Legislative Body Meeting Minutes

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

Org Chartering ~ Mikayla Giehler ~ 15 minutes
- Mikayla: Starting with Caribbeans at Macalester
  - Give a brief overview of your org, and then people can ask questions
- Caribbeans at Macalester
  - Rep: Decided to create Caribbeans at Mac to share culture with other people on campus and foster a sense of community among Caribbeans at Mac
    - Share food, culture, history
    - Want to create a carnival event, host guest speakers, and showcase our history and what is unique
  - Mikayla: Great! Does anyone have any questions
  - Vote
    - Mikayla: I motion to approve Caribbeans at Macalester
    - Jordan: Second
    - In favor: 20
    - Abstaining: 0
    - Opposed: 0
    - Reagan: Alright, Caribbeans at Macalester is chartered
- Hawai’i Club
Rep: We want to charter Hawai‘i Club, as we are both from Hawai‘i
■ Our experience is quite different from domestic students, even though we are also domestic
■ We want to showcase food, culture, history
■ Dive into some of the complicated aspects of Hawai‘i
  ● A lot of conflict happened to get Hawai‘i from the Kingdom of Hawai‘i to the 50th state
■ Any questions?

Vote
■ Alec: I move to charter Hawai‘i Club
■ Emma K: Second
■ In favor: 20
■ Abstaining: 0
■ Opposed: 0
■ Reagan: Alright, Hawai‘i Club is chartered.

Ice Skating Club
■ Mikayla: Our representative from Ice Skating Club isn’t here today, but the charter is fairly straightforward
  ■ The club will be taking students ice skating, regardless of previous skill, and possibly forming a figure skating team

Vote
■ Eliora: Motion to approve Ice Skating Club
■ Eleanor: Second
■ In favor: 20
■ Abstaining: 0
■ Opposed: 0
■ Reagan: Alright, Ice Skating Club is chartered

Virtù Journal
■ Rep: We are focused on quality writing for this journal, and we are humanities focused
  ■ We want to focus on diverse voices and great writing
  ■ We will have at least one issue focused on various regions of the world
    ● Writers will beagle to publish academic work
Emma: Could you explain how your org will be different from Macalester Street Journal?

- Rep: They are more political science based and we are more focused on humanities
  - It is just a different focus

Joel: What inspires the moose on the seal?

- Rep: A moose embodies Minnesota and it is a little bit intellectual
  - It reminds me of something
  - There is no real inspiration
  - It looks cool
  - One of our students designed it, and it is well thought out, but we don’t know the reason

Vote

- Philomena: Motion to charter Virtù Journal
- Mariah: Second
- In favor: 20
- Abstaining: 0
- Opposed: 0
- Reagan: With twenty in favor, you guys are chartered

Additional Allocations ~ Eliora Hansonbrook ~ 5 minutes

- $4,497 from the Operating Fund for APIDA
  - Eliora: This request was supposed to be submitted a few weeks ago, but there was an issue with Presence so it didn’t go through
    - This is why it is in a different format
    - APIDA has a huge market that they put on with other orgs each year
      - This is their combined request
      - Not all are from orgs but they are all related
      - Lots of orgs are collaborating
      - $4,497 looks like a lot, but it is not really for the amount of orgs
  - Emma: Just because that is a lot of money, can you fill us in on how much is left in the Operating Fund?
    - Eliora: We have spent more money than normal this year, but we still have enough in Operating to get through the year
● Eleanor: Is this in addition to the money we are giving other orgs for the night market that came in last week?
  ■ Eliora: The orgs that came in last week were requesting money for next year, whereas this is for this year
    ● They likely requested money last year, but needed to come back for a little bit more, which is not uncommon

● Vote:
  ■ Mikayla: I motion to approve $4,497 from the Operating Fund for APIDA
  ■ Emma K: Second
  ■ In favor: 20
  ■ Opposed: 0
  ■ Abstaining: 0
  ■ Reagan: With that we have approved the allocation of $4,497 from the Operating Fund for APIDA

