



Associated Students of Claremont McKenna College

Senate

February 16th, 2014

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

- Sexual Assault Resource Center – Dean Spellman
 - Students shared ideas and gave feedback regarding the new 5C Center.
- ASCMC Structural Reform
 - Voted to pass amendment changing the event planning positions on the executive board.
- Funding Requests
 - Sanskriti (EKTA) - \$800
 - Drone - \$849.30

Call to Order: 9:01pm

1. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Approved
2. Board Updates
 - A. Wedding Party!
 - i Reception tickets available, 1 table left
3. Sexual Assault Resource Center – Dean Spellman
 - A. Please fill out the survey that was sent out! It will literally take you only 2 minutes.
 - B. What are your thoughts on having a sexual assault resource center at the colleges?
 - i One thing that strikes me is that it can't have a big sign that said "SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCE CENTER" because it might be awkward for some people to come in.
 - ii We're not going to specifically call it the "sexual assault resource center", thinking of names, part of why we're speaking with students.
 - iii Would there be a new building?
 - ▷ Considering the Tranquada resource center, could also be on campus somewhere, there's also an off-campus house owned by Scripps that we could hold it at.
 - iv A lot of us don't know that the current sexual assault counselor is at that Scripps off-campus house, and students need to know where it is and how it's available.
 - v One of the things we discuss a lot about sexual assault and violence is that it's underreported, so anything we can do to keep people's feelings safe while providing necessary comfort is important.
 - vi Location is a good point, resources at Pomona are naturally going to be underutilized and somewhat stigmatized by certain student populations. Making sure that it's a place where students can go to talk to people and get counseling without necessarily having to report or formally report, which goes for the people they talk to as well (we know there are certain legal obligations for the counselors). Make it a place where men also feel comfortable going, it needs to be a resource available to everyone (for example, something on Scripps's campus might drive men away).
 - vii Something to also consider is that women often feel pressured to not use condoms, so awareness about that also needs to happen
 - viii Proposing a center that does both crisis response and support. For example hot lines, combining the various groups on different campuses. The more people in the pool, the less likely to talk to someone connected to it. Better coordination. Increasing crisis counselors,

- hoping to continue with Partner Sister and House of Ruth, full time 5 days a week counselors, and a variety of counselors.
- ix How is the current trial going so far?
 - ▷ Well, however only 7-10 students able to be seen at a time because it's one counselor one day a week. The more you have a service, the more students will see it and come forward to use it. Coordinate with the institutions on getting support for survivors beyond the DOS office, understand that you won't always want to tell the deans everything.
 - x If it's 5 days a week, is there any plan to have hours on Thursdays or Saturdays when we expect most of these events to occur?
 - ▷ Hours not confirmed, but the hot lines are after-hours crisis support and working on other options.
 - xi Along working with preventative and reactive things, we could work with other groups on campus to promote positive sexual conversations like protection and safety. Other colleges have free STI testing, for example. Partnering with health education outreach office.
 - xii Last semester outside the Hub we had a bunch of posters where people put stickers under statements that they identify with. A popular one was one about having boundaries violated, and often these things happen by people who we consider our friends.
 - ▷ The center would be a confidential center, still working on the nuances. The colleges are very focused on creating a center where that is the case. Want student to understand the options before having to move forward.
 - xiii Would also house Teal Dot bystander innovation program within the center. It needs a home to continue the stability for the program.
 - xiv Would it be possible to broaden the scope of the services, i.e. the vending machine at Pomona?
 - ▷ We want student groups and advocates to be coming in as well, not just survivors.
 - xv Is there any plan to get us one of those vending machines on CMC's campus?
 - ▷ Not really – we're getting mixed reactions from students, but adding it to the discussion list.
 - xvi An easy solution for the interesting in the vending machine, where instead of paying for a vending machine you “order” it online and it goes to your mailbox where you can hide it easier. BU has a “condom fairy” where it brings it in a little box to your room with info on consent and such.
 - xvii If a student came to you having been sexually assaulted, what are your constraints on confidentiality?
 - ▷ Title IX identifies responsible employees who are required to report sexual violence/assault to the Title IX coordinator on the campus. You have an obligation to find out about it and do something about it. This is required by law. DOS has to balance the needs of the institution and potential harm to the community with the needs of the individual. Deans cannot take action against a student if we haven't moved forward with the official process, which has to be fair to both process. Want to provide students with as much confidential access as possible in order to help guide and support them as they decide what to do.
 - ▷ Campus safety is considered “responsible employees” under Title IX. Some campus safety has not been particularly helpful when some students have been harassed in events and ask for help.
 - The “responsible employees” don't always have to be the one to take action on the part of the college, their job is to make sure that the Title IX coordinator knows what happened and can help the student coordinate the process.
 - xviii What do you see as the roles of RA's in these situations? Should we make sure the students know when the RA's have to report?
 - ▷ Challenge of the obligation according the law. Part of the training is about how to talk to a student about a role and how to stop a disclosure before a student says it to you. It's awkward and difficult to do sometimes. That's why at the beginning of the year the RA's go

over their role. RA's need to be supportive but also transparent that they have to report it to Mary. They will then tell the students who they can talk to. The nice thing with the center is that it would be talked about a lot by the deans and RA's so it would definitely get the publicity.

4. ASCMC Structural Reform

- A. If passes, will go into effect in the next election cycle in roughly two weeks.
- B. Getting rid of the SAC, SLC, DAC, and having a VP of Student Activities (elected) overseeing 4 Event Commissioners (appointed by the elections committee). They will plan all kinds of events all days of the week. DAC redesigned to focus solely on dorm life, working with dorm presidents to make dorm life more robust. Director of Event Security will stay the same. EC's would have votes in meetings. Stipends: VP – 800, EC – 600, DAC – 600
- C. The SLC currently gets 1/3rd of the SAC budget to make sure how the dry events budget works. After calculating, 25% at least will go to dry events. When doing the math, this actually makes it so more funding goes to dry events.
- D. Another thing we talked about the roles of EC under VP of SA. Discussed their voting on board. Currently 12 votes on board, this would make 15. Some board members felt that the VPSA would represent the EC opinions in voting, and others say with all the involvement the EC's have, they do so much so they deserve a role.
- E. Another thing about having all the EC's plan both wet and dry events is that it reduces the dichotomy of wet vs. dry events. This is good because the burnout for event planners is real. It's also really difficult to do such a big event by yourself (SAC/SLC/DAC). Things will go better, and there will be more room for creativity and cool events. As one person with an immense burden, it's hard to change things up.
- F. This constitutional package comes in 18 amendments. We can motion to approve as a package.
- G. Amendment package passes 20 to 1! Next elections will have VPSA and DAC.

5. Funding Requests

- A. Sanskriti (EKTA) -\$800
 - i Sanskriti consists of classical and modern dance, musical performances, and other forms of cultural entertainment. Held in Big Bridges due to high attendance.
 - ii Last year we gave them \$600. Last year we had less money.
 - B. Drone – 2 options
 - i To purchase a drone for ASCMC. This drone will improve CMC's social media presence through aerial photos, and also tap into students' talents (flight, creativity).
 - ii 1st option: \$849.30. Ease of use, safety, practicality, popularity.
 - iii 2nd option: \$640. No live-stream video, we basically DIY and put the pieces together ourselves.
 - iv The 1st option passes
6. Open Forum
- A. Creative brainstorming session about how to spend the rest of senate funding next week
 - B. Ben Turner is working on making a geotag for snapchat

7. Closing Remarks

Adjourn: 10:16pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary of the Senate