

Senate Meeting Minutes

23 January, 2023

Start Time: 8:03 pm

End Time: 8:54 pm

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approve [1/23/23 Minutes](#)
3. Standing Committee Updates
 - a. AAA - Chair Meg Birenbaum '25
 - b. AAC - Chair Aara Nanavaty '25
 - c. CSC - Chair Haven Qin '25
 - d. EAC - Chair Kristen Lu '24
 - e. SLC - Chair Nicole Jonassen '24
4. Special Committee Updates
 - a. Committee to Consider the Resolution on the Protection of the Social Life - Chair Trevor Klein '24
5. Athenaeum Advisory Committee Nominee Confirmation
6. Free Laundry Discussion - Dormitory Affairs Chair Kirby Kimball '25
7. Student Fee Update - Chief Financial Officer Peyton Ogasawara '24
8. Senate Committees Reminder
9. Open Forum

Minutes

1. Call to order: 8:03 PST

2. Approve 1/23 minutes

- a. Motion to approve past weeks' minutes: Yohanan
- b. Seconded: Nicole
- c. Motion passes

3. Agenda 4: Special Committee Updates

- a. Zane: Special committee on special thingy
- b. X: appointed chair, looking forward to work w dos and improve nightlife at cmc, discussed resolution, wanna edit it before we send it to the student body. Meeting w dos, discuss concrete changes, bring back events, kegs restrictions, registered events, easy to become event hosts, quiet hours discussion, we don't wanna drop quiet hours but work on something,
- c. Zane: thank you any comments or questions, no, cool

4. Agenda 5: Athenaeum Advisory Committee Nominee Confirmation

- a. Zane: nomination for ath advisory committee, 1 applicant, pls dont reject, Kara Hagler
- b. Motion to approve the nominee: senator
- c. Seconded
- d. Passed

5. Agenda 6: Free Laundry Discussion

- a. Leading: Kirby

- b. Kirby: laundry machine system problematic and struggle to work with, working w dos to help these issues, subsidize cost thru student fees, annual fund, swipe card multiple times, sometimes machines don't work, refunding process, dollar each for wash and dry, refund later credit card debit card, tough for international students who don't have access to credit debit, reducing fees, any questions
- c. Zane: any questions comments on the floor, none, ok cool
- d. Senator: who owns the laundry machines, cmc or private company
- e. Kirby: private company called wash, *senate laughs* replace w machines that don't require swipe
- f. Senator: student fee model, how much money would be coming out of our fund
- g. Kirby: 120 for the year, 60 per semester, could not include all of that in student fees, fundraising teams to work towards this
- h. Senator: if we aren't doing 2 loads a week we are paying for people doing 2 a week
- i. Zane: you pay for events regarding whether you pay for it not, econ50 public good
- j. Carson: use washes when they don't need to
- k. Kirby: over usage is always a concern, set norms to treat machines w respect, we can look more into that i don't see that as such a big issue, i hope that's not what cmc students would do
- l. Bella: getting more machines in building, like south quad, 2 machines for like 75 people
- m. Kirby: yeah, expanding amount of machines as well

- n. Senator: have we looked into a diff company, our machines always broken, or school make an investment into washing machines and fix them internally
- o. Zane: probably they have some contract w the company wash
- p. Kirby: yeah so it is being done, when machines go out of use, our facilities cant fix them special team comes in and fixes them looking to replace company as well
- q. Zane: any further q's and comments reach out to kirby

6. Agenda 7: Student Fee Update

- a. Peyton: raising student fees, update, \$350 the number we are going with, revisit laundry system thingy and then have a vote again, how exactly we would subsidize still looking at it dont expect for it to increase the budget that much
- b. Zane: any q's
- c. Zane: context to student fee increase
- d. Senator: for parties and events, ambulances and safeties has gone up cost wise, what's the plan for this, didn't cmc pay for that
- e. Tori: accounting billing issue with third party security service, they weren't sending the full bill or a bill,
- f. Senator: how long was that going on
- g. Tori: planning club claremont, comparing prices and seeing from last year, asked mk how is this possible, they had not been billing properly, i believe they fixed that this year
- h. Senator: we do need money to actually pay for events, charge more for tickets, necessary increase

- i. Zane: 285-235, 100k surplus carried over, down to 60k covering gap in revenue, nothing by next year, increase in number of clubs, fee is still up for discussion, 350 based on inflation, make up for lost ground, and wouldn't be permanent, 1/5th lower than pomona
- j. Senator: cmc is still running on covid budget
- k. Zane: doing best with what we have
- l. Sam: club budget has stayed the same since covid levels, even pre covid levels, its not enough, we have more clubs and existing ones want more money
- m. Nicole: isn't it true a large portion of budget is unspent
- n. Zane: 4% of total budget, discretionary budget

