



## Associated Students of Claremont McKenna College

### Senate

September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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

- Monte Carlo
  - Buy tickets, 5C, reception & live band, super fun!
- Resolution on Social Responsibility Discussion
  - Focus on student accountability and acceptance, build relationship with DOS & administration
  - Allows for students to feel comfortable enough to speak up to disruptive people at events/parties on the basis of community values that everyone agreed on, rather than just personal concerns
- 2014-2015 Budget Discussion
  - Make sure to look it over because we will be voting on it at the next meeting

Call to Order: 9:09pm

1. Approval of Senate Minutes
    - A. Approved
  2. Board Update
    - A. Will Su (see his email)
      - i Squarespace Contest
      - ii Grocery Delivery
        - ▷ Back weekly due to popular demand. Order by Wednesday, see past emails for info
      - iii Senate Fund Application
      - iv Junior Class President Ben Turner
        - ▷ Monte Carlo
          - Email sent out with lots of infor
          - Open to all 5Cs to buy tickets, make sure non-5C guests register
          - Super fun event- people abroad wish they were here!
          - Style this year is different from past year
          - Reception 8-9:30 music, food, cool activities
          - Live band at 10pm, goes until 1am
          - Promote it to the other Cs!
3. Committee Chair Updates
  - A. AAA
    - i The form sent out by Will on Monday
    - ii Will be voting next Senate on the first funding request
    - iii Working on campus security resolution
    - iv Sending out form for all available resources into how to get money
  - B. Campus Improvements
    - i Red Cup Raffle
      - ▷ Red trash cans in partnership with Spear
      - ▷ Opportunity to write name on cup, if your name is drawn then you get 240 red cups from Costco
  - C. Consortium Affairs
    - i Will and Tyler in discussion with Cs about finding a head to campus security

- ii CMCers on committee to elect new director as well as new officers
  - ▷ Hoping to make it run more efficiently
- iii Committee members went to meetings at the various 5Cs to be more informed
- D. Development
  - i Yearbook
    - ▷ Someone is taking the lead to make sure it's an awesome yearbook
    - ▷ Hard copy and digital version that is interactive and unique to CMC
    - ▷ Newsletter in the works to connect alumni to present students
    - ▷ Meeting with development office to get rolling on fundraising
- E. Technology and Innovation
  - i Drones for aerial footage of upcoming parties and social events
  - ii Improving social networking presence of CMC
  - iii Hubify- order Hub food from your phone
  - iv Campus safety app
    - ▷ Allows you to report incidents with geotag locations, leaky sprinklers and broken dorm items, etc., so they can respond at a more timely rate
  - v 6 other projects on the back burner!

#### 4. Resolution on Social Responsibility Discussion

- A. Ben Tillotson (check out his forum article)
  - i Read resolution
    - (<http://www.associatedstudentsofclaremontmckennacollege.org/news/2014/9/26/ascmc-resolution-on-personal-responsibility>)
  - ii Passed on exec board, needs to pass on senate
  - iii If 2/3rds of the student body has signed it, then exec board will mandate that to attend anything ASCMC you have to have signed it
  - iv Framing the problem this grew out of:
    - ▷ since freshman year, things on campus have gotten less open, less autonomy, less safe
    - ▷ students and admin notice it's an issue, but nothing has been done to address it
    - ▷ students think it's from increased restriction
    - ▷ admin says they're forced to have these policies because of unsafe behavior
    - ▷ no seeing eye-to-eye = no progress
    - ▷ Last Toga, lots of transports. It was Chodosh's 2<sup>nd</sup> week on campus. Rightly concerned. These behaviors are not acceptable on campus. Either Chodosh acts unilateral with admin, or students step up and change behavior and some of the unsafe norms on campus
      - Hoping this will raise these concerns and lead to some change
  - v What it addresses
    - ▷ Chodosh's concerns are real. And while we don't necessarily want administration to do it, some stuff should be done, at least by us
    - ▷ This is only a pledge- not binding- hoping people will take seriously
    - ▷ It can break the gridlock between DOS and admin
      - If we all collectively step up to act on it and show effort to be more responsible, then they will hopefully be able to meet us halfway and give some leeway on the policies
    - ▷ Issues with policies
      - Lack of kegs has seen increase of hard alcohol
      - The apartments are no longer allowed for official parties so now it's just for pregames and unofficial events
  - vi Will be voting on this next week, taking questions and feedback
  - vii Discussion

