

Weyerhaeuser Boardroom

November 8, 2022. 12:00 PM CST



MACALESTER COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Legislative Body Meeting Agenda

[Land Acknowledgment](#) (We are on Indigenous land) ~ *Austin* ~ 2 minutes

Issue-Based Small Groups ~ *Austin* ~ 15 minutes

- MCSG Events
- Winter Housing

Bobbie

- What do we think is a reasonable ask is for meeting with President Rivera on Friday?

Emma

- Residence halls are closer to the table than the hotel
- There needs to be something that is not just students not having a place

Laurie

- Within ISP there are signing officials in charge of knowing where students are
- Think about when you met with Kathryn they've tried to say that they will find accommodations and work one on one with people
- No one is being left out on the street
- Doesn't solve overall issue from year to year
- From every meeting I've been a part of, it doesn't sound like residence halls are off the table but contractually, not sure how that would work

Emma

- At this point they know they have 54 students and 11 spots

Willow

- What kind of budget are we working with? What if we get incentives to students who hosted international students? Would possibly still be cheaper than hotels

Emma

- Might be where emergency fund comes in
- If someone is renting out their space for two weeks, \$500 would be more than enough

Laurie

- Use this time to write down specific questions
- How many students are seeking housing and how are you working with them?
- Just getting that clarity for how they're doing it
- Be really clear and concise so you don't leave the meeting with questions up in the air

Willow

- As someone who came from a boarding school, there was a system for domestic students to host international students
- Cute way to bond and share cultural experiences
- It's definitely a good option to explore here

Bobbie

- I really like that and that's one thing we didn't discuss and they didn't discuss
- Instead of giving up your room, offering to take someone home

Emma

- They did offer paying for flights to go home with a friend

Bobbie

- I'm not talking about friends just international studies in general

Martin

- What about COVID housing?

Emma

- Emergency housing is mostly gone but now mostly in dorms

Laurie

- Houses that were COVID houses were traditionally rented out and have been re-rented out

Emma

- Dec 17-18 through January 3rd

Bobbie

- School will take them in for J-term housing on Jan 3rd

Alec

- So our plan is

- Hotel
- Residence hall
- ISP matching to find housing
- Domestic students taking in international students
 - Whether through a friend or otherwise

International Student Forum ~ Bobbie ~ 5 minutes

Austin

- Bobbie has discussion about international student forum as everyone comes back together

Bobbie

- This is a bit of a weird thing and has also changed since yesterday
- There are issues surrounding international student experience at Macalester that students feel strongly about
- Some of them are follow-ups from last year's sit in that we want updates on
- Been thinking about how do we go about this?
- We have President Rivera and Dr. Coquemont coming to the LB at the end of the month
- I got feedback yesterday from President Rivera on how we should do it
- We half agreed on getting a group of international students together to meet with SLT
- There are quite a few issues that I can read off to all of you
- If there's a group of international students who feel strongly about issues and follow-up from the sit-in, what is the best way to voice those to SLT?
- Is it a good idea for a small group to have a discussion with SLT?
- Is it a good idea to invite international students here to discuss and then discuss with Rivera at 28th meeting?
- I want to make sure MCSG is unified
- Don't want to just make decision and say I'm representing all of you if I'm not
- Open-floor
- I wanted to let you know this is happening in the background as one of the external things I'm doing

Alec

- Just to clarify the idea is to bring international students to SLT?

Bobbie

- Yeah a small group that we pick or 3-4 that we coordinate with LB?

Alec

- Would it be a voicing concerns meeting or dialogue based on issue administration has?

Bobbie

- More of voicing concerns and expressing disappointment with how it's been dealt with
- Chance for SLT to give update on issues they're working on
- Good for some positive frustration or productive frustration to show that we don't think (on behalf of group I've been speaking to) there's been enough post sit-in
- To say whatever you've been working on it's not enough
- We're not saying Internationalism at Macalester sucks
- I was a part of the strategic plan and a lot of references go to that
- But for here and now students need to experience some of these changes

Shaherazade

- Small group makes it easier to discuss
- Admin should understand the depth of how it is currently happening

Mariah

- Small group more productive
- Involving the whole of MCSG doesn't need to happen
- I trust you and ISP to choose reps for the people

Bobbie

- Just to make sure, it's a good plan to have small group discussion first and see how it goes and if we need to reach out to MCSG or other groups

Class Night Discussion ~ Bobbie ~ 20 minutes

Austin

- Break into your class years and plan your class nights

Bobbie

- Split into class-years, if you are Exec or Officer join your year

Laurie

- During welcome week there's also class nights which is overseen by Andy Williams in campus center programs department
- Spring ones in general are overseen by MCSG
- Andy will reach out with dates of when he was planning on class nights in January
- Campus programs willing to work with seniors
- You get \$125 from by-laws but you can partner with OSLE or other groups
- Are you trying to do one this fall?

Bobbie

- We should be per by-laws
- I would rather you plan one and make it successful for the spring and rush one and it doesn't have good attendance

- We also have the Kagin coming up so maybe we don't need another event this semester

Bobbie

- We're coming back
- I hope you all have some sort of idea of what you want to do
- If you need funding, email me
- For the spring we are working with Andy Williams who is planning Welcome Back Week
- I think we're going to do all the years on one night
- Next week I will have an update on when that is

Committee Updates ~ *Committee Chairs* ~ 2 minutes

Austin

- Any committee updates?

Mathilda

- SSRC
- We approved \$100 community chest request for Sexy trainers event
- Tabling in Jwall from 12-1 tomorrow
- Exciting update from Emma on a project

Emma

- Public safety is ordering Narcan for all residence halls
- Working with residential life to facilitate narcan training

Cabinet Updates ~ *Cabinet Members* ~ 2 minutes

Austin

- Moving on to cabinet updates
- If there are no updates, moving on to announcements

Announcements ~ 5 minutes

- Instagram Takeovers ~ Elsa
 - If you're interested in doing an insta takeover please email me
- Gathering on Nov 18 ~ Bobbie
 - On Thursday BOT, SLT, MCSG overview session at 5:45-6:45 in Harmon room
 - More valuable if people who aren't like you are there
 - Please encourage people who would benefit from it to come
 - We are not the target audience bc we understand how decisions are made
 - There will be dinner provided
 - Please get others to come

- Tablecloth - Bobbie
 - We have a tablecloth
 - If you want to table or do an event we have a really nice branded tablecloth to use
 - We want our name to be there when tabling so people know who it is
 - If you want to use it, ask me or one of the other Execs
- Informal Gathering - Bobbie
 - No agenda gathering/meeting on November 18th
 - It is optional, not expected
 - Not everybody's scene but we want to get to know everyone outside of MCSG