Settling In ~ 5 minutes

**Land Acknowledgment** (We are on Indigenous land)

**Budget Bonanza Summary**
Rebecca
- 48 orgs submitted requests and last minute some confusion about one but there were 48
- Operating funds request: $181,435.40
- Granted $118,691.77
- Landed around 115,00 at first
  - Limit without implementing across the board cut
- Capital funds request: little over half
  - Limited to 20,000
- 127,798.26 approved in total
- Estimate 31,000 available in operating funds for additional allocations
  - Minimum healthy amount is 30,000
  - This year it was 37,000
    - Bc of surplus due to lack of active orgs last year planning for in person events
- Last year requests were lower but additional allocation requests were higher
- Need to keep minimum of $30,000
- Next week we will hear amendments and appeals from org leaders if all or part of funding was denied
- Cut almost $63,000 in operating funds
- When an org appeals budget decision, it’s not the end of the line because of flexibility with partnering with other departments (DML, PB)
  - Block budgeting also gives flexibility
  - Org has discretion to move money around as long as part of operating funds
- Additional allocations available to every org if they need to supplement
  - Crucial for new orgs that get chartered now or in the fall
- Common reasons for declining
  - Student activity fee cannot pay for food, travel, compensation for non-students
  - Operating funds go for events integral to the org and open for the whole community
  - FAC encourages snacks instead of meals bc more cost effective
  - Cut a lot of speakers but PB has 50,000 for that
- Making sure conversations balance allocating money and being respectful
Avoiding alienation or anything like that

- Appropriate questions for appeals
  - How much of activity fee will this cost?
  - Cost per attendee?
  - How much does FAC recommend?
- Takeaway: ask questions

Give to Macalester Day Representative

Amber
- Guest is Josh Stephenson who graduated last year
- Works with Macalester fund
- Amber is a class agent → makes people aware of fund
- Having someone explain what give to mac day is from macalester fund

Josh
- Class of 2021, he/him/his
- Pay it forward fellow with the macalester fund
- Give to mac campaign is live and happening this week
  - Thrilled to see work from February coming to fruition
- Wants to share identities he brings → comes from first gen low income background
  - Vietnamese immigrant mother and father born in US
  - Found most passionate and wonderful people he’s ever met at Mac
  - Father made sure everyone was well fed before him
  - Tries to bring good will, compassion, love, and empathy into all work he does
- Holding space for community is a really good path forward in midst of chaos
- Not every student has same Mac experience
  - Has had research experiences with excellent professors
- A lot of Mac people are good genuine people who care about the world
- Havent had give to mac day in the past two years
  - Starting fresh from the ground up
  - Class agents rekindling that work
- Link to give to campus page
  - Third party website that helps keep track of matches/challenges
  - Match of interest: every five dollars that students give board will match it
  - Lots of generous challenges and matches
    - Its our role to exhaust those matches
      - Important challenge: board will give 100,000 if 2,000 donors in the next 3 days
- You can give money in a professors name or department
  - Emphasizes giving back to community in ways that you feel have the most impact
- Excited for all of this because started this job in July and had never sent mass emails or hosted events
- Given opportunity to grow professionally

- This Thursday is Give to Mac Day
  - Only day for student match gift
  - Athletics, team specific,

- Taken aback by generosity seen on emails
- You can donate beyond money with community-centric funding
  - Not taking money to fund whatever
  - Every dollar is reinvested in Mac

Anna
- Thursday is the only day to donate?

Josh
- Give to Mac day is five day campaign for off campus audiences
- One on campus day = Thursday
- You can make a gift now but Thursday is the day because that’s when student and campus matches are live
- Donate to charities, orgs, communities that mean the most to you
  - For Josh that is Mac
- We hope that Mac is a community you support

Amber
- There are some departments that haven’t helped at all that I don’t want to give to at all
- Ex of something to donate to: DML and student trips down South later this semester
- No obligation but as leaders helpful to share with classes

Josh
- Hubs in CC Atrium and LC
- There will be treats!

Jordanella
- Is it possible to say where you’d like your money to go?

Josh
- Seven designations
  - Financial aid, program support, faculty support, student emergency aid, athletics, financial aid, racial equity (added last year based on feedback from community)
  - First excursion being supported by Mac fund this spring with trip to the South

Org Chartering
Katie
- In article 2 of birding club, part 4 is highlighted which talks about Title IX sexual misconduct policy
  - The language is legally sound
- First charter of the semester I think
SOC has reviewed birding club and passed it through to LB
  • Purpose is for MCSG to get to know org and purpose and vote
  • Need new and unique purpose, statement of non-discrimination, susnet clause, interest

Marty
  • Something new for mac
  • Goal is to spread enjoyment for birds and natural world in general
  • Leading walks on campus and trips within Twin Cities or farther
  • About exploring and going on excursions and paying attention to natural world
  • No requirements for attendance
    • People dropping in for walks and events of interest
  • Interest from professors as well (envi sci, biology)
    • Good source of knowledge and experience
  • Has extensive knowledge of birds in the area
  • Will seek funds for binoculars and field guides
  • Pretty laidback
  • Two chairs with room for others as more people get interested and want to be involved more

Joel
  • Motion to approve charter

Mariah
  • Vote to approve charter
  • Yes: 20
  • No: 0
  • Abstaining: 0
  • Passed!

