



Parent Network Board Meeting
Saturday, April 13, 2019

PNB Members in Attendance: Jane Abraham P'19, Michelle Cash P'20, Manoj Chitre P'18 P'22, Heidi Friedlander P'19, Nicole Heath P'22, Cathy Kenworthy P'20, Laurie Lippincott P'19, Donna Novitsky P'20, Anne Sinek P'22, and KK Streator P'18 P'21

Teleconference: Mayra Addison P'21, Michele Altemus P'19, Leslie Barclay P'19, Marc Chiang P'21, Jon Frank P'21, Ginny Lee P'21, Jyoti Narula P'19 P'22, Linda Singh P'20, and Tina Thompson P'20, Kim Karloff P'22 (guest), Andrew Carrillo (staff)

Guests in Attendance: Ellery Koelker-Wolfe '19, Kelly Lyons '21, and Skyler Sallick '21

Absent: Renu Advani P'21, Ghada Alurzi P'17 P'20, Geetha Anand P'19, Vijay Anand P'19, Randy Anderson P'22, Bengi Atun P'20, Kristin Baker P'20, Jim Burgess '84 P'20, James Burke P'20, Stephanie Chakmak '87 P'16 P'19, Sudhir Goel P'20, Nidhi Gupta P'22, Bill Jacob P'20, Mehul Joshi P'19, Tarun Jotwani P'20, Anjali Kausar P'19, Scott Kennedy P'21, John Lin P'21, Alicia Lloreda P'20, Lisa Love P'20, Melanie Mace P'17 P'19, Amy Mehlman P'21, Suharsh Mittal P'22, Sergio Pineda P'19, Joe Pugh P'19, TJ Rathi P'19 P'21, Steven Rogers P'19, Surojit Shome P'22, Michele Sileo P'20, Peters Suh P'19, Balaji Venkatraman P'22, Rick Verjee P'21, and David Zhu P'20.

Staff in Attendance: Leisa Domotor, Diana Graves '98, Susan Layden, Rebecca Pelén, Evan Rutter '06, and Jeannie Scalmanini

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Ms. Lippincott called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and took roll call for those on the teleconference. Attendees went around and introduced themselves. Ms. Lippincott also thanked the board for their engagement throughout the year.

2. Approval of Minutes

The board approved the minutes from the last meeting at Family Weekend.

3. Nominating Committee Proposed Slate of Officers and Vote

Ms. Heath thanked the Nominating Committee for their hard work and presented the proposed slate of officers for the 2019-2020 PNB. Ms. Lippincott indicated how pleased she was with the slate. Ms. Lippincott called for other nominations, and then for a vote of approval. The slate of officers was approved.

4. College Updates

Mr. Rutter provided the board with an update on the College, the Board of Trustees, and the CMC Strategy. The CMC Strategy will reinforce CMC's core values, provide a stronger science program, and help fund more student opportunities. The College is currently conducting a search for a new athletic director for CMS and plans to pick the final candidate by the beginning of summer. The Parent Network Endowed Scholarship was awarded to Devang Patel '19, who will graduate this spring with a degree in computer science.

5. Committee Updates

- a. **Career Development:** The committee reported that the job shadowing program is doing well and grew significantly when the alumni association reached out to alumni for participation. The committee will continue to work on broadening the spectrum of internships for CMC students by working with the CMCAA to open the program to alumni as well. Ms. Novitsky provided a breakdown of the new internships, of which there are 38, and the mentorship program, which is up to 100 participants. For the future, the committee will work to modify the Family Weekend Parent Networking event to engage the maximum number of students.
- b. **Parents Fund:** The Parents Fund continues to work towards their \$1.2 million goal. As the College enters the final quarter of the financial year, the fund currently stands at \$800,000 with plenty of time left to reach the goal. The giving participation goal of 800 families is at 90%. The Office of Annual Giving, which collaborates with the Parents Fund committee, is currently conducting a search for a new director. One of the new director's top priorities will be the Parents Fund. Ms. Addison asked the board for volunteers to call families for the final push of the year. Ms. Addison also stressed the importance of participation by the board and hopes the board reaches a 100% participation rate.
- c. **Communications:** The current [CMC Parent News](#), scheduled to come out soon, will feature articles on commencement, wellness resources, and summer opportunity tips for students. The newsletter will have a link for the [Parent Network Board meeting minutes](#). This year, the committee will publish at July issue designed for new families. [The Claremont McKenna College Parent and Families Facebook group](#) continues to grow and already includes many members from the Class of '23. There are some concerns over sensitive information on the group's page but the board does not believe that it needs an official moderator as board members are quick to provide context and feedback on such issues. The committee asked members of the board to help writing articles for the newsletter.
- d. **Admission Liaison:** The committee has been successful in engaging 79 parents throughout the world, and they have been helpful in representing CMC at college fairs, counseling events, and 5C receptions. For this spring's outreach to ED 1, ED 2, and regular decision families, an attempt was made to match new families

to current families taking into account geography, athletics, and language. This outreach has helped with the College's yield. Additionally, the committee recognizes that more Spanish speaking parent volunteers are needed to help with the outreach efforts.

6. Continued Conversation on Integrated Student Development and Support - Dianna Graves '98, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students

- a. Dean Graves discussed the climate on campus after the tragic deaths of two CMC students this spring and took questions from the group. She talked about some of the steps that the Dean of Students Office is taking to manage the use of drugs on campus, starting with a plan to ramp up education on campus regarding the severe consequences that comes with drug use.
- b. She also discussed increasing awareness of the importance of mental health and developing a "community of care" at CMC. This involves teaching the student body to learn how to check in with themselves, identifying when they are having symptoms of anxiety, depression or other physical or mental health issues—and knowing the resources available to help mitigate those symptoms. Faculty and staff also play a role in identifying problems, and peer-to-peer participation is critical. The RAs are the first line of defense on campus and they are trained to recognize potential problems. After the recent incidents on campus, students are becoming more aware of their surroundings and more focused on the well-being of their fellow students. Dean Graves pointed out that mental illness can happen to anyone.

7. Student [Success Consultants](#) - Ellery Koelker-Wolfe '19, Kelly Lyons '21, and Skyler Sallick '21

- a. The student Success Consultants discussed the goals and the success of the program on campus. In addition to academic support, students are able to seek help in several areas, including time management, the development of healthier study habits, and the importance of good nutrition and sleep. The program began in November 2018 and the consultants have already seen over two hundred students.
- b. In the new academic year, the program will focus on more widely promoting the services to the student population.

8. Thank You to Outgoing Members

Ms. Lippincott thanked the outgoing members of the Board for their service to the College. Mr. Rutter thanked Ms. Lippincott for her incredible leadership throughout the year.

9. Adjournment

Ms. Lippincott adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.