

Bill # ____
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An Act Establishing a Task Force on Membership Requirements

- Whereas, MCSG has experienced confusion and conflict regarding requirements for membership; and
- Whereas, Clear parameters for membership are essential to the smooth functioning of MCSG; and
- Whereas, In recognizing the right to define membership in a way that best serves the Student Body, MCSG is also tasked to responsibly and thoughtfully approach creating membership criteria; therefore

Be it enacted by this Legislative Body assembled:

SECTION 1. A Task Force on Membership Requirements (TMR) shall be established.

SECTION 2. Composition

- A. The TMR shall be composed of five members: One representative from each class and one member of the Executive Board.
- B. Each cohort of class representatives serving the same constituency will select one member to serve on the TMR through a consensus-based process.
- C. The Executive Board will choose one executive to serve on the TMR through a consensus-based process.
- D. Members of the TMR shall, by majority vote, designate a chair who will be responsible for arranging meetings, compiling written recommendations, using a fair procedure for deliberation, and reporting to the Legislative Body.
- E. The advisor of MCSG and other members of the Legislative Body will be invited to participate in the TMR and contribute their expertise, but shall not have voting privileges.

SECTION 3. Task

- A. The TMR shall recommend bylaw and constitutional changes to the Legislative Body that enable MCSG to responsibly govern its own membership. The TMR will also recommend specific eligibility requirements that best serve MCSG and the Student Body. Recommendations shall have the support of the majority of the TMR.
- B. Recommendations shall adhere to the letter and spirit of the MCSG Constitution's Statement of Purpose, which includes the Student Rights, Freedoms, and Responsibilities Document.
- B. The TMR shall meet as often as necessary, periodically reporting on progress to the Legislative Body.
- C. The TMR shall operate with the understanding that MCSG is a sovereign self-governing body of students that is not necessarily compelled to agree with Macalester College's existing institutional policy.

SECTION 4. Enactment

- A. This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage. Within three class days of passage members of the TMR will be selected.
- B. Recommendations to the Legislative Body will be due at the regularly scheduled LB meeting on March 11, 2014.