JM: This is not that formal of a situation. I just wanted to have a time to have a conversation about why I'm here, what I do, who I am and how I come at the work I do. I just want to take some time to talk about that, then field some questions. Campus activities is a newly formed department, combining Campus life and departments to form this department. It was formed to make things work together better. Over the last several months we have been talking about who we are, etc. You can see our definition on the website here, on the Campus Activities page. When you talk about student life, activities, we are the hub that facilitates that. We provide leadership development, organization, whenever you talk about having a question, that's generally what we do. Because MCGS is the student voice, we are the ones who help you hold students accountable to the standards you set for them. Even new issues that students bring up, we help implement those changes. We want to be here as a partner. We provide a lot of advisory support, ev en in MCGS. Because of the fact that we need to help implement things you decide on.

One of the main things I wanted to see when I got here was to provide more support and things in general for students. Many o thers have things they want to do and not how to do it. We recognize the needs of these orgs so that's why we're here. We also want consistency and clarity in our policies. These are passed down orally or through example, we need to look at policies and make sure these policies are still relevant. My goal is always to allow flexibility. Going towards specific activities that we do, one, fully using our resources, it's a very nice, powerful tool. We're not using it for its full capabilities. We're working to find out all its capabilities, working with the staff and FAC & SOC to make orgs contact easier. You can use it for all kinds of things. There are forms that people can use, it'll be great because its all centralized. We want the campus center to be a more vibrant space. The wall of organs is a great example that we're working on. Another thing we talked about was the artwork, maybe we could do student photo competition depicting student life. Every year this could be the thing we do to make things more experimental. We're trying to do more programming in the Loeb. Also Kagan issues, we have a set of Kagan guidelines and they're there for everyone to see. However nobody is being held accountable. We talk about ensuring guidelines and allowing for a fun event. This semester we have been going to Kagins. I went to the last one... its just... I wanted to see what was happening. I also wanted to make sure the orgs knew we were there to support them. If there is an issue there is immediate contact. We're finding about many issues that are happening. I've had student let me know that they were glad I was there. After this I'm emeritus we'll sit down and talk about what we can do. I'll stop talking... any questions?

SN: What's some things you've noticed?

JM: I don't think its necessarily. When people say it's not safe and dangerous what we've most found out that there are a lot of cracks and crevices to be out of the way. When people are in a corner its harder to see them... when. People see people going into a corner and into bathroom stalls if i'd everyone is, usually it gets people flushed out. The water fountain overflows too, that's another good reason why we're there. The security that comes in is also unknown to campus, we don't want them to be over authoritative when we can correct behavior better. If a police or security officer confronts someone that often escalates behavior. I had to ask people to periodically check bathrooms since i can't go in there.

RD: What happened to the old tvs in the CC?

JM: the tv by the info desk is just being repaired.

RD: The reason i asked is because we thought the wall could use a tv.

JM: Yeah we also talked about adding in a screen, it would be better for changing information and adding information. It couldn't be accessed by orgsync.

SN: Haven't there been new tvs in the Loeb?

JM: Bon app saw the screen and saw that they wanted to be more snazzy with their technology. It just gives them a chance to change things up in a faster way. By the SPO as well they just wanted to have it look more slick. The other two screens is a project by an environmental class, they get money from a org that like energy conversation. They wondered if people were aware of high energy being used in a hall that will be lowered. That's why it goes by halls so people can track their behavior. That's more of a temp use of screen.

IC: What org is it? It shows the veggie coop being the most wasteful.

JM: You'll have to talk to KURT in services.

IC: This year i've noticed cafe mac is crowded more this year.

JM: When more meal options were added that increased the traffic, the biggest reason is because the space is too small. Next year there was talk about adding new programs for upperclassmen.

SN: We talked about including that little area next to grill to cafe mac, is that still on the table? This is the other thing.

RD: Move to table this discussion until next week... further notice.

IC: Is that the date on the event?

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JZ: So something I brought up last week, Abaki and Steph and I are working on a project for internships, right now there is a limited number of options available. We want to draft a resolution about how to get that submitted. I've been talking with the internship office about possible options. The Mac weekly is doing a spread so check that out. If you have any ideas let us know. I'm excited about it.

JL: Where is this exactly going to be?

IC: The next guest is coming in 10 minutes, we can talk about Mac things.

LB: Just so people know, people have been talking to me a lot about Kagins. I think the reason why is because misinformation is being spread and the actual policies are not concrete.

CD: How many sophomores came to the cake event?

JM: If you are going to do tug of war make sure you have gloves. Don't hurt your hands.

