



## **BOARD MEETING**

Saturday, April 22, 2023

**Present:** Allison Aldrich P'24, Carmen Amaya P'25, Annette Brissett P'25, Lori Fujimoto P'24, Kristan Goldfein P'24, Marsi Gorman P'24, Linda Herr P'26, Dahlia Jabro P'26, Steve Kapner P'22, Susan Kim P'25, Bobby Lee P'24, Robin Lee P'24, Amy Mehlman P'21 P'25, Julie Punishill P'24, Marisol Rivera Thurman P'24, Cecilia Son P'25, Lauren Sundstrom P'25

**Absent:** Kavitta Bedi P'24, Jay Bhatt P'21 P'24, Tracey Breazeale P'24 P'24 P'27, Sudhir Goel P'20 P'24, Kristin Merk P'24, Annette Messemer P'25, Susana Pardo P'25, Lisa Therron P'24, Lisa Thomas P'25

**Guests:** Isabel Carter '25, Carol Nobili '24

**Staff:** Amy Flanagan '11, Rebecca Pelén, Evan Rutter '06

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Ms. Allison Aldrich P'24 called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. She thanked the board members who were able to attend Inside CMC Day to help welcome new and prospective CMC families.

### **Approval of Minutes February 19, 2023**

Ms. Aldrich called for a motion to approve the February 19 board meeting minutes. Ms. Kristi Mitchell P'23 moved to approved the minutes. Ms. Robin Lee P'24 second the motion. The minutes were approved.

### **Nominating Committee Vote**

Ms. Aldrich presented the slate of officers and asked the board to approve the leadership roles for the committees. Ms. Julie Punishill P'24 moved to approve the slate of officers and Ms. Jill Slansky P'23 second the motion. The officers approved were:

President: Allison Aldrich P'24

Vice Presidents Programs: Dahlia Jabro P'26, Bobby Lee P'24, Robin Lee, P'24

Vice Presidents Parents Fund: Lori Fujimoto P'24, Bridget Hoffman P'24

Vice Presidents Communications: Marisol Rivera Thurman P'24, Lisa Therron P'24, Carmen Amaya P'25

Vice Presidents Career Development: Kavitta Bedi P'24, Lisa Thomas P'24

Nominating Committee Vice-Chair: Tracey Breazeale P'24 P'24,P'27

Admission Liaison Co-Chairs: Kavitta Bedi P'24, Kristan Goldfein P'24, Linda Herr P'26

### **Campus Update**

Mr. Evan Rutter '06 updated the board that Commencement will occur on May 13, 2023 and will see the Class of 2023 receive their diplomas. The Campaign for CMC:

Responsible Leadership has reached its final seventy days. The original goal for the campaign was \$800 million. The campaign has surpassed the initial goal and currently stands at \$975 million. The funds raised will go towards financial aid, summer experiences and internships for students, the Athenaeum, and fund the integrated science program.

This spring there are 11 chapter programs planned all over the country and world, where the CMC community can engage with one another. Mr. Rutter reminded the board that chapter programs are available to parents. He invited parents to sign up for the upcoming Worldmeet trip to Iceland, which will feature CMC professors and local Icelandic leaders who will speak on the effects of climate change in that country.

Some areas of campus will undergo construction. The Arce Baseball Field was removed and construction teams are working on the foundation of the new Robert Day Sciences Center.

The Board of Trustees has continued working on connecting with students and focused on raising funds for the science center. They are also discussing ways to continue funding students for all four years for their internships. Currently it takes \$5000 to fund one student for the summer. The trustees are also looking forward to 2046, which would mark CMC's centennial. They have started to discuss how CMC can celebrate the occasion.

### **Committee Updates on Goals and Progress**

*Admission Liaisons Committee:* Ms. Slansky reported that the committee has completed the welcome calls campaign for Early Decision 1 and Early Decision 2 this past April. Within the next couple of weeks, the committee will connect with Regular Decision families to welcome them. She encouraged all board members to join the calling campaign.

*Career Development Committee:* Ms. Mitchell outlined the success of the parent and student networking session during Family Weekend 2023. It was well received by both students and parents. The Soll Center shared that this year there were nine parent sourced internships for students, which is down from the previous year. Sourcing internships from parents will be a focus of the committee in the new academic year. Ms. Kavitta Bedi P'24 will focus on international parents and hopes to source internships for students abroad.

*Communications Committee:* Mr. Jay Cohen P'23 reported that the open rate, which was at 64% for the past newsletter, remains consistent with the excellent open rates of the past. The committee is currently planning the last newsletter of the academic year and is scheduled to go out on May 10, 2023. He also encouraged the board members to connect with the committee to help write articles for the parent community.

*Nominating Committee:* Ms. Aldrich wanted to officially welcome the newest board members and congratulated the members who received leadership positions.

*Parents Fund Committee:* Ms. Lori Fujimoto P'24 reported that the Parents Fund committee is half way to their annual goal. They are also up in participation this year as they currently have 625 families who have given to the fund. She also reminded the board of their goal to have 100% participation from all the members. The board currently stands at 77% participation. All members are encouraged to donate by the end of the fiscal year (June 30) with any dollar amount they are comfortable with.

*Programs Committee:* Ms. Chesica Hall P'23 reported on the success of Family Weekend 2023. The committee discussed new sessions for the program in November of 2022 and

were able to implement two new sessions to the schedule. One pertained to the student athlete community and the other highlighted the Open Academy. Around 837 parents and families attended the weekend's festivities and enjoyed the on-campus community.

### **Soll Center for Student Opportunity**

Ms. Amy Flanagan '11, Ms. Carol Nobili '24, and Ms. Isabel Carter '25 provided an update on the Soll Center Student Opportunity. Ms. Flanagan began with a history of the Soll Center, which was formerly known as the Career Services office. In 2016, the office created a set of goals that would transform the office from a transactional counseling system to a coaching model. During this time, they realigned coaching by industry rather than a student's major. They also aimed to establish strong external relations activities that would source internships and jobs for students. Today, the Soll Center is highly visible on campus and is a place where students can interact directly with career coaches.

As of April 2023, the Soll Center met with 88% of the student population, has a coach to student ration of 1:200, and reports that around 513 student received SIE funding for the summer. They are also happy to report that 97% of alumni that have graduated within the last six months have either a job or are headed to graduate school. The starting median salary for the recent graduates is \$80,000.

The office will also continue to focus its efforts with *Engage.CMC* in collaboration with the Office of Alumni and Parent Engagement. The platform aims to connect the alumni and student community with one another for mentorship. Ms. Flanagan also reported that the office is currently working with Public Affairs to redesign their website in hopes of clearly communicating to the internal and external community about the services they provide.

Ms. Carter and Ms. Nobili work as interns in the office where they welcome students, provide support with resume writing, and connect students to the resources they need. They also offer support with Handshake and provide advice with mock interviews. The support does not end with a student graduates, as the Soll Center is happy to work with alumni as well.

### **Thank You to Outgoing Members**

Ms. Aldrich thanked all the outgoing members for their years of service. She was appreciative of their continued support and dedication to volunteerism.

### **Adjournment**

The next board meeting will be in August 2023 via Zoom. Ms. Aldrich adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.