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January 30, 2022

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	Present
Jon Joey Telebrico	Vice President of Campus Organizations	Present
Desmond Mantle	Chief Financial Officer	Present
	D&I Chair	
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	Absent
Peter Dien	Presidential Advisor on Divestment	Present
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	Present
Nicole Jonassen	Environmental Affairs Committee Chair	Present
Sam Bogen	Academic Affairs Chair	Present
Kimi Adler	Community Service Chair	Absent
Tyler Craigwell	Student Life Chair	Absent

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Approve 12/5 Minutes
3. Updates
4. Presentation of Constitution
5. Organizational Review
6. Class Discussions/COVID
7. Open Forum

I. Welcome

Call the meeting to order at 7:03 pm Pacific Time.

II. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes: Sam Harrison

Seconded: Jon Joey

Minutes have been approved.

III. Executive Officer Updates

Katherine: Does anyone have any updates?

President: Katherine Esther Almendarez	We were all involved in incoming meetings and zoom and returning to campus. Board meetings postponed due to wind. Clay and I are working on D&I hiring. I will reach out to the committee. There may be members from the committee applying, a lot of underclassmen applicants and some seniors. We will reinstall the low income student advocacy group this semester.
EVP: Sam Harrison	
CEPO: Cindy Lay	Shout out to the people who did the readings of the constitution. D&I settled before the next exec.
VPSA: Chris LaRovere & Daniel Hayon	We can't be hosting events now. In communication with MK. Wedding party will be our first event, tentatively on February 11th. We've been looking at a couple non-drinking events in place of parties that would be going on. The bubble has been cleaned recently.
CFO: Desmond Mantle	Senate Chairs will be getting paid soon! They've done a great job! Fill out your self-assessments
D&I:	
VPCO: Jon Joey Telebrico	Club Fair postponed until friday February 4th. MK let me know that. There's a number of new charters I need to review and other general programming and auditing.
Comptroller: Peyton Ogasawara	
COO (VOO): Caroline Bullock	
Class of 2024 President: Zane Yamamoto	I had a call with the VPSAs to do with prom. The calendar has been shifted around. Had some discussion with Addi about a freshman x sophomore mixer.
Class of 2023 President :	



Amari Huang	
Class of 2022 President: Sobechukwu Uwajeh	Over break, I worked on a 100 days venue, nothing is settled yet. We have a couple of options and more ideas in case we can't do the typical venue
Class of 2025 President: Addison Reddinger	
Presidential Advisor on Mental Health: Josh Nagra	
Presidential Advisor on Low Income Student Advocacy: Adamaris Sanchez	
AAA Committee Chair: Michael Gadinis	My big update is my rewriting of the constitution. I will also be sending out a feedback form to everyone who made a senate funding request to help make ASCMC more accessible! Also Desmond, I didn't get the email about the performance eval!
Environmental Affairs Committee Chair: Nicole Jonassen	
Academic Affairs Chair: Sam Bogen	Over break, our committee met along with international students to focus on international student issues. We worked on some events, notably some hikes. We worked on making sure the transition was smooth. Reading period is being worked on.
Community Service Chair: Kimi Adler	
Student Life Chair: Tyler Craigwell	
RA Liaison: Anna Green and Eric Warmoth	



DAC Chair: Christinia Campbell	I just got the vegetarian debacle sorted at Collins, just made some alcohol EDU posters I am working with MK and working on mid chair soiree
Presidential Adviser on Divestment: Peter Dien	

IV. Presentation of Constitution

Michael: I took on our current ASCMC student constitution, reworked it into five documents. Structurally, it is different from what we currently have. We currently have a really long document with misorganized clauses. My constitution is organized.

Constitution- intentionally really short- just supposed to provide a barebone structure for ASCMC and all the essentials to our being

Board of Directors Bylaws- outline how meetings of the board work, who the officers, staff, and committees are and what their responsibilities are

Senate- overview of what the senate is, who the senators and senate staff is

Finance- outlay for compensation, endowment, and requesting funds

Procedurals- proxies, elections, appointments, secession and replacement

Questions on Structure?

Cindy Lay: If we somehow pass this 3 page constitution, we would be passing the fact that this is a new structure, not passing amendments and changing the constitution itself

Michael: This is the same content, so when we want to amend the constitution later, we can more easily amend the constitution. We are just approving the structure.

Sobe: Why are they called Bylaws?

Desmond: It's how any organization details its rules in detail. Bylaws are internal stuff. Its just the term to use for guidelines of procedure outside of the constitution. Does the constitution reference the bylaws by reference so that we are bound by them?

Michael: Yes, and similarly, where the constitution is mentioned, so are the bylaws.

I went through your constitution edits, and fixed all grammatical errors and suggestions. I copied all amendment suggestions as this is not what our aim is currently. I left comments that could be fixed via strawpoll or conversation. Let's go through the comments. Any changes that are made today will be sent to my committee and so that we can present and recommend to the senate as to what whether it shall pass or not. Same constitution, different structure, amendments will change in the coming weeks.

Sam B: Should this be pushed back a week so that the Senate can vote first?



Katherine: Is this okay considering the timeline that Michael shared with us?

Michael: We could do it, but if we push it back a week, it will give us one less week to work on amending the constitution, it just prolongs the process.

Katherine: Let's have the discussion now, and let the senate vote.

Sam B: Rename the constitution to mission statement- it may be confusing for people who are not familiar with ASCMC. This is more to clarify- don't care either way

Michael: In order to have bylaws, you need a constitution

Zane: We can say we have a mission statement within the constitution, but the constitution as our founding document is important

Jon Joey: I was confused with the Seal language, I think we should be using our logo as our seal. We should scrap the section or fix the language to describe what it actually is.

