

A Resolution For the Protection of Claremont McKenna College Social Life

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Topic: A resolution formally demanding that Claremont McKenna College and the Dean of Students office remove the restrictions on social life that are arbitrary and unreasonable including but not restricted to the indefinite outlaw of parties open to students from the other Claremont Colleges, the limitation of student-hosted events to 100 people (which is equal to less than 1.6 percent of the 6,286 Claremont College undergraduates), the prohibition on the use of event funds for the purchase of beer kegs, champagne, and red wine, and the requirement that administration-trained event hosts supervise events of more than twenty.

WHEREAS, the administration has sought to uproot and replace the pre-pandemic party culture ever since we have returned. In Fall 2021, half the student body had never been on campus before. Thus, the character of CMC's social life could be more easily reshaped than in years past, **AND**

WHEREAS, It is also reported that Assistant Dean of Students MaryKate Jacobs, who oversees event registration, told Resident Assistants that substances would be completely banned from dorms on the south side of Green Hall (commonly known as "Green Beach") if she had her way. Further, it is reported that Dean Jacobs required that ASCMC not host the formerly annual Pirate Party and McKenna Palooza. Instead, she allowed one party called Pirate Palooza. At the moment, the college only plans on hosting three major events this semester including Pirate Palooza according to a January 17 email from the events team, **AND**

WHEREAS, some have claimed that the old CMC social life was "fratty" and non-inclusive as it leaves out those who do not drink. College students will party no matter what restrictions the college imposes. DOS cannot actually ban parties, they can only force them behind closed doors. In response to regulations, cliques will limit the number of outsiders at their parties to avoid being caught violating the very regulations that are marketed as inclusive. Athletes at Pomona College, our stricter neighbor, often live off-campus with their teammates where they can avoid the college's regulations. Those without access to an off-campus house are left out. If DOS continues ramping up on-campus restrictions, they will risk creating a similar non-inclusive culture for CMC students, while also increasing the probability of dangerous drinking and driving, **AND**

WHEREAS, the college has placed further arbitrary and unreasonable restrictions on alcohol. Kegs are not allowed on campus without the administration's approval. Some student leaders report that Dean Jacobs tried to prevent them from providing alcohol at a school-sponsored pregame. Furthermore, Dean Jacobs would not allow red wine while she did allow white wine. The alcohol policies have become so complicated and arbitrary that they contradict themselves at times. As of this morning, the college's "[High-risk Alcohol and Drug Use Prevention Program Guide](#)" says students are allowed to bring one

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drink to an event. Contrarily, the college's "[Student Activities Policies](#)" claim that students may not bring any outside alcohol into student events, **AND**

WHEREAS, the removal of the aforementioned restrictions and the reinstatement of the former character of Claremont McKenna's social life would foster the happiest and most inclusive campus relative to the alternatives, **AND**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the ASCMC Student Senate strongly urges the Dean of Students Office to drop the arbitrary and unreasonable restrictions on party life mentioned in this resolution and the ones omitted.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the ASCMC Student Senate strongly urges the Dean of Students office to allow students from all Claremont Colleges at all major events going forward. In addition, the ASCMC Student Senate strongly urges the Dean of Students offices to add more major events to the three it has planned for this semester

FURTHERMORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the ASCMC Student Senate believes that the job of the Dean of Students office is to serve the student body and the college, not to promote farcical and contradictory regulations in the name of some principles unknowable to us.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the ASCMC Student Senate strongly urges the Board of Trustees to write to the Dean of Students' office demanding that they end the degradation of Claremont McKenna College's social life and the coddling of students.

FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the ASCMC Student Senate strongly urges MaryKate Jacobs, Sharon Basso, and Diana Graves to meet with the members of a committee formed to address this issue to explore possible mutually agreeable solutions.

Executive Vice President