12.7.21

7:00 PM

LB Meeting Minutes

Weyerhaeuser Boardroom

**Land Acknowledgment** (We are on Indigenous land) ~ *Mariah,* 2 minutes

**Settling In** ~ 2 minutes

[**IfNotNow Resolution**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ch4kzQY0woV8Z924AXMTKBSVKD-_sYyYd1Z_NexQJyE/edit?usp=sharing) ~ *IfNotNow (Emily, Gabe, and Sophia)*, 30 minutes

Shreya

* Hope everyone talked to constituents about the resolution
* Voicemail from alumni wondering about implications of resolution on students on campus

Joel

* Also received anonymous twitter comments

Emily

* There have been comments on macweekly
* Adoption is ever more important when seeking to adopt definition for all students
* Resolution to adopt jerusalem definition to recognize palestinian human rights
* Definition has been adopted by every palestinian and jewish orgs on campus

Sophia

* Did you want us to answer the question?

Shreya

* I think you did last time, LB please refer to the minutes

Rebecca

* Talked to a lot of people this week about this
* Overwhelming majority in support of resolution
* Talked to one jewish person who has uncomfortable bc they feel criticism of Israel is grounded in anti-semitism
  + On this campus all student orgs are on board for no space for students to practice zionism

Shreya

* Let’s keep in mind that what constituents are saying do not represent representative’s views

Jonah

* Federal government’s adoption of it that trickles down to education
* IHRA says organizing against Israel is being an anti-semite
* Only protected space for these issues is Zionist space

Joel

* Talked to a lot of jewish constituents who are strongly for this resolution
* Given federal adoption of IHRA definition, doesn’t want centuries of discrimination against people to inhibit jewish and palestinian students from organizing on campus

Ayana

* Supports jerusalem definition
* Students on campus say federal definition is being weaponized to target jewish and palestinian supporting students
* Makes most sense to go with what students want
* At core homelands are not about anti-semitism, has nothing to do with what anti-semitism
* This definition defines anti-semitism at its core
* Consensus is fake only a tool used to keep people from saying what is correct and true and right

Shreya

* Has anyone else spoken to constituents?

Nibia

* Mostly spoken to international students
* Spoke to one palestinian student
* Most of international students in first year were not aware of currrent definition accepted by the gov’t
* This was very important for everyone to be aware of what is happening around us
* This is a time for us to learn about how US gov’t has definition and how it may impact campus and beyond

Bobbie

* Spoke to people who were confused and didn’t know gov’t had def of anti-semitism
* Did not encounter anyone who after conversation was opposed to new definition

Kashvi

* Sustainability has been sharing info on how palestinian occupation is environmental justice issue
* Sustainability angle to issue and that awareness and activism is really important
* We should support resolution

Joel

* Unpacking definitions of colonialism one could understand how environmental racism is an issue and could be targetted by definition

Ayana

* There’s a reason that college didn’t want to touch this
* With tension, we shouldn’t stop supporting what is right

Laurie

* If MCSG votes to support this it goes back to college
* Talking about voting, question is what does this mean for MCSG
* Do we have representative opinion of campus
* More about garnering support
* Has gotten attention and will continue to
* How do you support everyone in the room if not everyone feels the same way?

Shreya

* Conversation has hit a stopping point
* Same ideas said by groups of people
* You are welcome to motion but also valid to feel that you don’t want to vote today

Mariah

* Once you make a motion, we cannot have conversation more

Joel

* Motion to vote on resolution

Mariah

* Vote to adopt resolution as written by IfNotNow
* Yes: 22
* No: 0
* Abstain: 0
* Resolution is passed

