

Harmon Room - Library

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MACALESTER COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Legislative Body Meeting Minutes

Land Acknowledgment (We are on Indigenous land) ~ *Austin Wu* ~ 2 minutes

Austin Wu, Speaker of the LB

- We are already late so we're going to get started with the land acknowledgement
- [land acknowledgment]
- And our first agenda item is Campus Committee presentations

Campus Committee Presentations ~ *Ryan Connor* ~ 5 minutes

- Student Employment Advisory Committee

Ryan Connor, Chief of Staff

- We took a break last week from having campus committees coming in
- Student Employment Advisory Committee representatives:
 - Ben Christesen, Sylvia Choi

Sylvia Choi and Ben Christesen, Student Employment Advisory Committee representatives

- Student Employment Advisory Committee made up of 4 task forces based off of an improvement plan
- Went through process of editing and advising last year
- Probably important to note that only 2 task forces met this year
- It was student employee supervisors and also student employee recognition and outreach
- Basically what we do is provide student input for how the employment process is
- Made up of groups representing supervisors and employers

- What it looks like for employers when looking for work study students versus not-need students
- I was part of SOTY [Student Employee of the Year] committee
- Very diplomatic voting process, look through lots of recommendations, vote on them and finally voted one person
- Also as a committee we work on planning - this week is student employee appreciation week
- Have different popcorn flavors
- Also I guess it's a little unfortunate but all of the tiered pay scale for student employees, any discussion of wages was kind of avoided throughout the whole year
- There are 4 committees but the two that focused on pay and hours were not held
- At some point we tried to address some of these issues but we don't have any power to change these issues

Austin

- Any questions?
- Awesome, thanks for coming guys
- Bobbie's got an icebreaker for us

Icebreaker ~ *Bobbie Pennington* ~ 5 minutes

Bobbie Pennington, President

- A disclaimer, yesterday I was not at the exec meeting for the first time
- So we're doing what's your go-to karaoke song
- Elected or not, everyone should answer
- I didn't think of mine so I'll go last
- It's a go-to song so you should know it
- Just pick a song that you like
- What's your go-to karaoke song?
 - [I'm not taking minutes on this]
- So, we have something to continue
- So please click on that link and sign up
- And this is me asking you to sign up

Sofia Vaz, Community Outreach Officer

- If you want to help, please help
- There's going to be pizza and food
- So come eat and sing

Bobbie

- If you want to sign up for a sing, take a minute now
- And share the event with people

- Share that poster
- Something that came up yesterday in candidates' forum, current members should be sharing on social media
- Share the karaoke night
- In like 3 days
- Get people to go
- Sign up
- Come on come on
- In the Loch Friday night 9 to 11
- That'll be a good time

Committee Updates ~ *Committee Members* ~ 2 minutes

AAC: Tristan Niedzielski, 2025 rep and AAC member

- Last week we selected both the educator of the year and student educator of the year awards
- Fantastic process, really excited about the choices made for that
- Officially announced

Laurie Adamson, MCSG Advisor

- April 19th

Tristan

- That was the entirety of our meeting, a lot of nominations, a lot of input by faculty and other students
- That's great
- Only thing that AAC's been doing
- Meeting with Brian this week

FAC: Heaji Kang, FAC chair

- We've been looking over additional allocation requests as always
- Also talking about edits to the financial code

SOC: Eric Yu, SOC Chair

- Looked at our website, going to review for that to make sure that's updated for this year, going to do in the summer probably
- Not me, I'll be gone
- Our last meeting is next week

SSRC: Ikran Noor, 2024 rep and SSRC member

- We had a meeting with a couple people from different identity groups for affinity lifting
- Approved two community chest requests
- \$300 for iftar at Arabic house
- \$999 for community iftar at Olin Rice

