



**11 April 2019 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Location: SCC 217**

**Senate:** Alejandro Guerrero, Johny Ek Aban, Hans Zhou, Bradley Druzinsky, Samantha Borje, Payal Kachru, Meredith Simpson, Malak Afaneh, Laura Zhang, Alejandro Ruvalcaba, Daniel Silverman, Jordan Favors, Soleil Ball Van Zee, Perla Grimaldo-Ramirez

**Senate Staff:** Alfredo Reyes-Guzman

**Advisors:** Christopher Waugh, Ellie Ash-Bala

**Absent:** Ji Min Hwang, Julian Villasenor, Daniela Bond, Juste Simanauskaite, Juliet Gardner, Israel Diaz Garcia, Winston Nelson, Audrey Jang, Elvis Kaharo, Andriw Read

**Guests:** New 2019-2020 Senate, Steven Jubert, Gabrielle Starr, Dean Hinkson

**I. Call to Order**

- Alejandro Guerrero calls the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

**II. Elections Overview, Welcome 2019 Senate**

- Spring votes were 778
- No complaints, no disputes
- Future
  - Earlier planing, more candidates, more senate support, and better forum planning (e.g. keep frank blue room)

**III. Statement of Solidarity with Palestinian Student**

- Palestinian students and members of Claremont Students for Justice in Palestine call for a statement of support for Palestinians at Pomona College and internationally who are facing anti-Arab racism, Islamophobia, occupation and other forms of violence
- They presented on why this issue is urgent and deeply interconnected with the struggles that students of other marginalized backgrounds face on campus today
- Vote to support was postponed to online Slack forum

**IV. Budget Request Approvals**

- KSPC Prom
  - Requesting \$5,500 for event, board recommends \$5,500

- Daniel motions to move forwards; Johnny seconds

**8 Approved | 0 Opposed | 0 Abstained**

**V. Conversation with Steven Jubert and Christopher Waugh Regarding Policies and Procedures of RHS (Focus on Social Campus Climate and Incident Reports)**

- Students confused on the role of the RA especially concerning administrative tasks and point systems
- There is resentment towards students in these positions by other students
  - Special privileges given to RAs?
    - Staff says that student code is what dictates how these positions look like
  - Fear of RAs and their position; often seen as policing other students
  - Students want more than just events/there should be improved programming
- The RA position brings a lot of pressure for students to get things done as policing officials
  - RLC are supposed to be a source of guidance and as support to RAs
  - RA position is also not secured, as students who need the source of income, it becomes hard to voice concerns with fear of job security
- There is going to be a bigger push/emphasis on creating conversations to improve the relationship and positions of the RAs in OHRL

**VI. Conversation with President Starr Regarding No International Flags at Graduation\***

- \*Currently, only the United States and California flag will be flown at graduation
- Background: Key issue surrounding the representation of the flags and Pomona's uncomfortable position when sanctioning certain flags. Flags were first raised for Class of 2017. There has been an added push to include indigenous flags, but it has been difficult to find flags of all the same size and geopolitical issues with raising certain flags
- Currently planning to have large video screens to document each student walk up the stage-larger discussion on student visibility
- ISMP proposed different ideas/options to continue to include flags, since the flags are a huge representation of diversity for this institutions communities
- President Starr foresees geopolitical issues and logistical issues with putting flags up prior to commencement
- Future directions: there will be conversations to continue this discussion before graduation this year, nothing was finalized\*

**VII. Adjournment / Closed Meeting**

- Alejandro Guerrero adjourned the body at 7:00 p.m.