- ▷ 1-7 builds a wide definition of “respect”. Is there a way of enforcing this at ASCMC-sponsored events? I don't think that people who sign it will follow it.
  - There is no hard enforcement mechanism attached. It's a recognition of the problems seen on campus and a pledge to act upon it.
- ▷ This will hopefully roll out, the student body will engage in discussions about it, and when people are being rowdy and disruptive, we students will feel okay about saying something about it because it's the values we hold as a community.
- ▷ Most students already follow this 100% of the time. Usually the issues are caused by a much smaller segment of the student body.
- ▷ There's a lot of benefit in having a large majority sign it openly to show that we aren't tolerating the issues.
- ▷ Undermining the value that people have with each other here, especially because we can tell each other what's cool and what isn't. We will all hold each other accountable, and much better than what DOS can do. It gives us a stake in the game.
- ▷ It would legitimize stepping up and saying something. A lot of bystanders might be afraid to step up and say something to someone going against our *personal* values. Especially if 75% of the students have signed it, then you use it as a shield that CMC thinks it's wrong, not just an individual.
- ▷ 95% of us hold this true, but the 5% still get confrontation and dorm damages and the same issues in the lounges, quads, ASCMC events, and they decided they don't hold these values true. I'm concerned those signing this are those who already hold it true. I worry that this is not going to change those individuals that don't care about monthly charges and their peers. This is an idealistic movement.
  - It's better to make an attempt and raise awareness than do nothing
- ▷ What if the admin sees that people who signed it continue to break these values? What if they put down their foot as a result?
  - The problem is that nothing has been done up until now, there have been tons of discussion in exec board about ways to go about it, this is the best option.
- ▷ This is not realistic about creating an actual conversation and culture change. It's easy to brush off and forget, especially if you don't go to these meetings. How does this become a discussion past the DL emails?
  - Exec board is going door to door to facilitate personal discussions
  - This is not a last resort- there are other options if this doesn't work out.
- ▷ Support it, because it can't hurt!
- ▷ People will be more willing to speak up because it's official CMC values not just personal
- ▷ It's saying we believe in this as a community. Now this puts the burden on us to stop bad things. It's in the right direction, and we need to call together meetings to talk about this and having a CMC honor culture, which may be the step after this.
- ▷ What efforts in the past have been made so that more than just the people who are here have the conversation? Door-to-door is great, but that should have happened to have this conversation, not just to promote it. People might feel it's imposed because it's coming from ASCMC rather than a group discussion. Worried that it doesn't come from within everyone in the student body.
  - Intended to role this out last semester
  - Outreach and feedback into making this document
    - Cole, who has been working on this from beginning:
      - Never being deceptive or trying to cover up the document itself. Didn't realize how transparent the process needed to be. Lots of emails/meetings, but in hind sight it's difficult to have expected people to know as much about it as those working on it so closely. Last December, there was a round table on the

social climate, talked with Chodosh, discussed social issues similar to those facing now. Chodosh decided on focus areas, and those are the committees in place now. His initiative on personal and social responsibility. Class presidents have decided to make themselves as available as possible for discussion about this. Trying to be as accessible as possible so people come to us with the questions they have. There are other options on the table, this is not the last resort, but based on reactions from drafting process that led to this, this was the one coming most from the students.