Mathilda Barr, MCSG VP

- This event is open to everybody today at Olin Rice

Austin

- Ok
- Cool

Cabinet Updates ~ *Cabinet Members* ~ 2 minutes

Community engagement officer: Sofia Vaz

- One thing, I don't know if you guys saw my email but there's a Campus Center Easter egg hunt on 4/20 around the lunch hour
- I can't volunteer for that, if anyone wants to sit in the MCSG office and hand out Easter eggs full of candy let me know
- Senior leadership event also on 4/20 in JWall with Topper's sticks
- 11 members of SLT will be there
- 10, one will be missing
- I set up 11 tables
- Please come, great way for students to come talk to SLT members in a less formal setting
- Also karaoke as Bobbie said on Friday

Diversity and inclusion officer: Ghaicha Aboubacar Ahe

- Nothing

FAC Appeal Voting ~ *Heaji Kang* ~ 5 minutes

Heaji

- Scroll to the very end, start with VCO's
- Last week we looked at Vietnamese Cultural Organization and Young Democrat Socialists of America's appeals
- Putting numbers up there to refresh
- Going over why FAC initially denied the request
- Will motion each individually and you guys can vote
- With Vietnamese Cultural Organization the reason FAC denied the requests, it was unclear in the document for the snacks for events category if it was snacks for a specific event
- With the amount of snacks requested we didn't know
- Most likely \$500 before this
- For photography most likely paying a student which is not allowed under the financial code
- Usually better off coming in as an additional allocation so not paying a student in-house
- We denied a total of \$420 here
- Any questions, any motions?

Bobbie

- Sounds like these could both go through in the fall in additional allocations?

Heaji

- Technically any request can go in in the fall, just if it's denied doesn't mean they won't receive funding for it
- Usually we tell them to do the additional allocation
- Mentioned snacks were for a specific event

Alec Chen, 2026 rep

- Motion to pass or deny?

Austin

- Doing in parts or all together?

Heaji

- By org

Emi Menk, FAC Advisor

- I would recommend motioning to amend if you would like to approve part of this, if you do not want to approve any of it, say motion to approve the appeal and everyone who doesn't want to would say no

Emmanuel Keppel, 2023 rep

- I think a line item vote would be better, if people have specific thoughts about events

Heaji

- Ok motion to amend the final budget to approve snacks for events for Vietnamese Cultural Organization

Ikran

- Second

Heaji

- Just first line item, raise hands

Approve: 12

Opposed: 1

Abstaining: 0

Motion passes

Heaji

- Motion to approve \$120 for photography for VCO's annual budget

Emmanuel

- second

All in favor:

Approve: 0

Opposed: 12

Abstaining: 1

Motion fails

Approve first line item, rejected appeal for second line item

Austin

- now moving on to YDSA

Heaji

- First request, reason we denied, in their request a lot of it was not detailed/very vague, working with a lot of not detailed information
- Monday meeting food didn't seem to be integral to the function of the org
- Were requesting a bit more than they needed; this is a lowered amount from what they did
- Wasn't critical to function of their org

Emmanuel

- Portion I think would make sense would be 25%, consistent with other orgs who requested weekly food; offered them monthly food instead

Eric

- Can they request additional allocations in the fall when they have things planned out more?

Sofia

- Is this food only for people who go to their meetings?

Heaji

- I believe this is open to anyone but most likely to their members, people on the email list

Bobbie

- From the presentation last week, they were talking about having a lot of external guests, would it be served to external guests too?

Emi

- A few data points to note for when they submitted the initial allocation
- Supposed to list by category and only submitted one item
- Less than what they said in the template
- [reading from template they submitted to Presence]
- Monday meetings, would like a small dinner for people who come at 5 when Cafe Mac opens
- That's pretty much all they provided
- Other events they were hosting less frequently that they didn't choose to appeal

Willow Albano, 2026 rep

- One clarification point is that when YDSA was presenting why they appealed, it was because they often bring in speakers who are members of the Twin Cities community, wanted to provide dinners for those events because taking time out of their night when they would usually be eating is

what makes this request different from other requests, not feeding just the members but also the speakers and community members they're bringing in

- Someone asked a question about that

Bobbie

- Two quick things
- Is that allowed under financial code, to fund things outside of students?

