



Associated Students of Claremont McKenna College

Senate

September 15th, 2014

Highlights: *(find the matching color within the minutes for more information)*

- **Elected Positions**

- Elections Committee: Sidd, Haley, Richard
- Budget Committee: Aman, Tyler
- PSR for High-Risk Drinking and Illegal Drug Use: Jack
- PSR for Campus Climate (identity, diversity, speech): West
- PSR for Sexual Assault and Title IX: Talia
- PSR for Academic Integrity: Rita

- **Freshman President Elections**

- September 23rd: Special snack @ 9:30 to hear speeches
- September 24th: Voting

- **Formal Majority Amendment**

- Passed
- We will no longer be voting by dorms! 1 Senator = 1 Vote

Call to Order: 9:09pm

1. Approval of Senate Minutes
 - A. Approved

2. Board Updates
 - A. Dispensed

3. Election for Elections Committee

- A. Michael's Explanation:

- i Elections Committee runs the elections that happen twice a year (freshman elections and full Spring elections)
 - ▷ Prepare, count ballots, ensure rule following, smooth process, nominate people for appointed positions in Spring after large elections (apptd: CFO, CO, ExecSec), behind the scenes.
 - ▷ If you're running in freshman class elections you CANNOT run for elections committee.

- B. 3 Seats Available

- i Candidates: Sidd Mandava, Haley Goodman, Richard Harris

4. Election for Budget Committee

- A. Michael's Explanation:

- i Budgeting Committee: 2 senators + several exec board members.
 - ▷ In charge of preparing ASCMC's annual budget (\$300,000+ for parties/clubs/orgs). Decide how all the money is allocated between each fund. Listening to why people need the money and using judgment to come up with a budget that will serve CMC best.
 - ▷ Budgeting process is happening currently for the upcoming year.

- B. 2 Seats Available

- i Candidates: Christian, Aman, Nedim, Tyler, Ben Kahn, Ben Sacks
- ii Debate

5. Open Forum

- A. Consortium Affairs Committees
 - i Will & Tyler will be meeting with exec staff from CUC for some partnership ideas and for developing relationship with them in case of issues
- B. AAA
 - i Meeting Sunday once committee is finalized to go over early proposals for different events
- C. Campus Improvements
 - i Trying to use Venmo to pay for groceries/deliveries
 - ii First delivery next Friday (fingers crossed)
- D. Advancement & Development
 - i Meeting to renegotiate contract

6. Update on Freshman Class Elections & Senate Committee Applications

- A. Christine: Freshmen candidates are asking around for petition signatures
 - i Elections the 24th, Speeches the 23rd, freshmen will have a special snack at 9:30
- B. Senate Committee Apps due last week, applicants will be notified around Wednesday-Thursday

7. Formal Majority Amendment

- A. Michael's Explanation:
 - i Voting on important things is currently by dorm- each dorm gets one vote based on the most popular of their residents. Inclusiveness is important since the dorm thing isn't considered very necessary anymore, it's been debated for many years, please read the proposed Constitutional amendment, consider what this brings vs takes away. Voting on this today.
- B. Discussion- Michael answering majority of the questions
 - i Anything that currently requires 2/3rds formal vote will be 2/3rds simple majority
 - ii If a dorm didn't show up, we used to count it as abstaining
 - iii Off-campus is considered their own dormitory group
 - iv Michael wrote this amendment as a freshman, and it's a discussion the Senate has been having for a long time. Wrote up so we can have this debate. Cabinet committee chairs have their own opinions about the matter.
 - v It takes a long time to do formal majority vote
 - vi What if you have a tie within the dorm? → abstaining
 - vii Why would you want the system? Some dorms are somewhat overrepresented, so if we have 1 senator= 1 vote then Fawcett/Auen might have way more influence because of how many of them there are. If there are only 3 Wohlford (for example), with the old system they still have equal representation
 - viii Have you ever felt like there's a specific issue that required formal vote where a specific dorm's perspective really mattered/made a difference?
 - ▷ North quad underrepresented, but Senate doesn't fund parties so it doesn't necessarily matter
 - ix In all years in Senate, people tend to approve things
 - x Need 2/3rds majority for Constitutional amendments and to remove an officer from office
 - xi Michael working on making Constitution more concise (currently 40 pages) without changing content
 - xii Is there a concern that a quorum couldn't be reached? In the old system, if a dorm doesn't show up, we don't hit quorum, but in the new method we just need $\frac{1}{2} + 1$ of current Senators to

- have quorum
- C. Voting (formal majority)
 - i Appleby- yay
 - ii Boswell- yay
 - iii Wohlford- yay
 - iv Green- yay
 - v Off-Campus- yay
 - vi Apartments- yay
 - vii Phillips- yay
 - viii Berger- yay
 - ix Beckett- yay
 - x Crown- yay
 - xi Marks- yay
 - xii Benson- yay
 - xiii Fawcett- yay
 - xiv Stark- yay
 - xv Auen- yay
 - xvi Motion Passes

8. At-Large Elections for Personal, Social, Responsibility

- A. Last week we sent out applications, working with administration and Pres. Chodosh.
 - i Procedure: Speeches, Debate, Vote
- B. PSR for High-Risk Drinking and Illegal Drug Use
 - i Candidates: Cole '17 , Jack '18
 - ii Debate
- C. PSR for Campus Climate (identity, diversity, speech)
 - i Candidates: West '15, Aseem '15, Moe '15
 - ii Debate
- D. PSR for Sexual Assault and Title IX
 - i Candidates: Talia '15, Erin '16
 - ii Debate
- E. PSR for Academic Integrity
 - i Candidates: Rita '15, Daveek '16
 - ii Debate

9. Closing Remarks

- A. Will- Choosing committees is very important, thank you for staying through the meeting.

Adjourn: 10:41pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Mica Laber

Secretary of the Senate