Michael: Does anyone think the seal is necessary? I don't think so.

Jon Joey: This diversity statement is interesting. It is worth a conversation on equity and how we should review, audit, and follow how we act on the commitments. We should make language changes and do follow up actions that embody equity and our application process, and resolve our ASCMC issues. We can always be working to be more equitable. Maybe it is time to update that statement, without being performative.

Desmond: The reason it does not include the word equity was me as a freshman senator, I no longer have any qualms against it. I am afraid the word equity is a content change, it should include equity but it is a much larger conversation. I don't think inserting the word now would be good at all considering.

Katherine: Would adding equity be an amendment or just a longer discussion?

Michael: We couldn't have to vote on it, we would just have to discuss it. Or we could add it to our end of term duties as a separate amendment.

Zane: I was wondering if we make this change we could attach a reminder to come back to it and discuss to see how equity is related to ASCMC. Maybe we could devote some other exec to the word equity.



Katherine: We should discuss this. At first it was diversity, then we added inclusion, but we now need to add equity. We need to discuss the implication of the word diversity. We should table that discussion.

Jon Joey: I don't think this matters all too much, I was curious as to what it means to be enrolled here, I think it is anyone here attending classes. I guess I was wondering if the word enrolled covers both of that, and if it covers study abroad students, and whether study abroad students can be included in ASCMC. This is not going to be covered tonight, but will be a separate conversation in our hiring process. If we should expand our process for remote work.

Desmond: The membership is more about voters than officeholders. The membership is everyone enrolled because they pay student fees. I do think for membership it would be important to clarify those who study abroad because they pay student fees, but not students who are taking a leave of absence.

Michael: How can we clarify membership- should I add that students paying the mandatory student fee for the college gain membership. Change it to paying student fee and enrollment.

Zane: For the discussion about officer positions, any elected member must be there for the term, but I think appointed positions may be able to be remote or abroad? A loophole.

Cindy: Yes there are loopholes, but when we try to make it so there are no loopholes it becomes excessive. Be wary of this.

Jon Joey: Do we even functionally host a school-wide vote other than elections?

Michael: It is not laid out whether it is senators or school members vote, and votes on members of the board by all students, it should be left.

Eric: RA liaison was left as staff, I was wondering if RA liaison needs to be clarified as an exec board member.

Michael: Technically, you aren't on exec, we just show up and advise. Splitting VPSA would be an amendment.

Sam B: Review by the senate is very vague, maybe it should be announced to the senate

Michael: We should just cut this clause, I don't think this happens often.

Desmond: It happens once a year, if that.



Cindy: The past CEPOs gave themselves a lot of power, we should just cut these.

Michael: We need to lay out who has access to closed minutes, for the time being, I will just keep this clause. Typographical changes.

Eric: There is a lot of stuff that does not really exist anymore, can they be deleted?

Michael: If they really aren't positions anymore, I will just cut this out.

Desmond: The rainy day fund is the extra money in case we run a deficit for the year. We keep this safe and don't use it unless we are in an emergency.

Michael: Special processes are laid out below. Keep a description of instant runoff voting somewhere within the documents. Lots of conversations moved until later.

Katherine: Amazing Michael, that was amazing, and a lot of work.

V. Organizational Review

Katherine: We will go into more detail later, what the organizational or systemic flaws that we can amend or fix so that the next organization can be in a better position and place that we are given that we had remote and pandemic learning. Please chat within your circle to see what they think of ASCMC and gather data and other flaws. Brainstorm solutions to fix those. Zane is working on a comprehensive document and will present at a later exec. Spring is the time for us to improve, and I will reach out to a professional for us to help us.

Jon Joey: Are we reporting on notes we have, or are we just having a conversation as to what we are going to fix or put in our transition documents.

Katherine: Maybe we can have one google doc, and read before. We can group issues and discuss if there are more questions. Essentially just gathering data.

Zane: Maybe people can ask what they know about ASCMC, what they think of that. Share your own inefficiencies, think about other people in the student body thinks about how ASCMC functions, and things you know specifically about your role.

Sam B: It is really important to find out what people see and not see- what are our flaws- what are we not doing what the students think we should be doing?



VI. Class Discussions/COVID

Katherine: I am trying to understand what is going on, right now we are remote. Looking for a vibe check on the campus given that we are online and returning soon.

Sam B: Was hoping to add this as a senate item. Outdoor wind tents have been rebuilt. On the admin side, very confident we will be going back in person. Looking to see how comfortable people are with going back and precautions. There have been a lot of flipped classrooms, and many students aren't a big fan of that, lots of students want synchronous classes.

Sobe: If anyone has any ideas of what I can do for my class during this hectic time, food works, but we are trying not to gather. Giving spring 2020 vibes, lots of students are worried about online school

Cindy Lay: One thing that works at Senior Apartments is coffee and donuts

Katherine: Maybe have foods in multiple spots, any last comments?

Colin Sam: There is a good deal of uncertainty as to what is allowed and what isn't. If we could focus on being proactive as to letting people know what is allowed and what isn't. We need to let the students know.

Sam B: Creating a live FAQ doc might be really helpful. Whenever someone has a question it could be answered right away. I am happy to help create this form so DOS and students have that livestream of information. (Kimi will help)

VII. Open Forum

Motion to adjourn: Zane Yamamoto

Seconded: Cindy Lay

Time ended: 8:04 pm PDT