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5CIV Update

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CMC,

Last year, it was brought to ASCMC and other 5C student Senate's attention that InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, a national organization with an affiliated 5C Chapter at the Claremont Colleges, did not allow LGBTQIA+ members of the national organization to serve in leadership roles. In actuality, the organization reiterated their theological position.

The initial concern was that if such a statement did come from InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, students of the LGBTQIA+ community who espouse the Christian faith would be excluded from joining or performing leadership roles in the Claremont 5CIV organization. After conversations with Nyree Gray, Assistant Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion, and Devon MacIver, Assistant Dean of Students for Student Activities and Orientation, we have identified no cases reported in which students at CMC have been unwelcome by 5CIV. All organizations registered through the colleges must have a nondiscrimination clause in their constitution. 5CIV's governing documents contains this required clause, which is why it continues to exist as an on-campus organization. Furthermore, the 5C recognition process is facilitated by Pomona College which is reviewed and approved by each of the Claremont Colleges via the Student Deans Committee. It is worth noting that the 5C recognition process virtually mirrors our own at CMC. Because of these facts, ASCMC will not vote to rescind recognition of 5CIV at the next Executive Board Meeting scheduled on 10/22 and will work with 5CIV and other 5C student governments to ensure that 5CIV continues to be an inclusive organization and supports students in every way that it can.

ASCMC and all clubs registered at the CMC or 5C level are required to have a nondiscrimination clause in their governing documents to ensure that all groups on campus welcome all students. If any students, or any group of students, experience discrimination by any organization, I urge you to reach out to Nyree Gray at [REDACTED]. Please know that ASCMC supports you. As we see our nation growing more and more divided, I hope we can take a moment in our own community to affirm the values of respect and support.

If anyone has any questions or wants to talk privately, I'm always willing to lend another ear and can direct you to many other helpful people.

Best Always,
Sami Malas