Harmon Room - Library
October 5, 2023. 12:00 PM CST

Legislative Body Meeting Minutes

Land Acknowledgment (We are on Indigenous land) ~ Reagan Kimzey ~ 2 minutes

Student Org Chartering ~ Mikayla Giehler ~ 10 minutes
● Pro-Choice
  ○ Mikayla: Pro-Choice@Mac is a larger organization in Minnesota working to give people a space to do activism surrounding reproductive rights at Macalester
  ○ Reagan: are there any questions?
  ○ Vote
    ■ Alec Chen: motion to approve the charter of Pro-Choice at Mac
    ■ Emma Kopplin: Second
    ■ In favor: 21
    ■ Opposition: 1
    ■ Abstaining: 0
    ■ Reagan: Pro-choice at Mac has been chartered
● Democracy Matters
  ○ Sam (club representative): started this org to give everyone a voice in politics and protect voting rights
    ■ This org is non-partisan, everyone is welcome to have any opinions
    ■ If you have any questions, feel free to ask
  ○ Sean Maxfield: What does the average meeting look like?
Sam: Democracy Matters is connected to a national organization, so there is a list of social issues going on currently to discuss, but the group will also engage more specifically with what is happening at Macalester

Luke Evans: Did this group exist in the past?
■ Sam: yes, it existed two years ago but was not restarted last year

Brady Thomas: how do we guarantee that this is not partisan?
■ Sam: the organization itself is nonpartisan, but Macalester may be slightly skewed
  ● As leadership, Sam will try to keep conversations open to everyone

Vote
■ Eliora Hansonbrook: motion to approve the charter of Democracy Matters
■ Emma K: second
■ In favor: 20
■ Opposition: 0
■ Abstaining: 2
■ Reagan: Democracy Matters has been chartered

Voices of Mental Health
■ Mikayla: Voices of Mental Health is another org that was previously established at Macalester but became inactive
  ■ The club works in advocacy and awareness at Macalester to help students get accommodations and decrease stigma surrounding mental health

Vote
■ Cooper Glick: motion to approve the charter of Voices of Mental Health at Macalester
■ Emma K: second
■ In favor: 22
■ Opposition: 0
■ Abstaining: 0
■ Voices of Mental Health at Macalester has been chartered

Mac First Aid Request ~ Eliora Hansonbrook ~ 2 minutes
■ If you click the link, you can see the request that FAC approved last week
■ This request is from Mac First Aid to travel to Washington, D.C. for a conference
■ More details: the budget is $6971.65
 Any request of greater than $4000 needs to be brought in front of the LB, regardless of FAC approval

Emma K: are they asking to be EMS Certified?
  - Cooper: Yes?
  - Eliora: No, that is a different request
    - This money is for a conference

Sean: How many people are going?
  - Eliora: 10

Vote
  - Mariah: when we motion for financial things, we need to say the number
  - Mariah: motion to approve the allocation of $6971.65 to Mac First Aid
  - Ellen Patrickson: Second
  - In favor: 16
  - Opposition: 7
  - Abstaining: 0
  - Reagan: With that, the motion to allocate $6971.65 to Mac First Aid is approved

Community Chest Request ~ Mathilda Barr ~ 2 minutes

Bobbie Pennington would have been here to present this request, but he is unfortunately not able to make it today

There is a rule that Community Chest requests above $1000 dollars must be presented to LB

Mathilda is presenting a request for an interdisciplinary event between the departments of Economics, Political Science, and Environmental Studies called MacGPT
  - This will be an all-day event in Kagin on November 4, where students brainstorm about important matters of environmental policies and come up with real-world solutions to them

The event will feature dinners with professionals who actually work in these fields
  - People who attend the dinner have the opportunity to network with people

Students will be brought together to work in interdisciplinary way in thinking of environmental policy

The total amount is $2391.11 to fund meals throughout the duration of the event

Reagan: are there any questions?
• Emma K: are you getting any funding from Econ or other departments?
  ○ Mathilda: We will be receiving some additional funding, but this money will go toward large prizes
• Vote
  ○ Ellen: motion to approve the Community Chest request for $2391.11 to fund meals throughout the duration of MacGPT on November 4
  ○ Sean: second
  ○ In favor: 19
  ○ Opposition: 1
  ○ Abstaining: 2
  ○ Reagan: With that we have approved the Community Chest request for $2391.11 to fund meals throughout the duration of MacGPT

