Sam: Paid staff would be great, but funding might be an issue. Reach out to Michael.

<u>Amari</u>: To address Sam's original question, I did not email the juniors. I don't know why the ticketing information was not emailed to all the students?

<u>Sam</u>: Pomona had miscommunications, this could be due to VPSA turnover. I got a link from my friends which I forwarded to class presidents and VPSAs. Pomona sucks. But we have to compensate for issues. Most of the time the VPSAs should send it out, but if we are scrambling and it is class based it can fall on the class presidents.

<u>Katherine</u>: I would say something about effective communication, we are missing a marketing team on our board. We can definitely rely on Caroline, maybe we can provide a marketing team to pour out



information on the website and social media and communicate with the Exec board members. We need to have a team to send out information as soon as possible.

<u>Sam:</u> There will be a lot of restructuring and reorganizing of ASCMC as a whole this spring. We have this unique opportunity.

<u>Nisha</u>: Jon Joey and I, in light of post-covid and using the hybrid structure, are thinking of turnover and students going abroad. It can be an ongoing conversation, but it is a big ask for students going abroad to give up ASCMC.

Sam: We can discuss that in a future exec as an actual agenda item.

Desmond: It is almost 8.

Motion to adjourn: Desmond

Seconded: Cindy

Time ended: 7:58 pm PDT