**ASCMC Board of Directors**

Sunday, October 27th, 2013

**Members Present:** Gavin Landgraf, Maddie Hall, Jasmine DiLucci, Charlotte Bailey, Ben Tillotson, Iris Liu, Will Su, Mark Blumenfeld, Josh Mittler, Jessica Jin, Laura Epstein, Mohammad Abdul-Rahim, Austin Landgraf, Zachariah Oquenda, Ana Kakkar, Remy Pinson, Ellie Eaton, Ted Hall, Kelsey Gohn

**Members Absent:** Michael Irvine, Merriel Foster, Alexandra Cooke

**Call to Order: 7:02 PM**

1. **Introduce Guests** 
   1. Ben Turner
   2. Shannon Miller—Forum Reporter
   3. Haley Goodman
   4. Melanie Dafoitus
2. **Approval of Past Minutes:** Motion to approve, seconded. Approved: 7:04 PM
3. **Board Announcements**
4. **President—Gavin Landgraf**
   1. No Update
5. **Vice President—Maddie Hall**
   1. No Update
6. **CFO—Jasmine DiLucci**
   1. No Update
7. **Senate President Pro Tempore—Michael Irvine** 
   1. Absent
   2. No Update
8. **CO Chair—Will Su**
   1. Discussing music performances with Public Affairs; do more with Kravis as music space
   2. Outdoor Initiative: trips every weekend in November
9. **Executive Secretary – Charlotte Bailey** 
   1. No Update
10. **Presidential Advisor—Alexandra Cooke**
    1. Absent
    2. No Update
11. **Presidential Advisor—Josh Mittler** 
    1. No Update
12. **Financial Advisor—Merriel Foster** 
    1. Absent
    2. No Update
13. **Student Security Director—Zachariah Oquenda**
    1. No Update
14. **SAC—Mark Blumenfeld** 
    1. Rage in the Cage next week
15. **SLC—Jessica Jin**
    1. Hunger Games
       1. Competition with 7 rounds
       2. People will be competing in different events
       3. Discuss more in line item
16. **DAC—Ben Tillotson** 
    1. TNC at Lower Kravis; DOS liked it and thought it went well
    2. Can use for limited scale events in the future
    3. Halloween TNC this week; working in coordination with Jessica
17. **‘14 President—Laura Epstein**
    1. No Update
18. **’15 President—Mohammed Abdul-Rahim** 
    1. Everything Pie class event went well
    2. Monte Carlo aren’t finalized yet, still need to speak more to Moroccan Party Rentals
    3. College Park event next week
    4. Letters to those abroad next Sunday
19. **’16 President—Iris Liu**
    1. Class Event this Thursday before TNC
20. **’17 President—Austin Landgraf**
    1. More on book program in line item