Mac Weekly Visit ~ Emma Kopplin ~ 5 minutes
• Guest - Emma Salomon
• Emma K: Emma Saloman is an editor at the Mac Weekly, and she is here to introduce the paper and the staff writers
  ○ Mac Weekly comes every week to report on our meetings, which is great for our publicity and transparency
  ○ We want to create a good relationship with them
• Emma Saloman: Editor for the news section, here with guest writer Cal
  ○ MCSG is a beat that will be included on page 2 every week
  ○ We have different people coming in every week, today is Alex, but they have a name placard and will introduce themselves to the Speaker each week so that the LB knows who is present
  ○ We are your voice to the outside world aside from social media, and we want to give credit to everyone
  ○ LB is a public meeting, and with that, it is being recorded so that everyone can get credit
    ■ We are here to report on the highlights, everything on the agenda, and what small groups report back
  ○ We have always done this, but we thought it would be good to introduce ourselves officially
• Emma K: remember that you are an elected official and this is a public meeting, so it can be reported on
  ○ If the Mac Weekly has any questions, they will direct them to Ryan
  ○ If they want quotes, LB members can interact with the Mac Weekly directly

Committee Updates ~ Committee Members ~ 3 minutes
• SOC: just chartered three new orgs, hopefully a new one next week
• FAC: has had two meetings since last LB meeting
  ○ First Meeting:
    ■ Admitted five new at-large members to FAC
    ■ Denied a request from X-ertion for $2100 from operating for harddrive repair
    ■ Approved $360 in operating fund for Macalester investment group
    ■ Approved $201 from travel fund for the Outing Club
    ■ Approved $87.50 from operating fund for the Outing Club
    ■ Approved $215.40 from travel fund for the Birding Club
    ■ Approved $219 from travel fund for Birding Club
    ■ Approved $69.99 from capital fund for the Pep Band
    ■ Approved $402.98 from operating fund for Women In Economics
    ■ Approved $431 from travel fund for the Outing Club
    ■ Approved $236.40 from travel fund for the Outing Club
    ■ Approved $200 from operating fund for Pre Vet
    ■ Approved $1726.11 from operating fund for Latinx Student Union
  ○ Second Meeting:
    ■ Approved $50.48 from capital for L.S.U
    ■ Approved $435.94 from operating for L.S.U
    ■ Approved $65.82 from travel fund for the Birding Club
    ■ Approved $36.99 from operating fund for Ua Ke
    ■ Approved $1,150.80 from travel fund for Mac Fresh Concepts
    ■ Approved $1512 from operating fund for Mac Fresh Concepts
    ■ Approved $730 in operating for MCSG Fight Club
    ■ Approved $154.76 in operating for MCSG Pied by Professors
• CEC: met yesterday, discussed more details about upcoming legislation week
  ○ Events are AAC Pied by Professors on October 16
  ○ FAC fight club October 17 with jousting
  ○ Shots with SOC photography club October 18
  ○ Cabinet Carnival on October 19
  ○ Kagin is October 20
• AAC: reached out to Patricia Langer for more details about book contract, haven’t heard back but know that it was approved

Cabinet Updates ~ Cabinet Members ~ 7 minutes
• Willow Albano: Cabinet Chair
Voted to approve MacGPT
Working with CEC to promote the Cabinet more
On behalf of Rola Cao: Belonging and Accessibility Liaison
  - Met with head of LSC yesterday
  - Reached out to disability today

Yosephine Manihuruk: International Student Liaison
  - Discussed with student workers the list of problems that international students are facing
  - Scheduling regular meetings with professional staff to address issues

Emma Rohrs: Health and Wellness Liaison
  - Meeting with relevant people
  - Discussing projects that are done but need to be ongoing
  - Plan for health and wellness booth for Legislation Week

Philomena Shuffleton-Sobe: Residential Life & Dining Liaison
  - Met with Res Life this week, meet with Dining next week

Sean Maxfield: Athletics & Recreation Liaison
  - Worked on identity-based lifting groups where POC or LGBT groups can meet
  - Opportunity for student athletes to volunteer with the other CEC

Minori Kishi: Infrastructure and Sustainability Liaison
  - Meeting with director of sustainability office
  - Working on certification for Wildlife-Friendly Campus designation
  - Working for continued action on these fronts

Reagan: any other cabinet updates?