Discussion of Judicial Council Amendment ~ Mariah Loeffler-Kemp ~ 10 minutes
  ● Amendment
    ○ Current Phrasing:
      ■ B. Consist of three students, nominated by the Dean of Students, subject to the approval of the LB.
    ○ Proposed Amendment:
      ■ B. Consist of at least three (3) students, selected by the Dean of Students or their appointee, subject to the approval of the LB.
    ○ Rationale:
      ■ This enables the Judicial Council to quickly convene with several members in cases of conflicts of interest or scheduling challenges.
  ● Mariah: We have been drafting this amendment to our constitution about our Judicial Council
    ○ This is the group we go to when there are disciplinary issues on MCSG
      ■ If people are not showing up to meetings or communicating, we bring them to Judicial Council
      ■ If there are violations in the election and the EPC makes a decision, but the person appeals it, this goes to Judicial Council, too
    ○ Judicial Council is run by Angela Walker from student affairs
      ■ Currently, our constitution says there are three members
■ This makes it difficult to have quorum
■ We have an idea to change the constitution to say that the JC will consist of at least three members selected by…
  ● Changes are “at least” so that we can make the JC have as many people as needed
  ● Also changed to “selected by” rather than “nominated by” so that students know that they can apply
  ● Changed to the “Dean of Students or their appointee”
○ Emma: We also discussed whether we should add what quorum should look like for JC
  ■ We decided instead to make a recommendation that JC create their own code to dictate forum
○ Eleanor: Did you guys discuss at all having an upper limit?
  ■ Mariah: We thought about it, but we wanted to keep it open-ended
  ● It makes the most sense to me to keep things open-ended and left to interpretation in the case of future changes that we can’t foresee
○ Mariah: Since it’s in our constitution, this means that it needs to be voted on by the student body
  ■ Last year, we made changes that were really big, and this is a small change
  ■ I will table during my office hours to explain what is going on to people
  ■ During class rep elections, this will be added as a ballot measure during this election for people to vote on
  ● We will include information in our email to the student body so that they can be informed
  ■ Before we bring it to the student body, we need to vote to approve it, then send to JC for them to approve, then send it off to the students
  ● My hope is for us to vote on it this week
○ Joel: Doesn’t the Board of Trustees have a role in approving our constitution?
  ■ Mariah: Not that I know of
  ● Joel: The website states that it does
  ● Mariah: It may have been approved when it was first created, but now we don’t need this
    ○ Emma K: The website might be wrong
○ Mariah: How do we feel about voting on it today?
Everybody seem okay?
I am seeing mostly thumbs up

- Vote
  - Liv: Motion to vote to approve this amendment
  - Mikayla: Second
  - In favor: 21
  - Abstaining: 2
  - Opposed: 0
  - Reagan: With that, the amendment is approved

Time for Liaison Check-Ins ~ Emma Kopplin ~ 20 minutes
- Emma: I don’t know if we’ve done this yet this semester, but we did last semester
  - Each liaison will sit at a table, and you can choose which liaison you would like to speak to
  - We have about 20 minutes, so we will do about three six-minute rotations
  - Once the cabinet gets settled at their tables, you can go check in with them
- Reagan: I hope that was productive time for everyone

Committee and Cabinet Updates
- Eliora: FAC spent about 20 hours this weekend working on the budget, and I have been doing a lot of spreadsheets
  - We are all very tired, but I am very proud of all of our FAC members
  - I am really proud of everyone, and if you have any questions for next week, let me know and I will get back to you
- LeSean: CEC has been hard at work preparing for our current executive board elections and future class rep elections
  - We will be hosting an information session for the upcoming elections, so we would love to have some class reps attend
  - This will be the week of filing for these elections
  - Putting together an end of the year recap
- Willow: The Cabinet talked about a restructuring of the responsibilities of each liaison
  - Want to make Sustainability and Infrastructure Sustainability and Dining, then Housing and Infrastructure
  - This will make more efficient liaisons, but it won’t happen until last year
- Joel: Last week, AAC met
○ Faculty meeting occurred and discussed the changes to the student handbook
○ We sent out communications to student leadership awards
  ■ We select one outstanding educator and four outstanding student educator
  ■ Consider selecting before April 9 at 11:59
○ We voted on some temporary modifications to build our course reserve
  ■ We want to make sure that students still have access to what they need
  ■ We will consider buying more things that we wouldn’t generally need
    ● Buy extra copies
    ● Possibly digital supplies
○ Spoke with USA Today journalists about textbooks and the industry
  ■ Currently, there is a process that might make the textbook policy opt-in, rather than opt-out
● Mikayla: SOC has one org that might be chartered soon
  ○ We will be hosting an event next week to celebrate having more than 100 orgs
  ○ For our awards, we select one org advisor, student org, and org program of the year
● Emma R: We just got out of the Alcohol and Other Drugs Committee
  ○ Streamlining communication about testing ability
● Philomena: Met with Kyle Flowers
  ○ There will be no changes to RA compensation for next year, unfortunately
    ■ They weren’t able to get any of their budget requests met
    ■ Thinking of other possibilities for how to use the money
    ■ Advocated for more student involvement in these conversations
      ● Make sure to consult with res life student employees
      ● Make sure student concerns are being met
● Jordan: Next Friday will be the Scot Ball
  ○ 8-11pm
  ○ Spending the last week making this happen
  ○ Invited Donnie Brooks to come to LB on the 11th
  ○ Go to Scot Ball! Promote Scot Ball!

Announcements ~ 3 minutes
● Reagan: Voting is open for exec elections until Friday at noon
○ **Sign up for tabling!**
  ■ Need one more person
  ■ Mariah: Free stickers!
○ Promote the election on socials and by talking to people!
● Mariah: RSVP for Women’s History Month Keynote reception [at this link](#)
  ○ Today at 6:15pm in the Weyerhaeuser Boardroom