



PARENT NETWORK
CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE

Wednesday, April 28, 2021
9:00 a.m. PT

Attendees: Allison Aldrich P'24, Sherie Bernardez P'22, Jay Bhatt P'21 P'25, Tracey Breazeale P'23 P'23, Chris Campbell P'23, Manoj Chitre P'18 P'22, Jay Cohen P'23, Jane Cohen P'23, Jon Frank P'21, Lori Fujimoto P'24, Teresa Gagnon P'23, Kristin Goldfein P'24, Chesica Hall P'23, Nicole Heath P'22, Gaby Jenkins P'21, Steve Kapner P'22, Kim Karloff P'22, Ginny Lee P'21, Kristin Merk P'24, Kristi Mitchell P'23, Jyoti Narula P'19 P'22, Ganiyat Saka P'22, Surojit Shome P'22, Anne Sinek P'22, Jill Slansky P'23, KK Streator P'18 P'21, Lisa Therron P'24, Rick Verjee P'21

Absent: Laurie Bessey P'23, Marc Chiang P'21, Susan Daly P'23, Sudhir Goel P'20 P'24, Nidhi Gupta P'22, Amy Mehlman P'21, Suharsh Mittal P'22, Rajita Singh P'23, Balaji Venkatraman P'22, Suzanne Wallace P'23

Guests in Attendance: Heather Antecol

Staff in Attendance: Nick Macias-Williams, Rebecca Pelén, Evan Rutter '06, Jennifer Sandoval-Dancs, Jeannie Scalmanini

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Ms. KK Streator called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
- II. Approval of minutes
 - a. Ms. Streator called for a motion for the approval of February meeting minutes. Ms. Nicole Heath moved and Ms. Tracey Breazeale seconded the motion.
- III. Campus update
 - a. Mr. Evan Rutter provided a campus update to the board. The College will host an in-person commencement for the Class of 2021. Only two other institutions, Occidental College and USC, were able to do the same to date. The ceremony will be held on May 15, 2021, and will be limited to students only. It will be livestreamed for the CMC community. The Classes of 2021 and 2022, and their families will be invited back to campus for a full celebration in the summer of 2022.

The College anticipates a full return in August and is waiting for county guidelines to be announced. CMC has arranged for extra dining options, like food trucks, so the on-campus community can spend more times outdoors and socially distanced. Each 5C will have their own restrictions, but this will not interfere with

cross registration across the campuses. Students will also have the opportunity to live in the Alexan Kendry apartments, located a mile from campus. A shuttle will be arranged to transport the students to and from.

The academic year of 2021-2022 will mark the College's 75th anniversary. Mr. Rutter invited all parents to be part of the celebration, which will feature special programs for the community. Mr. Jay Bhatt P'21 took some time to thank CMC and the administration for the hard work and commitment to the students over the last year.

IV. Admission update and Class of 2025

- a. Ms. Jennifer Sandoval-Dancs provided an update on the incoming Class of 2025 and transfer students. Currently, 328 students have committed to CMC. This past year, CMC received 5,640 applications for admission. CMC went test optional; meaning that applicants can choose to share their scores but they were not required. Half of the applicants submitted their test scores.

Recently, Los Angeles County has allowed campuses to conduct tours on campus for admitted students. CMC is the only Claremont College to open for tours and the second in Los Angeles County. CMC plans to provide tours for perspective students in June and have hired six student tour guides. The office of Alumni and Parent Engagement will welcome the new students by hosting New Student Parties, in person. Everyone is encouraged to attend the party in their region.

V. Nominating Committee Proposed Slate of Officers and Vote

- a. Ms. Breazeale thanked the outgoing members who will leave the board after this semester. A Zoom poll was conducted and the board unanimously voted to approve the slate of officers. They are the following:
 - i. Nicole Heath P'22 – President, Jil Stark '57 GP'11 Award Committee
 - ii. Jyoti Narula P'19 P'22 – International Engagement Coordinator
 - iii. Tracey Breazeale P'23 P'23 – Nominating Committee Chair
 - iv. Sherie Bernardez P'22 and Jill Slansky P'23 – Admission Committee
 - v. Anne Sinek P'22, Kristin Mannion P'22, Kristi Mitchell P'23– Careers Committee
 - vi. Lisa Therron P'24 and Steve Kapner P'22 – Communications Committee
 - vii. Kim Karloff P'22 and Lori Fujimoto P'24 – Parents Fund Committee
 - viii. Suzanne Wallace P'23 and Allison Aldrich P'24– Programs

VI. Committee Goals and Updates:

- a. Admission
Ms. Sherie Bernardez reported that the committee has reached out to regular decision students and families and it was successful. Ms. Gaby Jenkins thanked the those who volunteered to helped with the outreach.
- b. Careers
Ms. Heath reported the on the success of the Family Weekend parent panel

program. This year they needed to pivot from the in-person event to an online event. The panel featured parents within the field of recruitment. These parents provided great advice to current students, as well as alumni, about how to present themselves during job interviews. Unfortunately, one of the companies did not allow this conversation to be recorded, but notes were provided after the program.

c. Nominating

Ms. Breazeale will continue to look for potential board members. She encouraged current members of the board to talk to new parents and encourage them to get involved. If any board member has a suggest, please contact Ms. Breazeale.

d. Parents Fund

Mr. Nick Macias-Williams reported that the committee is working on an appeal letter that will go out to all parents and they hope it will help them reach their participation goal. Currently they have 534 parent donor families, which puts them at 73% towards their annual goal. They are also 82% towards their goal of \$1 million dollar goal.

e. Programs

Mr. Jon Frank informed the board that the virtual programs for parents were very popular. Next year, Family Weekend is expected to be in-person.

f. Communications

Mr. Rick Verjee reported that the spring edition of CMC Parent News was emailed to all parents. Articles featured a video interview with Priya Junnar of the Athenaeum, the history of parent involvement at CMC, as well as interviews with students and their fall plans at CMC.

VII. Meet CMC's New Dean of the Faculty

- a. Heather Antecol is the new Dean of the Faculty and Vice President of Academic Affairs. Ms. Antecol provided an update on academics at CMC. The Claremont Colleges will continue with cross campus registration. However, due to restrictions, students will not be allowed to access other dining halls other than their own. Ms. Antecol also reported that the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum will resume its normal operations and welcome students back for programming. They will offer some programs virtually. The institutes will host programs in hopes of reengaging students when they are back on campus. Science labs will resume once students are back on campus. Currently, there are no restrictions for students working in labs, unless the county requires it. Ms. Antecol and her office will continue to inform students about the support they can access. Community building is also an important project for the Dean of the Faculty office and they will work to solidify the tight-knit community.

VIII. Thank You to Outgoing Members

- a. Ms. Streator thank all the board members that worked tirelessly during their years at CMC. Board members are encouraged to take advantage of the programs CMC offers, which will feature CMC's history as it celebrates its 75th anniversary. The board also thanked Ms. Streator for her years of service to the Parent Network Board.

- IX. Date of next meeting
 - a. Details are forthcoming for the August 2021 Leadership call.
- X. Adjournment
 - a. Ms. Streator adjourned the board meeting at 10:32 a.m.