Land Acknowledgment (We are on Indigenous land) ~ Jordanella

Settling In/Introductions
Jordanella
- Announcements
  - Not going over election code by-laws bc legal issues with anti-discrimination by-law

Voting for Speaker of the House ~ Jordanella
Rebecca
- Bobbie and anna dropped out of speaker race
Mariah
- Was a part of MCSG last year → knows how meetings run
- Thinks everyone being heard and keeping things organized are important
- Thinks being speaker of the house would be really fun!
Micah
- Various experiences with governing and roberts rules of law
- Newcomer but outsider perspective is positive
- Fresh eyes can better serve interests of LB
- Commitment is an important quality of the speaker
Rebecca
- Form to submit vote linked in the agenda
- Issue based officers and class reps can vote, chairs cannot
Jordanella
- Elected speaker = Mariah
Rebecca
- Will lead LB as speaker tonight, Mariah starting next week

Interest Group Discussion
Katie
- Dissolving interest groups
- Best for the sanity of SOC and campus in general
- Student org chartering process used to be very inaccessible
- Proposed by-laws attempt to break down barriers in chartering process
- Main difference between orgs and interest groups is they dont get flexi fund
- Currently no interest groups
Joel
- How recently have there been interest groups?
Katie
• No record of interest groups - katie doesn't have access
• Pool club rented loch two years ago

Laurie
• Interest groups also cannot request funding from FAC
• Since law was passed for interest groups, there have been about five
  ○ Students for bernie, students for elizabeth that did not seek any funding

Mariah
• What are plans to make chartering an org more accessible this year?

Katie
• Sitting down with orgs and having conversations
• Working with the DML to hold office hours across campus
• This discussion came from coming up with anti-discrimination for interest groups and orgs

Ayana
• Are there any potential detriments to getting rid of interest groups?

Katie
• Writing club is an example of interest group who eventually just wanted to be an org
• Hopefully students who don't want to be an org have other resources on campus

Kody
• Main concern: having interest groups around election periods
• Sanders and Warren interest groups couldn't be orgs possibly because of national association

Katie
• Still allowed to exist even if nationally associated
• Anyone can reserve a room or space

Kody
• Could there be an issue with supporting some candidates and not others?

Katie
• By-laws don't allow for SOC to deny a candidate based org based on personal beliefs

Kit
• Could an interest group be you and four friends talking about anything? You don't get anything besides people talking. Is that simplifying?

Katie
• No it is not. That is accurate.
• Not a lot of knowledge campus wide about interest groups
• Only difference is orgs go through auditing and training events
• Interest groups cannot receive funding and can only be for Mac community

Rebecca
• Can groups in support of candidates become chartered orgs?

Eric
• Cannot charter for a specific candidate

Katie
• Where does it say that?

Eric
• Section in the charter that requires org to have wide enough interest as opposed to just one person
Katie
  ● Rebecca, I’ll get back to you on that. Post it in the slack.

**Break**

**Committee Updates**

Rebecca (FAC)
  ● Approved three additional allocation requests in FAC meeting

Tom (AAC)
  ● Mid-term coffee and donuts are coming
  ● Textbook discussion finished by October

Katie (SOC)
  ● Met last week to go over everything
    ○ Some newcomers in group
    ○ By-laws, what they do, how charter process works
  ● Going to assign liaisons to different orgs

Jordanella (SSRC)
  ● At-large applications are out get people you know
  ● Discussing changes to open pantry
    ○ Check it out in mac daily
  ● Planning to reach out to health/wellness center for concerns about insurance and cost

Eric
  ● Addressing discrimination ad hoc
  ● Establishing concrete plan for short and long term
  ● If anyone wants to get involved, contact Eric in the slack

Katie
  ● **Bon app ad hoc**
    ● Met with executive chef, general manager, and other officials
    ● Scottys has halal chicken
    ● Cafe mac only has seven full time employees
    ● Ad hoc trying to make bon app more desirable position for student workers
      ○ Cannot raise wages bc of student employment
    ● Meeting with bon app next Thursday if interested

Kody
  ● Did AAC bring up wellness days?

Tom
  ● Working on bringing up wellness days complicated bc wellness days are attractive but course load of semester is fixed and more days off means more course load
  ● Realistically professors have their own arrangement
  ● For spring some of the classes are decided
  ● For now wellness days are still in progress

Katie
  ● On the campus life committee with board of trustees
  ● In board meeting, reminded everyone that wellness days took up spring break in the past and not to do that again

Kody
- Cannot accept that wellness days can’t happen
- Believes that wellness days are essential
- We should do something

**Open Floor**

**Mariah**
- On income and inequality commission and decision about textbooks is coming soon

**Colman**
- Any updated changes?

**Mariah**
- Seems like they are thinking more about blanket $800
  - Thinking about a gradient

**Ayana**
- Ad hocs can have members from outside of MCSG
  - There are people out there that are interested in them
- Roon and Ayana to meet with the provost next week, let them know if you have anything

**Jordanella**
- Is this meeting about anything specific?

**Ayana**
- Provost wanted to follow up with some experiences that were shared as black students on campus

**Eric**
- Looking at mac sustainability in a class and particularly community gardens, green spaces, other initiatives
- Suggesting the potential for a sustainability ad hoc

**Kashvi**
- We can talk about the projects that the sustainability office is working on. There are about 15. Ex: bike share, green spaces, etc
- Should think about sustainability ad hoc goals

**Rebecca**
- Continue the conversation about financial compensation for student government and other unpaid jobs
- Spoke with Andrew Wells who is the interim director of student affairs
  - If MCSG were to be compensated as work study positions, it would change the relationship between stud gov and administration to employer/employee
  - Could potentially undermine advocacy for student body