Potential Class Registration Change
Shreya
  • Currently registration by credits or class standing
    • Students with AP/IB get higher standing than others
    • Disparity of who can get into what classes
    • Students without AP/IB no longer are afforded more prestigious registration time
  • Prof x proposes everyone in cohort of graduation year
    • Registration by graduation timeline with randomized alphabetical order
  • Wanted poll from MCSG

Mariah
  • Would having college credits from before still transfer over?
  • Community college for example

Shreya
- If it’s ECTC or transfer it would but if you did it during high school it would not.
- Everyone would come into mac with zero credits.

Mariah
- Opposed then.
- Knows someone who wants to graduate early.
- Some people need to for financial reasons.

Shreya
- If you need class to graduate and contact prof you will definitely get in.

Sheida
- Trying to summarize whole school into one solution that’s not going to work.
- Had a problem with transferring because she was five credits short of 2023 standing.
- Each solution you choose you’re ignoring students.
- Registration needs to pay attention to alphabetical order.
  - Doesn’t make sense to get less chance to register based on something uncontrollable.
- No clear solution.

Katie
- Sheida, they group you by alphabet and randomize groupings.
- There’s no perfect solution.
- Is there a compromise?
- Was unable to apply community college and and APs to graduation but not major requirement.
  - Why can’t we keep them if just for graduation requirements.

Shreya
- Asking if you can keep credits for graduation requirements but not for registration?

Katie
- In proposed plan, can’t keep for registration but you can keep them for graduation.

Shreya
- Mariah’s friend would be able to graduate early.

Katie
- Need clear guidelines.

Shreya
- I agree.

Ayana
- You can only come in with 20 AP credits which she did.
- If you need sophomore standing to be in a class, how would that work?

Shreya
- Not sure.
- Didn’t ask but prof Chatterjea could answer.
- They could come to speak to MCSG.
Ayana
- Would love that

Shreya
- Prerequisites often count in place of standing

Rebecca
- Personally, mixed feelings about the whole thing
  - AP/IB not fair for other students
    - Secondary schools offer dramatically different availability for AP/IB classes
    - Puts students at disadvantage because they didn’t have the choice
  - Credits from community college should count because college credit is college credit
    - Its an expense people make anticipating it can count towards graduation
- People she talked to preferred sticking with the current system

Joel
- Helpful to bring written proposal an explanation to LB to be able to understand, ask questions, and think

Jonah
- College board and AP class system in general are inequitable
  - Disregarding them is taking a stand for more equitable policy overall

Amber
- New suggestion is registering by grade seniority while keeping credits

Shreya
- Registration in your graduation year but keeping credits

Amber
- Registration will always be unequal
- Trying to find wifi for room draw during registration is so challenging
- Emailing professors before registering is often needed
  - About how much time you’re willing to put into it
- AP classes are not in the same academic rigor at Mac, so why do they transfer over?
  - Makes sense for financial reasons but it’s unfair
- IB is harder but AP can be a joke based on her experience

Tom
- Short thing is discussions have been happening about this in EPAG
- Persuasive points that have already been discussed by EPAG
- EPAG decided to drop it because of conflicts of interest
  - Leaving it to the registrar

Shreya
- Carleton for example does registration by year cohorts

Mariah
• Running out of time, so put thoughts in the chat or we will talk in future
Shreya
• Will bring guests in
Austin
• When will this be implemented?
Shreya
• Would not affect this spring
• Thinking more next fall
• Will invite guest to speak about this
Joel
• Is proposal by expected graduation year or class cohort based on when you enter Mac?
Shreya
• By graduation year
• If you came to mac with second year credit, you would go with them
• If you were in between, would go with four year grouping

Break ~ 5 minutes

Voting on Election Code One-Pager
Ayana
• Went through election code and took most important pieces for general student body
  ○ Candidates should know the whole thing
• So students get fast facts and spirit of election
• Trying to prevent last election for this election
• As joel said, trying not to have a crazy election
• Questions, Joel/Mariah jump in
Mariah
• We have to vote on this because going out in MCSGs name
Shreya
• Judicial counsel → president asks DOS for group of students to be nominated for judicial counsel
  ○ Got no nominations this year which is why we have no nominations
  ○ Working on starting this semester because it’s been two years without
  ○ Not a campus committee because supposed to be people in good standing with college who are also unbiased and read the rules
    ■ Not involved in MCSG at all
  ○ Started nominees coming to MCSG to give a statement for why to be on committee

Anna
- Thank you for creating doc
- More for us to MCSG to know and not on one pager

Ayana
- Is the one going to be circulated
- Some things MCSG needs to know that shouldn’t go into one pager
- Broader community just needs basics
- One page front and back
- How do nominations vs applications ensure unbiased people?

