



Associated Students of Claremont McKenna College

Executive Board Meeting

September 27th, 2015

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

- Event Debrief
- Apparel Updates
- Forum Contracts

Members Present: Cristina Lee, Eliana Keinan, Melissa Muller, Michael Irvine, Ben Turner, Caroline Peck, Kathryn Chakmak, Kris Brackmann, Makari Krause, Iris Liu, Griffin Ferre, Sharan Seth, Russell Salazar, Mica Laber, Christine Horne, Cole Mora, Will Su, Nicky Blumm

Guests: Malea Martin (2019), Christina Yoh (2018), CJ (2017), Daniel Ludlam (2018)

Call to Order: 7:03pm

1. Welcome and Minutes
 - A. Minutes 9/20 approved
2. Board Updates
 - A. Cristina – no update
 - B. Eliana – no update
 - C. Melissa – pending charter for a club, working on apparel
 - D. Michael – didn't have time to do things with the constitution. Got PSR election responses, all of the spots are uncontested except for 2 committees in the freshman class. Those elections will happen with c/o 2019 elections. No elections for the others because there would be no point
 - E. Ben – line item
 - F. Caroline – Daze in event debrief
 - G. Kathryn – 200 days, working on thesis tank to make money
 - H. Kris – line item
 - I. Makari – no update
 - J. Iris – student and senate committees appointed. Had meeting last Monday for diversity & inclusion chair, no consensus, but a good group of 15 interested students. Numerous organizations as well as students at-large represented. Important considerations, it's still very much open. If you're interested shoot me an email.
 - K. Griffin – met with Devon about having event management on payroll
 - L. Sharan – working on reconciliations. Asset creation proposal template for better inventory tracking
 - M. Russell – getting ball rolling with SoCo. Looking to get weekly sophomore spotlight going by next week. Trying to get weekly information
 - N. Mica – don't make me clean up the offices when you leave a mess
 - O. Christine – no update
 - P. Cole – Will and I met with Stan Skipworth about Toga, practices with camp sec,

relationship with ASCMC. Need clear distinction between officer vs. student responsibility. Ongoing conversation, it was good to get in front of him and he did have lingering questions about new alcohol policy.

- i. Will – establishing formal relationship going forward, need flexibility.
- ii. Ben – a lot of camp sec officers don't actually know what the new policy is. Ensure they don't overreact when things are okay.

Q. Will – Board of Trustees are coming this weekend, if you're on a committee you'll probably be there. 5C presidents met to discuss institutional priorities, working on letter to student body.

R. Nicky – meetings with deans about policy stuff, regrouping with dorm presidents about block housing draw in mid and south quads. Everyone is still pretty confused about what events they can host with new guidelines. Looking to address those concerns.

3. Monte Carlo & Renovations Updates

A. Kris – the bar is the last thing. Opaque side panels. Everything else is done, walls and lights are up, wifi is up. I need student security (Cole). Meeting with Stan tomorrow to walk-through. Will is ordering water delivery from Costco. There are open times to sign up for doing ticket sales, will leave everything we need in the offices. Day of: Will in charge of alcohol delivery. Need someone to pick up balloons and gift cards (Christine), might want to request money from 5Cs looking at how many of their students bought tickets. It's pretty much set.

4. Event Debrief

A. TNC – Neon

i. Cristina – the most people were at 10:30, not as successful as it could've been.

B. Christine – Pomona wanted to have feedback about Daze

i. Iris – they had little shot-glass sized glasses for water

ii. Caroline – comment made to us by freshman. A yellow-jacket security guard said “throw away your drink or chug it!” and worried that a security guard would act like that

iii. Iris – I also noticed weird behavior from camp sec

iv. Caroline – it's one thing to say finish it or throw it out, but not “chug it”

v. Michael – who has followed up about the paint guns

vi. Iris – overall I thought the event was really fun, the water was far away from the actual party

vii. Ben – Walker beach is a really cool place, but even tons of people in the space makes it look not that busy. Creation of intimacy (especially) in events. Heard there was a lot of pushing and aggressive behavior at Mudd. The Hub was a mess.

C. TNC this week

i. Cristina – circus-themed, going to have a couple of performances and we still have openings so let me know if you know of students.

ii. Kris – Russell, put together a quartet!

5. Apparel Updates

A. Melissa – looking at getting line for CMCers that's more accessible than Huntley. We have a couple of first ideas. The idea is to do pre-orders, not getting a specific quantity. Ordering that amount. Person who printed back to the beach tanks. We decided to go with him.

B. Kris – At the soccer game on Saturday, students such as Makari were asked to turn their Puck Fomona shirts inside out. The shot glasses are fine, but we shouldn't be making those

tanks.

