



**EXECUTIVE
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MEETING**

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September 12th, 2021

Officer	Position	Present/Absent
Katherine Esther Almendarez	President	Present
Sam Harrison	Executive Vice President	Present
Cindy Lay	Chief Ethics and Procedural Officer	Present
Amadeo Cantu-Trevino	Vice President of Student Activities	Present
Jon Joey Telebrico	Vice President of Campus Organizations	Present
Desmond Mantle	Chief Financial Officer	Present
Theodore Siasat	Diversity and Inclusion Chair	Present
Peyton Ogasawara	Comptroller	Present
Caroline Bullock	Chief Operating Officer	Present
TBD	Class of 2025 President	N/A
Zane Yamamoto	Class of 2024 President	Present
Amari Huang	Class of 2023 President	Present
Sobechukwu Uwajeh	Class of 2022 President	Present
Christina Campbell	Dormitory Affairs Chair	Present
Josh Nagra	Presidential Advisor on Mental Health	Present
Nisha Singh	Presidential Advisor on Campus Reopening & Culture	Present
Adamaris Sanchez	Presidential Advisor on Low Income Student Advocacy	Present

Anna Green	RA Liaison	Present
Eric Warmoth	RA Liaison	Present

Senate Chairs Attendance

Senate Officer	Position	Present/Absent
Michael Gadinis	AAA Committee Chair	Present
Nicole Jonassen	Environmental Affairs Committee Chair	Absent
Sam Bogen	Academic Affairs Chair	Present
TBD	Community Service Chair	N/A
Tyler Craigwell	Student Life Chair	Absent

I. Agenda 9/12

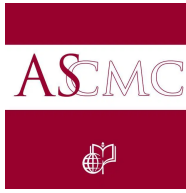
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II. Welcome

Call the meeting to order at 7:06 pm Pacific Time.

Swearing in of Christina Campbell as our new DAC and Adamaris Sanchez as our Presidential Advisor on Low Income Student Advocacy.

Approval of 9/5 Minutes:



Motion to approve: Zane
Seconded: Jon Joey
Minutes have been approved.

III. Executive Officer Updates

Katherine: Does anyone have any updates?

President: Katherine Esther Almendarez	Everyone who has weekly meetings with DOS, please schedule and attend those. Also please schedule the weekly meetings with me. I attended a faculty meeting on Friday, the main takeaway to discuss is that faculty is very concerned with the COVID policies that are not being enforced by the college.
EVP: Sam Harrison	Senate Chair apps are going out soon. Second senate will be tomorrow evening. We are electing the budget committee and other committee senators.
CEPO: Cindy Lay	This past week, the DAC was elected. The FYCP election is coming up! Next Thursday the FYCP speeches will occur outdoors and in person.
VPSA: Amadeo Cantu-Trevino	We have the green light to officially throw the first TNC!
CFO: Desmond Mantle	First budget committee meeting happened today.
D&I: Theo Siasat	Met with Vince. I am going to be setting up a retreat for my committee. Hoping to have more events due to the success of the BIPOC social. Will be meeting with MK this week.
VPCO: Jon Joey Telebrico	Working on sending out club orientation and having clubs send mental health plans for their members. This will be mandated for all clubs. Thanks Josh.
Comptroller: Peyton Ogasawara	Currently waiting for us to spend more money for me to do my job.
COO: Caroline Bullock	none



Class of 2024 President: Zane Yamamoto	Meeting with MK, and hoping to have the first cabinet meeting next weekend.
Class of 2023 President : Amari Huang	First meeting with my cabinet last week, meeting with MK this week.
Class of 2022 President: Sobechukwu Uwajeh	We planned our first senior snack tonight! And started planning for 200 days.
Class of 2025 President:	N/A
Presidential Advisor on Mental Health: Josh Nagra	Working on making sure clubs actively take mental health into consideration continually. Working with Jon Joey on this issue. Also working with DOS and Advocates on creating a Mental Health helpline.
Presidential Advisor on Campus Reopening & Culture: Nisha Singh	Campus reopened!
Presidential Advisor on Low Income Student Advocacy: Adamaris Sanchez	Working on creating a task force for Low Income Student Advocacy.
AAA Committee Chair: Michael Gadinis	None.
Environmental Affairs Committee Chair: Nicole Jonassen	
Academic Affairs Chair: Sam Bogen	First in person meetings this week, hopefully a committee soon.
Community Service Chair: TBD	
Student Life Chair: Tyler Craigwell	
RA Liason: Anna Green	none



