Meeting Notes
Present: Terry Bouchuk (chair), Daylanne English, Lloyd Cledwyn, Brian Lindeman, Laurie Hamre, Doriyush Ubaydi, and David Wheaton.

Guests: Josie Ahrens, Miranda Adams, Jocelyne Cardona, Sarah Knispel, Andrew Hansen, Rebecca Hornstein, Jonathon McJunkin, Jessica Munoz, Tom Raley, and Leewana Thomas.

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Terry Boychuk.

**Dream Act**
The Committee is predisposed to send forward to the President a statement that Mac endorse higher education as a pathway to naturalization for undocumented youth. The student organization, Adalante, presented the proposal, Public Statement Regarding Institutional Support of the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act (Dream Act), requesting Macalester provide institutional support for the Act and for places in the admissions process for undocumented students. Concerns about backing the Dream Act, per se, included setting precedent for Mac backing political action, the chance wording of the Dream Act could drastically change and connection between admissions spots /financial aid and support of the Act. The SRC recommended Brian place a statement on the SRC website endorsing higher education as a pathway to naturalization for alien minors. The statement supports the government enacting legislation that upholds the principles of the current Dream Act and which embodies Mac’s institutional values and beliefs. Brian Rosenberg adopted the SRC’s statement (below) on May 8th, 2012.

May 4, 2012 (forwarded to President Rosenberg)
**Macalester College Endorses Higher Education as a Pathway to Naturalization for Alien Minors** (Recommendation by the Social Responsibility Committee on May 4, 2012. Recommendation adopted by President Brian C. Rosenberg.)
*Macalester College’s statement of purpose and belief affirms our commitment to enabling talented and aspiring students to realize their full potential as individuals as well as to make positive contributions to their communities and to humanity the world over. We also believe that fostering dialogue among students of diverse national, social, and cultural origins is a cornerstone of a liberal education. In accordance with these values and beliefs, Macalester College endorses in principle legislative proposals for creating a pathway to naturalization for the children of undocumented aliens through the successful completion of college and university degree programs. To put this opportunity within effective reach of many, it is imperative to preserve these students’ eligibility for government programs that provide financial assistance to offset the rising costs of a college education. These provisions have been articulated in the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors, or, DREAM Act, specifically Senate Bill 952 introduced in 2011. This version of the DREAM ACT upholds the principle of equitable, nondiscriminatory treatment of minors entering adulthood who have to come to reside in the United States not of their own choice. It affirms equality of opportunity for these individuals to develop their talents to their fullest. It holds out the promise of broadening the ranks of college graduates who are poised to contribute to the civic life, economic prosperity, and social welfare of our country. It upholds colleges and universities in
their efforts to sustain diverse student bodies that advance the purposes of liberal learning as well as promote cross-cultural exchange and understanding so essential to national and global citizenship.

Macalester College welcomes and favors legislative initiatives that uphold the underlying principles of Senate Bill 952, the DREAM ACT, and which embody our institutional values and beliefs.

-Adopted May 8, 2012

UNITE HERE-HEI Labor Dispute
EJTF-MPIRG members responded to questions from SRC members about the feasibility of an institutional boycott, about legal issues underpinning the labor dispute and about UNITE HERE’s criteria for distinguishing boycotted hotels from recommended hotels.

The SRC adjourned for the summer without a definitive response from EJTF-MPIRG on the latter two questions: the dispute over the legal process of union recognition and the criteria used to identify a boycotted hotel. Members of MPIRG stated plans to provide the answers to the questions over the summer months.

The meeting was adjourned.