CS: The pushball is a fun event. The one from last year was a huge success, it was made out of rubber and rubber shrinks in the cold. Regardless whether or not it pops this year we're going to get another one. As long as it's not freezing it should be fine. Maybe we can have a temperature sensitive condition.

JL: The forum for FAC debate is happening soon, the publicity happens tomorrow. Its going to be in the daily piper.

SM: We'd love to have this org have their own equipment but that's a long term goal.

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JM: I think from our perspective there are Kagins planned, we've stopped adding more. There were 8 planned at the beginning of the semester, we now have 7. We're not taking any more new ones. I had a meeting with the orgs that are hosting Kagins, the orgs want to have these programs. There are issues, but it not Kagin culture its main culture. The re moval of Kagins won't change the larger issue. Some of the things you guys are doing are helping to address that. Just centering it around Kagins is making orgs feel like they're getting blamed for something that's beyond their control. They're willing to work in these guidelines, but we can't control behavior.

JL: This is a suggestion or an idea, since we were talking about Kagins we can channel energy towards this. This is a way to maintain a safe space.

CS: At its core, this new org will be a homebase for people who don't drink and don't do drugs. I'm thinking to primary goal is to have a space for fun and connections. A secondary goal is to have people who are curious about the sober lifestyle. And the person who really started this is Caleb Easterly, but I think that is the general idea.

JL: We can open it up for questions

11: NE: More than us just communicating what we want to do, we also need to figure out what they are saying. Its not just what we're saying, I think we should all go around to our class mates and see what they think.

SM: We're doubling the standard of 12.

JL: M2Q

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Dex: Pretty much we’ve been using student cameras and school cameras, there is also a new broadcasting studio.

WT: You’re interested in working with other student orgs and such?

Dex: Yes, we think that making videos for others will be a great way to make ourselves known.

IC: I just see this org blossoming into a bigger things, like to DJ club.

JL: If you have any more thoughts, visit their charter and we’ll get a final version for next week.

CD: I agree that the Kagin issue doesn’t override everything so maybe we should have a forum. People obviously have their opinions about this.

CP: Personally I don’t see that the college is sponsoring Kagins and is indirectly sponsoring drinking and sexual assault culture.

JL: Going back to my consistent and clear, if Kagin is gone then so is winter ball and founders day. When we have these things we need to be careful and consistent. Students will ask about why some activities get funded and some don’t. A lot of orgs that sponsor dances will be affected by this change.

Tess: remember to watch your language, we’re talking about sexual assault and not staplers.

AH: You can distinguish, as an RA, that there is a difference between a Friday with a kagin and a normal Friday night.

JP: I would encourage about being specific about what behaviors that needs to be changed. People often agree in the abstract. Don’t sensationalize it, many people can demonstrate these activities without knowing. This is something that everyone contributes to.

PM: As reps, our role is to rep students. This argument is constructive, but we need to talk about the steps that we can take in order to stop all these issues. We should send out a message to the student body.

JZ: We’ve been talking about the fact that people are talking about Kagins. We should instead do something concrete.

KF: I wrote an email to the SAAC reps, I brought up Kagin because the bill that the rumors are circulating from was brought up during a SAAC meeting. It could affect SAAC issues and programming. So I sent out an email to SAAC reps about Kagin. I’m sorry for the confusion, if it came from that, but I’m not sorry for starting the conversation. If banning Kagins is the most important thing that gets people talking about this then so be it. People have been talking shit behind my back as they view me as public enemy number one. Don’t think this is going to just happen. We need to be aware of what this is going to take.

JL: If anyone wants to have this on an agenda, a future conversation, email me or Tess so that people know it will be coming up. It’ll be in our minutes but that’s not the best way to advertise that.

IC: This conversation has been going in circles so I’ll cut off the speakers list.

WT: We’re confusing Kagin and Mac culture. We have polls on sexual assault on campus but not just kagin. I know there is a lot of individual experience but let’s get a broader view. I heard from the building manager that after the first PB meeting there was no PB rep helping out. If that is true or not, communication needs to be opened up. As Jim said, what is it exactly that we want to address. Don’t think we have enough information and haven’t applied our solutions enough yet.

JM: Last semester I sent out a reminder for kagin guidelines, maybe I can send that out again. It’s a way to show people that this is being talked about. Maybe a town hall meeting or a forum will help eliminate conversations.

RB: We have talked about what is being talked about, we should channel this into productive ways. We should have a statement in the Mac weekly. We can try to incorporate this conversation into other things that are going on campus, for example the sexual assault forum.

DT: I want to encourage all of us reach creative ways to tackle this issue. If we’re going to provide information, we should be direct them to real things. Not just making assumptions and claims. We can work better, let’s leave this meeting with that energy.

IC: The meeting is wrapping up, let’s do announcements.

Meeting ends 21:00