7. Agenda 8: Open forum

- a. Camille: some questions regarding resolutions, special committee directed to the chair trevor, what pre pandemic nightlife are you referencing that you would like to revert back to
- b. Trevor: you probably know more than me because you are a senior, we had events every week, tnc and events on saturday, that's not what we have anymore, Tori doesn't have enough people right now as well on her events team, in a tough spot, want to give her the support
- c. Camille: on the topic of increased number of people a host can have, if you want a bigger event, you are encouraged to collab w the events team, u can get funding and just more resources for that party to be safe, concerned about desires to serve specific types of alcohol

- d.** Trevor: beer has low % of alc compared to other, we think it's not a danger to students, love for all the events to be registered and go thru the process, dos is not supporting this so people do it on their own
- e.** Camille: what parties events have u tried to hold that dos have not tried to host
- f.** Trevor: class cabinet pre games, have red wine at those pre games
- g.** Josh: red wine has higher alc content
- h.** Trevor: we did ask why no red wine, did not get a clear answer
- i.** Camille: dos does not owe u answer
- j.** Trevor: i think they owe us an answer, rationale reason
- k.** Camille: dos is constantly thinking of safety and everyone involved is safe and this includes everyone, RAs, they owe you more than they are giving, students are constantly disrespectful to them, not considerate of the time and energy they put in
- l.** Trevor: why is it necessary to oppose red wine
- m.** Camille: encourage student to think about why certain alcs are not funded
- n.** Senator: if i can get free alc i will go
- o.** Camille: open safe drinking culture , at normal unis its way worse, here you get a letter and a convo trying to educate you
- p.** Trevor: cmc's drinking culture has certain certain advs but there are other schools who are relaxed, example mudd, much more relaxed compared to cmc
- q.** Josh: mudd also has a student body of 500+ per class, and non 5c events
- r.** Nisha: on a specific part of the reso, why are there issues w the 20 minute event host training

- s. George Skaff: there hasn't been any trainings for a plan for a while, they need to be more regular and streamlined
- t. Eris: MK has been very accommodating
- u. Camille: did 1v1 training w students today, please be understanding
- v. Senator: i did just mention she did accommodate me later on, there should be more access to those who want to be trained, if she is the only one doing it, it might be too much for her, divide it up with other people who can give trainings
- w. Camille: they do group ones
- x. Senator: if more people want to it should be more accessible
- y. Senator: more streamlined process with more people to do it
- z. Anderson b: how can it be done more efficiently
- aa. Senator: once every week, you need to reach out yourself and do it, more accessible way to do it
- bb. Eris: very simple process, email, set a date, she has other jobs as well, when she can
- cc. Senator: thats nice, entire resp on her, someone else could also give trainings, more times to do this
- dd. Nicole: just like how teal dot training is done, certain staff members are associated w/ it who also give the trainings, we could train students, deputize students that learn training, care about it and train others
- ee. Senator: reso is more than this, it's not a personal attack against dos, want to give students with a voice

- ff.** Nicole: all for this, intend for it to be professional criticism though, use professional language, be more respectful
- gg.** Senator: i don't think we put any scandal in it, everything was true and confirmed
- hh.** Trevor: hearsay and scandal are not true, it was confirmed by RAs
- ii.** Bella: was it sent in an email
- jj.** Zane: yes this morning's email
- kk.** Nisha: if it this much of a concern, there were many parties in the fall, i was here fall 2019, cmc social life, it was inclusive, poc and queer people feel a lot more comfortable, you don't need to binge drink to enjoy, events team apps open, a lot of ways to help better the social life than call someone out, a party culture being inclusive requires a lot to be inclusive
- ll.** Trevor: actively working with the events team, and want to have more meetings with them. brought up in the resos, place like pomona is more restrictive, parties lot less inclusive, lightening some of these restrictions will allow for parties to be more inclusive
- mm.** Gio: event registration grievance, what do you want changed
- nn.** Trevor: cap raised for the number of people you can host, other people be able to raise huge parties, not all work on tori
- oo.** Gio: legally can't do that
- pp.** Peyton: u cant use money for alc that's against constitution

8. Motion to adjourn:

- a. Seconded
- b. Motion clearly passes

9. Meeting adjourned at: 8:54pm

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