RA Liaison: Eric Warmoth	none
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V. Alternative Fall Break

Theo: Affinity groups pool money together so that students who can not afford to leave campus. I believe that I am supposed to be responsible for that.

Desmond: It can be funded through the line item established, but he could also use some of his discretionary.

Jon Joey: To balance the budget more effectively, we removed specific club line items for alternative break. In a later conversation we can talk about equity for seats and if you need more money.

Sobe: I think that some clubs still think they have that money. Traditionally, it has been any student that has the will to plan this trip, but it should be someone in DOS.

Theo: I will be hitting up someone on DOS to collaborate with this, and hope they take this.

VI. Brainstorming Ideas for the Year

Helpline

Josh: The helpline will be a peer to peer support line. Modeling it off the Advocate line, anonymous on both ends. We need to figure out how to train the students, and how to set up the hotline. We would do what the national suicide prevention hotline would do just on campus. It would likely be set up by next semester.

Sam B: The funding for the training is a worry, so could we work with the EMPOWER center or with another campus org to figure out the funding?

Josh: We really need to figure out how to train these students as crisis counselors and not just with QPR.

Jon Joey: Who do you envision running this? Is this a senate committee? Advocates use an expensive service to set up the hotline- do we have the funding for this?

Sobe: Would the students be paid?

Katherine: How is this helpline different from the hotlines provided from the 5cs?



Josh: It is more peer run and can offer help more specifically to CMC students. I am talking to students from Berkeley and other schools that have similar programs to work out the logistics and how to tackle it financially.

Sam B: Is there a way to get a grant for this? This is a project that is so much bigger than the general fund. I don't think the general fund would have the money to continue this.

Desmond: I can help you apply for grants since we are a 501c3.

Katherine: It would be good if this was a consistent thing to fund instead of out of the Exec fund or Senate fund.

Josh: Is it possible to request funding for training and then funding for the helpline?

Desmond: Yes

Katherine: We can also tap into the President's fund- Hiram Chodosh.

Michael: I am working on releasing a list of places we can get money from.

Low-income student advocacy working group

Adamaris: I am thinking about having an event to fill out FAFSA, not necessarily just going over the application. Having a FAFSA workshop being a couple hours long, working with FinAid. We would also do a CSS workshop as well. Also thinking about students who do not qualify for federal funding. Three separate events. FAFSA opens October 1st, with CSS following soon. We can start to plan these workshops soon.

I was also thinking about putting together a closet for students to get professional clothes for interviews, the Ath or any other career endeavor. Also thinking about creating a workforce.

Jon Joey: For the FAFSA or CSS event, you should pass out an informative sheet letting students know what documents that are necessary and what they should bring to fill out. FinAid officers are a little intimidating, so maybe a meet the officers event. Students only know them as names on emails. In FYG and SYM training, we were told that students can now come as they are. If the policy changes we can reach out to the QRC because they have a model for distribution of clothes.

Adamaris: I had some counselors that I reached out to said they were more than willing to help with the FAFSA event. But the meet the officer would be great as well.

Sobe: The Soll center also buys clothes, so it would be a good idea to work with them as well.

Josh: Can the Ath disclose their new clothing policy? It should be reiterated and told so students understand not just from FYG/SYM training.



Theo: Advertise all the locations that help with clothing! Lots of students at CMC have family members who do not have documents, so make sure there is a resource there to help students with that.