1. **Webmaster—Rich Zajac**
   1. No Update
2. **Forum Editor—Ana Kakkar**
   1. No Update
3. **RA Liaison—Remy Pinson**
   1. No Update
4. **Property Manager—Ted Hall**
   1. No Update
5. **Kelsey Gohn—Public Engagement Officer**
   1. Will be updating the website soon; working with Rich
6. **Budget Approval** 
   1. Moe: Where did we find the new 3700 for DAC?
      1. Jasmine: 1000 from clubs, 200 from office supplies, reallocated stipends properly
      2. Laura: How will that effect club budgets?
         1. Will: Sets it even
   2. Ellie: Can sell old yearbooks to alumni to make profit
      1. Gavin: Go forward with that
   3. Mark: I think the issue of the $3700 has to be more discussed; need clarification on where it is going
      1. Ben Tillotson: We are putting it back to dorms only if they are using the money well
      2. Mark: If it is going towards funding the prizes, it is different than saying we are upping the money per student; I have worries about the money going towards just prizes
         1. You have to show that people are taking part in it and know what’s going on; those who don’t win aren’t involved with this money
      3. Ben Tillotson: Want to do good prize because it is the first year, isn’t ingrained in campus culture yet; a great prize will encourage participation and ensure that it will continue on in the future
      4. Iris: We wanted to fund that dorm competition and bring it back up to each individual dorm; what is that number?
         1. Ben Tillotson: To restore dorms in full was 13K; we didn’t get enough to increase the dorms, just the prize
         2. Iris: I think we should go towards the dorms, not the prizes
         3. Ben Tillotson: If 3700 goes towards dorms, it is only one dollar per student
      5. Laura: There is no line item for the dorm competition; I trust Ben to move that money around, I have no problem voting for this budget
      6. Moe: I personally like your communication with dorm presidents, but if you could bring that information to the board that would be great
      7. Ben Tillotson: I will have proposals for prizes shortly
      8. Gavin: Mark has a point that this is a bit odd for us to be reallocating the money just to Ben, but this is part of the rebudgeting, not official budgeting at beginning of the year; we are meeting the proposals that were put forth
   4. Motion to approve, seconded.
      1. **Decision:** Approved, one vote against, no abstentions, 7:20 PM
7. **Student Fees—Will Su ‘16**
   1. Last went up in 2011 for new fencing requirements
   2. Has gone up every three years, it isn’t regular thing adjusted for inflation like college tuition at CMC
   3. Because we are so reliant upon ticketing, we thought it was a good discussion to have at this point
   4. Process of change: Exec Board, Senate, DOS, Board of Trustees; has to go through layers because it is part of expense of college, financial aid factors in
   5. Will: The discussion we are having tonight is about gauging the opinion on raising student body fees
   6. Moe: I think with larger events getting more expensive, we should do this; quality of events will go down if we do not
      1. Will: Board of Trustees are unlikely to approve an inflationary argument
      2. Good to think about why; fences, programs
   7. Gavin: Pomona’s student body fee is much higher at $325 to our $245
   8. Jasmine: Can we make a student security argument?
      1. Maddie: Negotiated maps and layouts for student security arguments
   9. Iris: I am fundamentally opposed to raising price of someone’s cost; it make seem nominal, it is wrong to raise the price of it; we should make due with the kind of budget that we have
      1. Gavin: Anyone on financial aid is not going to be paying more
   10. Mark: I think we should look at it from a value-based perspective; what would we get out of this? Student expectations have changed since I have been here; they want bigger, better, larger; people don’t want Appleby, Green and Boz
       1. Tent demands and bigger, better places has gone up with increased costs
       2. Students would be willing to pay an extra fee to see the return
       3. Clubs are well endowed, but things like the music room could have had an even bigger budget and been more provided for
   11. Ben Tillotson: I think reasons need to be more compelling than “it would be convenient” for ASCMC
   12. Laura: I would want to see a specific reason as to why we should raise them; can we make specific inflationary argument, cost of Monte Carlo, etc?
   13. Gavin: I’m not proposing this as something that has to happen; Laura, you do not see a reason?
   14. Will: If adjusted for inflation, right now it would be at $344
   15. Rich: It is easy with hard data to make inflationary argument
   16. Mark: A good party that’s widely attended, will take $1500; we don’t have the funds to throw that now
   17. Iris: Where would the increase go? We should emphasize that it doesn’t just go to parties, because there are a lot of people who wouldn’t benefit from that
   18. Ben Tillotson: It seems to me that security costs have gone up; if we can look to past budgets and say that we used to have more money for these events, but it has been taken away by campus security; could also be tied to dorms cut
   19. Josh: I think we can make a point that as CMC expands we want to expand what ASCMC can offer; outdoor initiative, music spaces, etc.
   20. Ben Tillotson: Does CPB come from student fees?
       1. Gavin: No. CPB is from normal operating budget of college; Crown fund aka Jim Nauls’ discretionary fund, but CPB is separate
   21. Haley: Increase to keep inclusivity of CMC parties, otherwise we will have to start charging and ticketing
   22. Ben Turner: We can’t use parties as the standard by which we judge our student body; I am happy to ticket if that is our funds being used in the best way
   23. Maddie: Same as argument for stipends; we provide a service to the students
   24. Shannon: Should look at stipends and where else you can decrease on the budget
       1. Mark: What is the place that you would cut?
   25. Laura: Would love to spearhead meeting to discuss stipends, but not at this moment
   26. Zachariah: The stipends are pretty low if you’re looking at the amount of time you spend on ASCMC
   27. Will: Shannon was saying that we should look at budget and see if we can cut anywhere else
   28. Ellie: Could have them pay a fee at beginning of the year, like ASB car; show them savings?
   29. Haley: Can’t get to the point where we increase to charging for TNCs
   30. Ben Tillotson: I know that to put a keg and speakers is cheap, but if we want to do events that appeal to more people that takes more money; make it so that the social scene is more appealing to more students
8. **Forum Amendment—Gavin Landgraf ’14** 
   1. Moe: Start looking at regulations for all publications with campaigns and endorsements
      1. Gavin: The more I thought about it, it seems like if we want to do it, it shouldn’t be in this amendment; could happen across all publications in future years
      2. Will: The report from committee came to conclusion that publications reserve the right to endorse candidates
   2. Motion to approve, seconded, 3 abstentions.
      * 1. Decision: Approved, 7:49 PM.
   3. Timeline: Practical effect does not take place until spring break
      1. Iris: Does Ana still come to meetings?
      2. Gavin: Are we okay with giving Ana her stipend up until now?
      3. Ana: We can talk to budget committee ourselves and work with that
      4. Gavin: I would see argument for you wanting your stipend
      5. Ana: Ideally, the money for stipend would go towards Forum
      6. Maddie: Stipend is contingent on her staying through the whole year
      7. Will: We can give you stipend, and you can put it back into the Forum budget
      8. Moe: Did we say that the new members stipends were coming from Ana?
      9. Gavin: Clarify that it takes effect as written, all are in favor

1. **Club Allocation to Coding Club—Will Su ‘16**
   1. Want emotive EEG and software development kit
   2. Develop software for them to code with headpiece
   3. Will be ASCMC property
   4. Will: Has been proposal that is active for 3 weeks, done lots of research; originally in Senate
   5. Motion to approve, seconded.
      1. **Decision:** 7 yes, 4 abstentions, approved.
   6. Iris: I am not aware of the leadership and the construction of the Coding Club
   7. Motion to deauthorize, seconded
      1. Decision: Does not pass, 8:04 PM
   8. Motion to bring them to Exec Board, seconded.
      1. **Decision:** Yes, bring them to board, 8:05 PM
2. **Textbook Exchange Proposal—Austin Landgraf ‘17**
   1. Incorporate it into the student portal and save money
   2. Breakdown into sections: Find and List
   3. Ben Tillotson: CMC only or 5C?
   4. Iris: How much does it cost us?
      1. Rich: Still need to make proposal, should be under 100
   5. Maddie: ASCMC has an Amazon account; should table to next week because of other alternatives
   6. Ben Tillotson: I think money could potentially come from senate for a project like this
3. **TNC Debrief**
   1. We need to have a back up plan for security and fencing, etc. pending issues with student security
   2. More communication with Board, etc.
   3. Zachariah: I had a family emergency, my fill in was not able to cover, but Heather did not tell me that Jack wasn’t coming
   4. Ben Tillotson: We had a student take issue with student security; would be helpful for honor policy we discussed last week
      1. Gavin: Good point, want to start going to students with this information and seeing what values they hold themselves to
4. **Motion to adjourn, seconded. Approved, 8:20 PM.**

**Adjourn: 9:02 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Bailey

ASCMC Executive Secretary