**Daniel**
- Is there a way to get paid by someone else then?

**Rebecca**
- No

**Katie**
- Changing money wouldn’t change the position because we already have staff in here
- Last year ayana and katie started a student coalition to be completely separate
Would argue that MCSG is already connected to college
Interesting point is that if MCSG was paid they couldn’t split award with preceptor for example
Could be interesting to explore stipends in financial code
Rebecca
- Staff members who are paid in MCSG are not elected
- Not separate from college bc sanctioned
- Ultimately student body is our boss
- Would bring us more under the thumb of administration to be paid by them
Jonah
- The whole campus already views us as part of admin so it is not a relevant talking point to argue that it would change the relationship
Laurie
- Tax and financial implications that we need to explore further
- Come to Laurie with questions and concerns because job of advisor is to bring ideas to life
- Some of the concerns katie mentioned are challenging but not insurmountable
- Good idea: here is another small liberal arts college that pays their student gov’t
- Having MCSG as a paid position would require clocking in
Joel
- Some student leaders who have been doing unpaid work with cultural events for the campus need to be included
- What can be done to support student volunteers who do cultural life work?
Ayana
- Rethinking financial code for how we do stipends is a good idea
- There’s should be a way for MCSG, RAs, OLs to come together and think of solutions
- Looking at price tag of presidential transition, there’s money in places
Micah
- Looking at national democracy, this is not a good idea
- Built into our democratic constitutional framework of this country to not write its own paycheck
- Paying MCSG opens the door to corruption
- How do we tell the people we are responsible for that we are doing this for us and not them?
Jordanella
- As much as student body is our boss, they are not in a position to pay us
- Don’t want stipend to be an additional thing that makes us have so many commitments
Katie
- Being a preceptor for credit is still possible
- There is an ad hoc on this topic and please join
Not saying that we should decide our stipend, but that our time is worth something

Kody
- Important to acknowledge that this is a campus student-wide movement for unpaid labor to be recognized
  - Not just us trying to get something

Colman
- Despite the fact that there are a lot of bureaucratic hurdles to jump through, if the motivation is there to jump through those hoops we shouldn’t let them stop us
- All the work that people do in various places around campus needs to be recognized
- Concerns about being forced out of potential opportunities because of lack of compensation
- Worth trying to see how far we can take this idea

Joel
- Having to restrict work study hours to be at MCSG is a financial burden
- Within MCSG, LB, Exec board unpaid work creates disproportionate opportunities for people to be here

Sofía
- Question about where Mac will get money is irrelevant because of endowment
- It’s a question of equity

Jonah
- This campus would be so much less vibrant if unpaid workers stopped working
- Reflect on the role of unpaid labor on this campus
- We need to pay club leaders
- A college that has a billion dollars can spare money and stipends for these leaders
- We should prioritize other leaders before us

Ayana
- Equity issue that people have to choose between work-study and here
- Proposal is for the whole campus not just us
- As far as comparing us to national gov’t, the national gov’t gets paid
- Not about exploiting anyone but about adhering to mission and values

Eric
- Being involved in ad hoc committees is very time consuming
- When you’re getting paid for something, you will probably do better work
- This is an inequality issue
- Reason why we don’t have campus committee applicants is because they don’t have the time
- Essential to keep identity collectives to foster the environment we want for the college

Tom
- If we want multiculturalism represented in the LB, we need our work to be more appreciated
- Measuring the payment is somewhat difficult
- Getting paid will not hurt our integrity

Micah
- Supports paying people who aren’t in the legislative body
- Advocating for ourselves to receive money will blur the lines
- Our sense for what is ethical and moral is blurred
- We should not advocate for ourselves to have a stipend because it would blur the lines of our integrity
- Congress receives a paycheck because it is their entire job

Rebecca
- We are reaching time, but we can vote to extend the meeting

Colman
- Copy what the US gov’t does and add a clause that any changes to our wages would kick in for the next election cycle

Mariah
- When deciding to compensate ourselves for our time is actually advocating for people who can’t afford to be in MCSG
- There are lots of colleges that do this already
- Why isn’t this the same thing as a work study job?

Laurie
- Student employment website has average calculator that says a job is 9.9 hours per week

Katie
- If i could get payed for even 9 hours of my time, it would be worth it
- There are so many positions people can hold with MCSG that they may not have the opportunit to financially

Eric
- Was on three ad hoc committees last year which added at least two or three hours weekly
- Ad hoc heads and chairs do so much more work
- We are still students and are time should be valued

Ayana
- As students we are already expending ourselves
- Significant amount of time that equals out to basically a job
  - If there was a job there would probably be violations with how much we work
- Not voting to give ourselves money, just digging into this idea

Kit
- If the issue is about time, we could do a tiered payment
- Other schools pay LB 1,000 dollars a year
- Tiered payment could also bring up some issues

Rebecca
- We are going in circles

Sofia
- Being on student government should not stop us from voicing our opinions about being compensated
- We pay to be at Macalester, so they should pay us for our time

**Announcements**

Jordanella
- LB Members for JED Campus Liaisons
- Suicide prevention program that Mac is enrolled in
- Looking for 2-3 members to join, if anyone is interested send a message on slack
- JED comes October 26th to LB to meet and chat with us

Katie
- Was a student rep, if there are questions

Mariah
- How much of a time commitment is it?

Jordanella
- I don’t know. I’ll get back to you. Anyone interested, please raise your hand.

Charlie
- Check the Slack!