Shreya
- Don’t do background checks on anyone for campus committees
- But DOS can look through reports about a student where students can’t
- Campus committee apps
  - Lots of people apply
  - No interviews
  - Not as thorough and usually judicial counsel selection is done by knowing students for who they are
- Has never seen a selection happen

Jordanella
- None of us have seen selection of judicial counsel
- Raises more questions than answers in doc

Shreya
- Motion to approve one pager

Mariah
- Vote to approve MCSG election code one pager
- Yes: 21
- No: 0
- Abstaining: 0
- Passed!

See the One-Pager here:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OMt6coxYr1e4r_DqKw2UsSC9xR9Nlo6QQ91UJGiYwDl/edit

If Not Now Meeting Update

Jonah
- Joel, Eliora, and Jonah were going to meet with administration members
  - One member got sick and then everyone else cancelled
- Pissed about this
- The more people know about this, more pressure to put on administration
- Was going to be opportunity for admin to know Jewish students
- Asked for rescheduling and haven’t heard anything in more than 36 hours
Procedural stuff like this needs to be put in some kind of official avenue
No update on policy
Hopefully another update before end of the year

Joel
Meeting also delayed because Joel has COVID right now
Infuriating that it was pushed this far in the first place
Annoying that admin has done

Jonah
Lack of turn around has been frustrating

Mariah
Thank you for bringing this up
Sorry

Shreya
Thanks for bringing this up
This is not ok
Going to send list of people a quick email
Doesn’t know what official avenues there are bc MCSG is one
Hopefully they respond quickly because that’s ridiculous and should have been meeting in February

Andy
Katherine from DOS was sick
Being new to institution was a big part of meeting for her
Should have reschedule date tomorrow

Joel
Thank you for context
We should be hearing more about hateful posters in lib in February

Ayana
Hear you on how frustrating this is
Frustrating for IfNotNow to come through LB because admin doesn’t want to deal with it
Sorry that this has happened and is continuing to
Perceived as fear of not wanting to deal with it

Jonah
Been nearly a year since IfNotNow first spoke to President Rivera
Not ok to be at square 1.5
Shows ignorance and that this college only cares about white christians

Mariah
Thank you again
Grateful for your presence on MCSG

Discussion on MCSG’s Future and Engagement
Ayana
- Moving onto orientation materials for MCSG members
- When doing social media campaign on why to run saw a lot of people saying they didn’t understand what MCSG was
- Brainstorming ways to formulate materials to help with people joining MCSG
- How can we apply strategic planning to MCSG
- Split into breakout rooms for smaller group discussions
- Wants to take time and space to discuss the future

See discussion questions here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ut-DT4am9BU0izuHI_U6g_iQdcxWTByLfRITaBCSOhQ/edit?usp=sharing

Committee and Cabinet Updates
Jordanella w/ SSRC
- Sent student surveys out
  - Feedback tomorrow
- Feedback from Jen Jacobsen about menstrual and mental health
- Approved two community chest requests
- If we don’t use all of community chest money, where does it go?

Rebecca
- All unspent money goes back into total amount of money then distributed by budgets and financial code
- All comes back to MCSG
- FAC updates
  - Financial code revisions coming up
    - Starting at next week’s FAC meeting
  - Amendments and appeals next week

Shreya
- Election has been shifted by one day because filing email didn’t go out on time
- Only one day because email was only one day late
- EPC cannot edit election code this year
  - EPC currently putting comments on election code
  - Those recommendations will go to Jordanella for EPC and MCSG to make changes next year

Sheida
- Macalester culturale vening last friday
  - Was really fun
- Hope to continue doing it
- More experience for next year hopefully
Joel w/ AAC
- Selected educator of the year based on powerful responses and nominations

Ayana
- MNAPC having spring conference this weekend on Sat at 11
  - Link to RSVP: https://www.mnprivatecolleges.org/policy-research/minnesota-association-private-college-students/MAPCS-conference
  - Topics = food insecurity, racial issues on campus, mental health/burnout
  - If you can, show up
- Following up with communications on recommendations from before break
  - If you want to come, let Ayana know
- Going to do administrative follow up on BIPOC open letter
- Working on transition document

Katie w/ SOC
- Met with birding club and sent them through
- Sent another club to revisions
- Org advisor of the year award is seeking nominations
  - Close april 15th
  - Look out for cute poster by Eric around campus
- Communicated with Title IX about wording for charters
- Launching org transition process tomorrow
  - In order for org to be active in fall, need to go to SOLO, fill out form, and formal check in the previous Spring
- Shoutout to those who have been tabling

Announcements
AAC is looking for new EPAG members! Talk to Tom

Tom
- EPAG is very different from any student meetings
- A lot of chances to talk to provost and professors
- Be ready
- Can talk through pros and cons
- One of the people who knows EPAG the best is Tom

Campus Committee Applications will be out soon
Filing for positions began yesterday! Tell everyone you know