- This does not solve our problems, it encourages us to solve our own problems.
- There weren't as many people at round table discussion as we would have hoped, this needs to be presented very delicately.
- Consider when it's being rolled out, and in reference to future initiatives. It is perceived as if it's coming from people already leading the student body (not necessarily just ASCMC) that already involved with admin. Definitely think it's a good step to take, but maybe have more conversations in how to roll it out and sell it.
- Have there been any conversations with admin to see if there's commitment from them too? Whether this or something of the sort. We're doing our part- what about them?
  - Ben- from working with admin all 4 years, I have not seen them budge on any of these policies at all over the 4 years, and having them do anything without us stepping up first is very unlikely. Genuinely think that us collectively pledging to do this is a good way to throw ball back into their court to hope for change
- How can we as a community, as a next step from this idealistic signing, take that and address individuals who we recognize as regular violators and make sure that everyone is being more accountable? Not just checking email and signing document?
  - Those on the fence need to feel like it's coming from them.
  - It's up to us to give those not as involved a voice. Can't say "idk how to reach them" when we have the ability to do it.
  - We need to get creative about reaching out to these people
- I've never seen anyone go up to the troublemakers and tell them to stop. This document gives us something to stand on with 75% of the student body so we can actually say something.
- People tend to have a flare for the dramatic- posting it on doors, really awesome if everyone here scheduled one time they're available and scheduled a massive info session at every lounge led by different people here, so dramatic and seen everywhere so it can't be missed, so even the disruptive people can't ignore.
- While we already hold this, putting it on paper finalizes it, showing expectations.
- When real issues (like lounge trashing) happens, call an RA who knows what to do and it will alleviate the pressure on you
- The hurdle does not exist in signing the document- it's about ensuring that this behavior continues past the first initial week when we refer to it all the time. Need a plan- i.e. teal dot training
- People should sign it regularly- every semester to remind them every time so they don't forget about it, reinforces it so people see it more than just the one time
- Get creative- when you sign it you get a bracelet(etc), use it as a visual reminder
- A good place to start is the freshman class because their culture isn't defined yet, they will influence the next class
- The focus should be taken OFF the actual document itself. We have the values already- we just need people to actually defend these values on a day-to-day situation, and other people to back them up

- What I would ask from Senate, with the knowledge that it's a small school, reasonable to assume that this discussion can reach the majority of our student body through the people here.
- viii Ben- I don't want this to pass Senate until we all feel good about the plan going forward- we will take as long as necessary. Making a group with those who had good ideas today to make a good roll-out plan.

## 5. Open Forum

- A. Freshmen Monte Carlo invite should have been sent out
- B. Did everyone have fun at Foam?!
- C. Reminder- if you want to stay and help make plan for roll-out

## 6. 2014-2015 Budget Discussion

- A. A week to think about the budget and suggest things, email Will/Aviv. Voting at next meeting.
- B. CFO Aviv Caspi
  - i Sometimes context is necessary to understand the decisions
  - ii Big difference in spring party- the conversation is ongoing about what that will look like
    - ▷ that's why no revenue plan for it right now
  - iii why is there a decrease in student fees?
    - ▷ Always budget 300000 but always lower because of people abroad- absurd to budget for max when we never get it
  - iv CFO Operations Fund used to be office supplies
    - ▷ quick book fees (doubled last year from 30-72)
  - v Rainy Day Fund
    - ▷ initiated 2 years ago- hoping it grows to 10% of operating budget
  - vi Dorm Discretionary Fund
    - ▷ Dorms to fund events they want, some dorms use it really well, some don't
    - ▷ now there's an application for extra money if they're doing a cool event and their initial funds aren't enough
  - vii At the end of the year, money not spent is frozen and re-appropriated toward where extra money is necessary. Surplus moves toward Rainy Day Fund
  - viii Why were dorm fees cut?
    - ▷ Not being used effectively, event management costs, done in a technically correct way
  - ix Why is Spring Party going through redesign?
    - ▷ Not budget committee's job to figure out the policies, last year was just a re-brand, now seeing if it's going in a different direction
  - x Event Expenses
    - ▷ Along lines of what happened last year
    - ▷ Trying to be more aware of campus security costs
    - ▷ We pay event staff and camp sec separately from how we budget for events, which is counter-intuitive because planners should keep this in mind.
  - xi Campus Orgs
    - ▷ decrease in CO discretionary fund, not a lot of other changes
  - xii Dorms
    - ▷ no increase because of discretionary fund
  - xiii President/Senate
    - ▷ same
  - xiv Class funds
    - ▷ lowered because DOS wants us to use Crown Fund

xv DAC

- ▷ weekly events, need more funds, dorm cup challenge

7. Security Resolution

A. Tabled

8. Closing Remarks

A. Thanks all!

Adjourn: 10:14pm

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Mica Laber**

Secretary of the Senate