**Chartering Mac Cyphers** *~ SOC (Katie)*, 10 minutes

Katie

* Cyphers have met with SOC and they have decided to bring forward to LB

Shosuke

* If you have questions, ask them as they come up
* Mac Cyphers student org aimed to bring freestyle hip hop dance culture to Macalester including safe and welcoming environment so students can meet and interact with nonverbal communication
* Dance has become bigger thing in Shosuke’s life in how he finds confidence as international student and POC
* Cypher = freestyle dance session where you get into a circle
* Do your own freestyle thing and you pop in and out
* One of main objectives is to allow space for students and people who want to join including faculty and staff
* Vulnerability that takes to go into middle of cypher unprepared and exposing your raw spirit brings culture of respect to each other
* If you’ve been in the Cypher you know you can’t be perfect → something to bring to Macalester
* Continuing weekly cyphers on wednesdays for 15 or more weeks
* Been doing it like an open space for everyone who wants to join
* Decided on small initiation process where you get in cypher and freestyle for a minute and come at least three times in a row
* Initiation process bc difficult when people come and don’t come in cypher
* Encourages members to go into twin cities to connect with dance community and learn from others/meet people
* Supports anyone who wants to start dancing but doesn’t have resources on campus
* Don’t do showcases because it’s not a choreographed dance

Rebecca

* Article 2 Section F - clarity around how you would know sexual misconduct or violence
* Concern is there might be a rumor but without knowing from Title IX, how would you resolve that issue

Shosuke

* Removal and three strikes applied by board members who are elected
* If one members reported based on Title IX and any case on campus, board members will know and will remove person with unanimous voting
* In cases not reported by Title IX, would be difficult to remove person
* By nature, it requires reporting to board members or anyone who is part of org

Katie

* Title IX gives info on need to know basis
* Mutual no contact on a need to know basis based on complainant and respondent

Laurie

* Piece that needs to be revisited because Title IX does need to know basis
* Structures with admin processes of Title IX
* The whole purpose is that anyone who pays student activity fee should have access to those services
* Doesn’t need to be something listed in the charter

Ayana

* Reason for wanting to charter through MCSG?

Shosuke

* Most of cyphers have been outside
* Hard to schedule spaces as individual students
* Contacted reservations office who said if you are not chartered its difficult to reserve spaces
* Had to find a space on second floor of LC next to track space where there is a small hallway
* When it comes to breaking it is risky to do on pure marble
* Would rather have a space without having to worry about physical spaces
* Hard to feel like it’s a welcoming space when it’s like a private friend group
* Students who might be interested that they don’t know about
* Sense of openness comes with being chartered to allow more students to join activity

Katie

* Interested in going off campus and will need budget for transportation

Shosuke

* Going outside to take classes bc in past 15 weeks have realized that for new dancers it’s difficult to dance
* To enjoy cypher, more enjoyable and effective when you know even a tiny bit of technique

Eric

* SOC only looks for certain elements which charter has all of them

Rebecca

* Prepared to motion but only if taking out sexual misconduct and violence from Title IX

Katie

* If you want to take time to think and we can revist on announcements section

Shosuke

* Per Laurie and Rebecca, it makes sense to take sexual misconduct and violence
* In case these incidents happen, we will follow timeline of Title IX and Mac so issues can be addressed appropriately

Shreya

* We can motion to pass charter as long as section is edited

Ayana

* Motion to pass charter with revision that sexual misconduct and violence removed from section

Mariah

* Voting to approve charter
* Yes: 23
* No: 0
* Abstain: 0

Shosuke

* Today is 80 years from beginning of pacific war and as japanese students wanted to take a bit of time to remember those lost in Pearl Harbor attack

**Additional Allocations**  *~ FAC (Rebecca),* 10 minutes

Rebecca

* Two allocations with last minute revisions
* Mac Slams request from travel fund 3,953

Alice

* Most of info in request
* Cup C stands for college union invitational couldn’t happen last year
* Life-changing opportunity
* Sending 5 mac students to compete against across the country
* Makes Mac look good to do this
* Well known prestigious tournament
* Wants to make sure no financial barriers to any students

Rebecca

* FAC has already given funds for registration for event
* Recommendation is to approve

Shreya

* Motion to approve allocation

Mariah

* Voting to approve 3,953 to Mac Slams
* Yes: 22
* No: 0
* Abstain: 0

Rebecca

* Fresh concepts request from travel fund to cover traveling by van and lodging 4,599.91