Katherine: Adamaris is going to be my advisor, but she is here to advise all of us. Whenever you are running an event or advocating for policy, check in with Adamaris, Theo, Josh because sometimes we do not see the issues in our own events. This is going to be a new working group. One of my main targets is completely getting rid of student loans for low income students. It is unfair for low income students to have loans stack up, they are more limited in job prospects as loans might drive them to take a different path. This is something that this school could do given the money from trustees and alumni. Continue to push this forward. We are not the only college to do this, or want to do this. This is why I wanted to create a task force and an advisor. This is something we should be working on as a team.

Cindy: Zane and I are working on a digestible constitution with help from Michael Gadinis.

Sobe: Creating a worker's appreciation day

Zane: Even just having the worker's names so that students can address them appropriately

Amari: I heard that there are many students who have been disrespectful to these workers.

Josh: I heard that there has been an investigation launched into that

Sam B: We need to be a vehicle to show what is good and what is not. There is a lot of ambiguity right now.

Katherine: From the faculty meeting, the faculty's concerns will be addressed. If there were to be an outbreak on campus, we need to work proactively so that we do not lose a member of our community- faculty, staff, or a community member. We need to work with faculty and with the events team to make sure our events are safe and so is our community.

Michael: One thing I am tasking my group with is making infographics for COVID protocols.

Amari: I think we need to make sure especially with our events that they are limited to 5c students only and not non students.

Katherine: I will be meeting with the admin about the COVID policies.

Sobe: I think emails are informative but counterproductive. They encourage students to say everything



is okay because so few students tested positive.

Peyton: Modified Quarantine needs to be addressed especially in Collins. When you swipe your card it should show if you are in Modified Quarantine.

Katherine: We should have some way to report students breaking policy- CMC listens doesn't work great.

Zane: If there is going to be heightened enforcement it should have to come from administration first. It is hard for students to have to set the line down for students they live with as well.

Michael: I agree that the emails should be reframed. The information must be presented via LA county.

Nisha: Dining is not following the same safety protocols for Covid- different standards. Thinking about feedback loops- many students do not know where to go to get help or information. Emails are too long. When there is already anxiety present with COVID lots of people refrain from reading or digesting. Making protocols digestible and consistent should be a priority.

Sam B: There needs to be something done about accountability but avoiding punitivity. I am not sure what the answer is, long term culture needs to be taken into consideration. Some professors are very different COVID policy wise. Professors have no idea which students are in modified quarantine or not. A unified policy needs to be in place specifically academically for if students are quarantined.

Amari: Could the students who are in modified quarantine have their names be released? Students who broke policy should have a slap on the wrist, or a small scare tactic.

Anna: If you find repeat offenders on the masking, tell your RA, we are willing to confront them.

Jon Joey: Is there any information about contact tracing apps?

Katherine: I heard that it is being brought up with faculty and administration, but they have more confidence in the interview process.

Christina: We could deny students access to Collins who do not get covid tested because there are students who do not participate in the weekly testing.

VII. ASCMC Retreat

Katherine: Essentially for new officers, ASCMC hosts a retreat every fall. This year we plan to go somewhere nice and pretty. Sobe will be planning this.



Sobe: Right now, the retreat will probably be in November. October is very packed. In the slack, please tell me any weekends that do not work for you. We will be gone for Friday night and Saturday night, returning Sunday morning.

Amari: What has ASCMC done in the past?

Sobe: We have been to Big Bear, used the bubble. Typically it is just an Airbnb and we get groceries.

Desmond: The line item is \$1,000. Historically, we haven't used more. We could use discretionaries for this as well. An airbnb could be feasible, but we should get money from discretionaries.

Katherine: Let's do this: for next meeting, Sobe will make a budget and we can get a ballpark idea of how much money we need to take from discretionaries. Come prepared to put cash on the table, or risk your life being eaten by a bear.

VIII. Open Forum

Cindy: Motion to adjourn

Jon Joey: Seconded!

Time ended: 8:08 pm PDT