- C. Michael – we need to talk to the administration to ask if we're allowed to sell general CMC apparel
 - D. Christine – when I mentioned it to Devon he was down for it
 - E. Melissa – CMC has something with the Huntley, ASCMC doesn't.
 - F. Kris – what about CMS apparel? Equally represent stags and athenas
 - G. Will – any ideas for apparel, send to Melissa and Cristina
 - H. Kathryn – the idea is to make a profit, right?
 - I. Cristina – yes but still at half the price
6. Scanner Proposal
- A. Ben – there aren't that many scanning options on campus, not even auto-scanners that do multiple pages at once. We shouldn't have to encourage students to buy their own. I've been doing research into it and there are good ones for 400-500 dollars. We can do office hours for students to use it, I'm happy to oversee it.
 - B. Iris – have you talked to Mike Malsed?
 - C. Ben – no, they have the single image scanner
 - D. Makari – the school should pay for it. Even \$500 seems cheap for these, the printers in poppa are 10,000
 - E. Melissa – I'm not sure students are going to get anything out of it if it's only available certain hours during the week.
 - F. Kathryn – should we get the senate tech committee involved?
 - G. Michael – we could, but unless we need them I don't like the idea of pushing things from exec board down
 - H. Iris – I think Mike would be really receptive to it
 - I. Michael – if he likes the idea but doesn't have the budget, maybe we could talk about buying it/donating to Poppa
7. Approval of Nominations
- A. Motion to approve Angel as CFO
 - B. Motion to approve Autumn as Event Commissioner
 - C. Will be officially sworn in next week
8. Open Forum
- A. No comments
9. Motion to move into Executive Session
- A. Finance & Audit Review
10. Motion to move back into open meeting – Forum Contracts
- A. Michael – I'll make argument for giving stipend. It's the way things have been done for several years long before we came to this school. The writers and editors came in expecting to be paid. If we change anything, we should discuss it in the context of next year. This year we're supposed to be treating them as an independent organization, even though currently club since they're dependent on our funding.
 - B. Kris – If they get a stipend per semester, why don't we fund them this semester and say we won't do it next semester saying it keeps recurring
 - C. Melissa – this has never been a discussion in the past
 - D. Michael – Shannon said she's had meetings with Chodosh and development and started working on fundraising, have short and long-term plans. Working on finding donors, \$8,000 for now.

- E. Kathryn – a huge amount of donations come in at the end of the year.
- F. Russell – could we include in the contract a formal 2 semester or 2 year agreement saying this is how long we'll fund you for and then stop, encouraging them to become financially independent
- G. Iris – can we make decisions for future boards though?
- H. Caroline – I think that it's important to keep in mind that there are people who've chosen to spend their time doing The Forum instead of on-campus jobs knowing they would receive stipends, and now it's too late to find one.
- I. Kathryn – If they don't become independently funded, next year the same conversation will come up
- J. Melissa – every year it will be an interesting policy decision
- K. Caroline – could there be a formal policy from you and Kari that says no stipends
- L. Michael – the only way to make it permanent is by putting it in the constitution.
- M. Melissa – the CO could go in and change it
- N. Caroline – in short term, they want to know if we will approve their stipends for this year
- O. Kathryn – if we're saying that we're going to give them stipends because of precedent, I still think we should discuss the amount of stipends especially with the restructuring
- P. Christina (guest) – Editor in chief is trying to get editors to do more editing, because she's focusing on getting funding.
- Q. Melissa – did you replace the vacant spot?
- R. Christina – that's not the priority right now
- S. Caroline – this would've been different if we had made this decision back in the spring when people would've had to make work plans for the next year
- T. Will – we are moving forward with approving stipends for this year, with the idea that this will be considered earlier in the future terms.
- U. Nicky – it sounds like they're moving forward with funding, we can have some sort of grace period. Pay half?
- V. Michael – we want the Forum to be independent, they want to be independent, why not support them with that
- W. Kathryn – they've been trying to be independent for so long, and I'm afraid that a year from now they still won't have the funding in a place they want.
- X. Will – past boards haven't been diligent in assisting them, we can explicitly state that we'll help you this year, but we won't be happy about it if next year you come back requesting stipends.
- Y. Iris – are we going to talk about this again as our board, or is it going to be the next board? What about the conversation on whether they should have stipends at all. I'm concerned that the whole timeliness is such a big issue, that if this decision can't be made in 2-3-4 weeks, then like the past few years, people can't come to a decision.
- Z. Will – our board and the next board should continue to have these conversations.
- AA. Michael – the ultimate decision will go to the next board
- BB. Will – Melissa, can you have formal check-ins in line items? One of my questions was the accountability portions?
- CC. Iris – we shouldn't, we don't run them
- DD. Michael – they're an independent organization so they should handle that themselves
- EE. Kris – Christina, how many articles do you have to write?
- FF. Christina – we publish 1-2 a day, how many you write depends, I wrote 4-5. Shannon says

that in a year we'll raise enough money to be independent. I'm news editor, I assign articles, follow up, I have final editing and publishing power.

- GG. Will – even if we don't ensure the quality of the Forum, we're still giving them money
- HH. Iris – that's why they're an independent organization, they're doing that themselves
- II. Will – as we're helping them transition, we still need to know that they have some method of accountability. They need to be accountable to someone – not me – maybe the Forum editor-in-chief.
- JJ. Michael – writers get paid \$10 per article, no official minimum, when I was there it was 3 a semester. It looks like it's up to discretion of editor-in-chief.
- KK. Christina – we don't have a managing editor right now. We're probably going to work on it, but not right now.
- LL. Will – managing editor holds people accountable?
- MM. Michael – the editor in chief
- NN. Kris – is that how TSL works?
- OO. Griffin – yes
- PP. Will – we can move forward if you think that's a big enough check
- QQ. Kathryn – what's to say the editor-in-chief won't just give the stipends even if they don't do the work
- RR. Melissa – motion to approve the Forum contract, with stipulation that I (CO chair) have to bring the Forum as a line item at least three times before Spring break
- SS. Stipends for the Forum are approved.

Adjourn: 8:14pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Mica Laber

Executive Secretary