Eva

* Fresh concepts usually goes to chicago to watch three shows usually stay in apartment of alumni but hotel this time for COVID
* What more is there
* We do a workshop too

Ayana

* Benefits mac community because every semester at least one open improv show
* Great team bonding moment

Rebecca

* Recommendation to approve in full

Joel

* Motion to approve allocation

Mariah

* Voting to approve request
* Yes: 20
* No: 0
* Abstain: 2

Rebecca

* 1,275.70 from fresh concepts for food event information

Joel

* Motion to approve allocation

Mariah

* Voting to approve 1,275.70
* Yes: 20
* No: 0
* Abstain: 2

**Committee Updates**

Ayana

* Going to send around form bc needs updates to be accurate for newsletter

Jordanella

* Updates throughout the semester?

Ayana

* Just going to send to chairs of committees
* For second newsletter wants updates from whole semester
* For spring, updates every 2 weeks

Jordanella

* Good idea to have end of semester summarize

Ayana

* Yes that one will be summary

Jordanella

* SSRC
* Candidate forums for hamrie centerr and vice president for diversity equity and inclusion meant busy week
* Big issue is not a lot of student attendance
* Good opportunity to speak with them and have students answered
* Trying to get Hamrie Center to talk, meeting is set for next week

Joel

* AAC
* Mariah emailed right person to send Serie center sample syllabus statements and policies
* Solidified division of labor and timeline and for student advocacy handbook by next semester midterms
* Working on alumni fair
* Tom and joel met with advisor and two library staff to start process of how to spend 5,000 to enlarge library reserve

Mariah

* Finals coffee and donuts went really well

Colman

* FAC
* Additional allocations
* 139 for adelante
* Decided to reaffirm that touching in with orgs to make sure they have what they need for next semester
* Money for habitat for humanity

Eric

* SOC
* Started formal check in process
* Moving forward for more check ins
* Addressing discirmination ad hoc doing research on discrimination policy with rough draft of guide early next semester

**Announcements**

Katie

* SOC is losing someone
* Kody leaving for study abroad in Argentina

Bobbie

* Concerning strategic plan, three champions also in MCSG
* Speaking to exec early in spring for input
* If you have any suggestions, questions, or input bring it to Anna, Rebecca, and Bobbie

Ayana

* Meeting with provost tomorrow morning to follow up on MCSG meeting last week
* If anyone has anything to mention, find her on social media, email, slack

Joel

* Last week Nibia and Joel held first year office hours
* Nobody showed up
* If anyone has advice let me know

Ayana

* I can help you!

Mariah

* Sophomores also need help

Amber

* Writing myth busting on board of trustees
* Meetings have five minutes to present what is going on campus
* Wonders if possible for more student input during board meetings

Bobbie

* Exact type of thing we want to hear

Shreya

* Committe meetings over board meetings but only five minutes during big board meetings
* In bunches of other committees students are invited to speak
* Big meetings should have more than five minutes

Amber

* Possible to have more student input for committees? Bc committees meet more frequently
* Individual student liaisons for specific…

Shreya

* They are but there in committees
* Admissions advisory committee with selected students → advise vice president of admissions who attends little committee meetings and then one student from committee selected to attend big three meetings

Ayana

* Supposed to be liaison but hasn’t heard anything

Shreya

* Probably because lists were sent out so late

Katie

* SOC Chair and President are in bylaws to be in committees

Ayana

* Bringing to provost is how are we connecting communication across spaces

Shreya

* Housed under board of trustee liaison brooke
* Document exists which explains that
* Board of trustee liason is committee chair for all people who attend board meetings

Laurie

* Tweets received should be reported to public safety and bias harassment form
* Better to have things documeented than not
* On thursday OSLE having student leader appreciation event
  + Snacks to say thank you
* Tonight is last LB meeting of academic year
* Thanking everyone for time given
* Work on this campus matters
* Andy Williams will step in as lead advisor
* Bundt cakes

**Closing Activity**