Associated Students of Claremont McKenna College

Senate

September 7, 2015

Call to Order: 9:04pm

Meeting Overview:

- Welcome & Get Sworn in
- 9/14 elections (Senate Secretary, Budget Committee, Elections Committee)
- Senate Committee Introductions
  - Administrative Affairs and Appropriations
  - Campus Improvements
  - Consortium Affairs
  - Technology and Innovation
  - Student Engagement
- Alcohol and Other Drug Policy Discussion
- Diversity and Inclusion Position on ASCMC Discussion

1. Welcome + Swearing in
   A. Iris Liu, ASCMC VP, Senior
   B. Michael Irvine, President Pro Tempore

2. **9/14 elections (Senate Secretary, Budget Committee, Elections Committee)**
   A. Quick Speeches, Popularly Elected
      i Senate Secretary (1 position)
         ▷ Attends cabinet meetings, responsible for minutes every week
      ii Budget Committee (2 positions)
         ▷ Sets ASCMC budget
         ▷ Determines budgets for student activities, class presidents, campus organizations
         ▷ 2 Senate members + several members of ASCMC Exec board
      iii Election Committee (2 positions)
         ▷ Overseeing elections for Freshman Class President in September (September 30th)
         ▷ Overseeing general elections in the Spring
         ▷ All the applications for the appointed positions on Exec Board (Spring Break) are reviewed, candidates are interviewed, and then appointed by Election Committee
         ▷ 3 Senate members + several members of ASCMC Exec Board

3. **Senate Committee Introductions**
   A. Applications will be sent out 9/8/15, along with blurbs on every committee.
   B. Student Engagement (Campbell Streator, Sophomore)
      i New committee
      ii Partner with ASCMC
      iii Work on DOA
      iv Gather hard data, gauge student input
      v Senate Engagement
         ▷ Newsletter
         ▷ Twitter
   C. AAA (Claire Donnelly, Junior)
      i 2 parts to this position
         ▷ Constitutional Amendments
         ▷ Student funding requests (12,000 dollar budget to allocate)
            • Student organizations

D. Consortium Affairs (Felipe Afanador, Sophomore)
   i Improving our shared resources, 5C engagement
   ii ie: Sit in on other student government meetings and Senate
E. Campus Improvement (Thomas Schalke, Sophomore)
   i Blue Lights
   ii Address poor lighting on campus
   iii Water Usage Overview
      ▷ Mulch vs Grass
F. Tech and Innovation (Aman Raghuvanshi, Sophomore)
   i Drone
   ii Live stream Ath talks

4. Alcohol and Other Drug Policy Discussion

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A. 2nd and 3rd order effects of policy
   i Sexual assault might become harder to prevent with smaller groups
B. Combat underlying causes for drinking (Page 8)
C. Make the data that was referenced in the report available for student consumption and absorption
D. New policies seem reasonable; we should talk about entitlement and accountability, and real world pragmatism.
E. Policies seem like their target is to keep drinking out of sight, but that's a step in the wrong direction because it makes drinking higher risk.
F. Deprives of our choices and doesn't respect our abilities to lead and take care of each other, and doesn't tackle underlying issues.
G. It's good to have a point person.
   i Ensures cleaning up post party
   ii Can't register events for full dorms.
H. Is there any way that we can measure the excessiveness of this year's drinking with last years drinking?
I. 15 people limits increases difficulty for freshman and underclassmen to meet new people and to interact with new and different environments.
   i Might also contributed to higher levels of drinking?
J. Being a freshman, it's hard to draw a comparison? Is there a way for freshmen to see the old policy?
      - We don't have much documented evidence on how policies were enforced, but it's also hard to pass on this anecdotal evidence.
      - Hence, let's focus on our needs now and what's right for our student body.
K. Bad things can happen with even smaller groups than 15 people.
L. This policy doesn't really limit people; it just creates accountability, and gives the college a way to monitor us.

5. Diversity and Inclusion Position on ASCMC Discussion

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A. CMCers of Color expressed interest and organized discussion and forum on how there was a lack of diversity on campus (student government, faculty and staff, etc.)
B. Presented at Senate and to ASCMC Exec board and to Chodosh
C. Creation of position/committee
D. An elected position?

    i High visibility
    ii Higher accountability
    iii Should this be a majority elected position?
    iv Disregards minority opinion
E. Committee?
    i Who writes the application?
    ii Who decides on who gets it?
    iii Does this committee have a chair?

Discussion:

F. Diversity needs to be something bigger than race and class (political)
    i Don't want this to be too narrowly focused on race
G. Brought up by specific interest groups which were based on class and race and ethnic groups, hence it would hopefully focus on that.
H. Clubs exist with racial and ethnic ties, but there hasn't been a specific advisor or liaison role.
I. Committee has strengths because it's a new thing and we don't want to limit the role of these positions, and would limit the levels of diversity that can even be represented.
J. Having someone in charge of the committee creates accountability.
K. This position needs to be held with respect to the intersections of people multiple identities.
L. Perhaps there could be a committee with representatives from each group on campus.
M. What role would this position/committee even have?
    i Unsure, still being decided.
    ii Beyond just acting as a "check" for ASCMC's events/ exec board decisions
    iii Hold forums on issues of diversity
    iv A focused position on just this issue
N. Quotas are not the right idea.
O. Has sensitivity and Ally training become mandatory for ASCMC exec board members?
    i Diversity and Inclusion and Teal Dot is mandatory, Ally training is highly recommended.

P. "Most diverse CMCer" is the wrong idea; This position should be based on dedication to advancing all student interest groups.

Q. Iris will be organizing a Diversity and Inclusion Roundtable event and those interested in participating should send her an email (iliu16@students.claremontmckenna.edu).

Meeting adjourned 10:17 pm

Submitted Respectfully,

Secretary of the Senate