Bylaws & Election Code ~ Emma Kopplin ~ 15 minutes
  - Working on Omnibus Bill for several weeks now
  - Today we will go through and accept or decline the changes that have been made
    - Exec has already gone through to check, but you all have the final say
  - Vote ten pages at a time
    - 1-10
      - Any questions or discussion?
      - We have made changes with meetings and jobs
      - Alec: Can we make LB meetings one hour, or do they need to be 120 minutes?
        - Mariah: it is better to leave this open-ended so that if we need longer meetings in the future, we don’t need to make a change
As it is, meetings can be less time than 120, but if we changed the maximum to 60, then they couldn’t be more than 60 even if we needed them to
If we want to, we can make this shorter in the future

Vote
- Ellen: motion to approve the first ten pages of the Omnibus Bill
- Luke: second
- In favor: 22
- Opposition: 0
- Abstaining: 0
- Reagan: With that, the first ten pages of the Omnibus Bill are passed

11-20
We have changed wording in the FAC section, moving Community Chest under Cabinet
- We have also fixed some of the contradictions that arose during our restructuring last spring
Mathilda: Is FAC in charge of hiring the FAC Bookkeeper Work Study Position? What wording do we want to use for this in the bylaws?
- Eliora: The FAC chair doesn’t manage the entire process of hiring people for this role, but took on a large part

Vote
- Eliora: motion to approve pages 11 through 20 of the Omnibus Bill
- Emma R: second
- In Favor: 22
- Opposition: 0
- Abstaining: 0
- Reagan: With that, pages 11-20 of the Omnibus are approved

21-30
In this section, we have added some things to AAC, as well as changed Cabinet office hours to one hour instead of 1.5

Vote
- Eliora: motion to approve pages 21 through 30 of the Omnibus Bill
- Yosephine: second
In favor: 22
Opposition: 0
Abstaining: 0
Reagan: with that, pages 21 through 30 of the Omnibus Bill have been approved

31-32
These are the last two pages of the Omnibus Bill, very few changes were made throughout this section
Vote
Mikayla: motion to approve pages 31 and 32 of the Omnibus Bill
Mariah: second
In favor: 22
Opposition: 0
Abstaining: 0
Reagan: Pages 31 and 32 of the Omnibus Bill have been approved

Omnibus Bill in entirety
Now we will vote to approve the Omnibus Bill in full
Vote
Sean: motion to approve the Omnibus Bill in full
Emma R: second
In favor: 22
Opposition: 0
Abstaining: 0
Reagan: With that, the Omnibus Bill has been approved

Election code
The election code is 13 pages, so we will vote on sections 1-7 and 8-13 before voting on the election code in its entirety
1-7
Luke Evans: the election code mentions that international students who are only here for one semester at a time can’t vote for class reps. Is this true?
Emma K: that is true because they are not officially part of a class, but they can vote for other positions within the exec board, as well as for cabinet liaisons
Ellen: it seems like the word “international” got removed from this wording
We also had some changes regarding split ticket and who can run
- We will have slightly stronger criteria for who can run on a split ticket in the future

**Vote**
- Eliora: motion to approve the first seven pages of the election code
- Emma R: second
- In favor: 20
- Opposition: 2
- Abstaining: 0
- Reagan: The first seven pages of the election code have been approved
- 8-13

**Vote**
- Luke: motion to approve pages 8 through 13 of the election code
- Owen King: second
- In favor: 22
- Opposition: 0
- Abstaining: 0
- Reagan: With that, pages 8-13 of the election code are approved
- Election Code in Entirety
  - Now we will vote to approve the election code in full
  - Vote
    - Eliora: motion to approve the election code in full
    - Owen: second
    - In favor: 22
    - Opposition: 0
    - Abstaining: 0
    - Reagan: With that, the election code has been approved

**Legislation Week** ~ *Mathilda Barr ~ 10 minutes*
- This will be more difficult without tables, but we will now break into committee groups to discuss plans for Legislation Week
  - Focus on finalizing budgets and confirming carnival plans
  - Split into groups, have a member of the CEC in each group

**Announcements** ~ 2 minutes
- Reagan: yay Legislation week!
- Ryan: take pizza!
- Mathilda: Minori and Mathilda having a panel session for International Roundtable next week
- The theme of the IRT is humanoids
- Will speak on influence of AI and robotics in agriculture
- Panel be next Thursday at 8:30am, would love to see people there
- Mariah: next week after meeting, a higher-up from Bon Appetite is coming at 1:00pm
  - If anyone eats food or is passionate about dining at Mac, come be here
  - Stay if you can for 20 minutes/half an hour
- Eliora: There was a reservation mess-up in the Harmon Room today, so please make sure to put the chairs back into their original positions!