CMC Parent Network Board Meeting
Saturday, February 20, 2022
11:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Pacific Time

Meeting Minutes

Present: Allison Aldrich P'24, Carmen Amaya P'25, Sheri Bernardez P'22, Kavitta Bedi P'24, Jay Bhatt P'21 P'24, Tracey Breazeale P'23 P'24, Chris Campbell P'23, Jay Cohen P'23, Jane Cohen P'23, Susan Daly P'23, Lori Fujimoto P'24, Teresa Gagnon P'23, Kristan Goldfein P'24, Chesica Hall P'23, Nicole Heath P'22, Bridget Hoffman P'24, Steve Kapner P'22, Bobby Lee P'24, Robin Lee P'24, Amy Mehlman P'21 P'25, Kristin Merk P'24, Annette Messemer P'25, Kristi Mitchell P'23, Julie Punishill P'24, Marisol Rivera Thurman P'24, Anne Sinek P'22, Jill Slansky P'23, Lisa Thomas P'25, Lisa Therron P'24

Absent: Sudhir Goel P'20 P'24, Nidhi Gupta P'22, Kim Karloff P'22, Kristin Mannion P'22, Jyoti Narula P'19 P'22, Susana Pardo P'25, Ganiyat Saka P'24, Surojit Shome P'22, Rajita Singh P'23, Suzanne Wallace P'23

Guests: Michelle Chen P'25, Sarah Chen '22, Aryaman Gulati '22, Tanya Kapoor '22, Annette Njei '23, Noah Mesel '83 P'25, Rhett Thurman P'24, Pat Wilson P'24

Staff Present: Daphne Achilles '25, Brian Davidson '08, Ursula Diamond, Megan Fesolovich, Rebecca Pelén, Jeannie Scalmanini, Kerry Steere, Ray Watts

Welcome and Introductions

Nicole Heath welcomed everyone to the meeting and had all board members and guests introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes from October 2, 2021

The minutes from the October 2, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

Committee Updates on Goals and Progress

Careers Committee: The committee hosted the "I'm Ready" workshop on Saturday during Family Weekend 2022. The workshop was designed to help students craft and refine their stories to explain to potential employers why they should want them on their team. One hundred and sixty students and family members attended the session.

Communications Committee: The committee has been working on three goals. The first goal is cross-committee coordination, which led to collaborating with the Careers committee on the "I'm Ready" campaign. The CMC Parent News featured information about the session and invited the parent community to attend. The second goal was to add interactive videos. The upcoming edition will feature a short video of students explaining their roles within CMC's research institutes. Finally, the committee is striving to make

the newsletter accessible and inclusive. Each upcoming newsletter will include at least one article in Spanish. Steve Kapner P'22 informed the board that the committee is looking for parent contributors that can help with the international parent perspective. Lisa Therron P'24 reported that open rates for the newsletters are excellent and steadily climbing.

Nominating Committee: Tracey Breazeale P'23 P'24 welcomed the new board members and thanked them for their volunteer efforts. She also asked board members to send recommendations for the open leadership roles left vacant due to graduation.

Parents Fund: The committee reported that as of February 1, 2022, 546 parents have donated to the College. Currently the committee has raised $593,000 in unrestricted donations. The Parent Network Board's current participation rate is 76%. They encourage all board members to donate before the end of the year in order to reach 100%. Lori Fujimoto P'24 reported that the 1946 Challenge in October 2021 was very successful. During the challenge, 2,100 donors gave around $800,000 to the College. Within this challenge, parent donors made up about 16% and donated around $200,000.

Programs Committee: The committee conducted parent surveys and worked to incorporate the ideas from the survey into Parent and Family Orientation as well as Family Weekend. For example, this Family Weekend will feature a Ted Talk style session with alumni and current students. Finally, Allison Aldrich P'24 thanked CMC staff and commended the College for hosting Family Weekend in person.

Post-Graduation Outcomes: Wall Street to Washington and Beyond

Ursula Diamond discussed the various ways the Soll Center for Student Opportunity and the Career Services team helped students obtain jobs after graduating. She explained that the Career Services team is set up by interest clusters. Each member of the team makes sure to reach out to every student offering to connect and discuss career options.

Students have the opportunity to apply for experiential summer funding, which allows them to take unpaid internships or travel to other parts of the world.

To gauge the outcomes of CMC graduates, the Career Services office sends out a survey six months after commencement. This information is used to see how graduates are managing post college. The 2019 and 2020 survey showed that 96% of the graduate were either fully employed or going to graduate school. Over the last three years, the top fields for CMC graduates were: accounting and financial services, consulting, and technology. In 2020, there was a slight change with technology being the most successful field. The median salary for graduates is $73,000, which is higher than most liberal arts colleges that stand at around $50,000. Ms. Diamond invited board members to connect with their students and encourage them to visit the Soll Center for Student Opportunity.

An Inside Look at Fellowships at CMC

Director of Fellowship Advising Brian Davidson ’08 explained how CMC helps students fill out applications and compete for national and international fellowships. This process is time consuming and compels student to think about their purpose and principles. These services can also be accessed post-graduation, and many alumni connect with Mr. Davidson to work on fellowship applications. CMC produces many Fulbright scholars with most of them going on to teach English all over the world.

Student Roles in Research Institutes

Sarah Chen ’22, Tanya Kapoor ’22, and Annette Njei ’23, three students who work with three of the eleven research institutes on campus, joined the group to talk about their experiences. Ms. Chen is part of the Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies. Tanya Kapoor ’22 is the student director of acquisition and operations for the Randall Lewis Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and Annette Njei ’23 is the general assistant for programming and research at the Berger Institute for Individual and Social Development. They discussed their experiences at each center and shed light on the application process for CMCers who would like to join the research institutes.

Adjournment

The meeting concluded with a reminder that the next meeting will take place at CMC on Saturday, April 23, 2022 during Inside CMC Day.