Heaji

- Want to make sure we're funding student events with student activity fund
- It gets a little gray there; want to make sure majority of funding going to students

Bobbie

- When is meeting time?

Tristan

- 5-6:30
- Night classes were mentioned, Cafe Mac closes at 8

Emi

- Motion to amend the appeal to

Heaji

- Do we have to vote to amend this before we vote to approve this

Austin

- Amount is \$281.32 if we give them a quarter

Heaji

- Okay
- We'll just see if people want to amend this amount or not
- Motion to amend the monday meeting food appeal for YDSA, a 25% amount of \$281.32

Willow

- second

All in favor: 10

Opposed: 1

Abstaining: 2

Austin

- Can't abstain unless have a conflict of interest

Alec

- kind of in the org, don't know if am or not

Willow

- I kind of do [have a conflict of interest]

Motion passes

Now voting on amended amount

Heaji

- Motion to approve \$281.32 for Monday meeting food for YDSA

Bobbie

- Second

All in favor: 10

Opposed: 1

Abstaining: 2

Motion passes

Voting on Final Budget ~ Heaji Kang ~ 1 minute

Heaji

- Have to vote on the overall budget

Emi

- I've got it

Heaji

- need to be able to read off the numbers

Emi

- Operating and capital together

Heaji

- This will be the total amount of operating and capital we're approving for 2023 year
- Motion to approve \$144,986.01 for 2023-2024 budget bonanza

Bobbie

- Second

Austin

- All in favor of passing our annual budget

In favor: 13

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion passes

Financial Code Edits ~ Heaji Kang ~ 4 minutes

 DRAFT OF Financial Code 2023-2024

- Not the doc she's referring to, just so that everyone has access to it
- Everyone in LB free to add comments on what you think serves student orgs better

Heaji

- Basically I just wanted to take some time to quickly go over some of the financial code edits we're discussing so when we bring up the vote next week you have an idea of the changes we've been considering
- So I'll try to make this really short I know I'm taking a lot of time
- First we want to look at changing the food cost per student
- In current economy, food has been more and more expensive
- Especially when considering travel because not catered and individual
- Something else is how to implement ride share into our request since prices fluctuate
 - We do have public transit
- Situations where students traveling at night but not far enough to have a van it would make sense to have a ride share option
- Also want to look at when it comes to really large events, amount of students they're expecting are the amount that are coming and being fed
- We're wondering that for events who are requesting over \$1000 to ask for an RSVP, how they got to the estimated amount of students
- Also trying to differentiate with publicity like merchandising and apparel
- Addition of publicity like stickers that are way cheaper but important to an org's mission
- Some of the things we've been discussing, wish we had more time but if anyone has comments feel free to comment that on the doc
- The week after today, until Tuesday we have to put in any comments, we'll look over as a committee and discuss those as well

Austin

- Next is Bobbie with election engagement

Election Engagement ~ *Bobbie Pennington* ~ 10 minutes

Bobbie

- Update on elections
- Did exec election, know who's going to be leading MCSG next year
- Have full filing, was looking a little rough but have full filing which is great
- Most are uncontested and want to clear something up
- A lot of people filing but once someone else files they drop
- People don't want to campaign
- Still really want to get people engaged in this election
- Numbers in exec board election were not great
- Could have done more for exec board elections, weren't expecting such a low turnout
- Been doing a lot more this week, trying to do more
- Also have new social media person

- Are there ways that people can improve? Get people talking about elections?
- Take like 5 minutes in tables to chat about what is doing well, not doing well
- 5 minutes please

[5 minutes]

Bobbie

- Going around really quickly table by table, action items for everyone in the room
- Start here?

Ghaicha

- Talked about a few things, maybe involving professors, or give people like 5 minutes in class to vote
- I don't vote in the US but in the US sometimes you get stickers or something like that

Ikran

- I would vote [in exchange for] for stickers

Ghaicha

- Just having that incentive, enthusiasm

Mathilda

- We talked about for election and general engagement
- Putting something on Instagram to put people on a mailing list for MCSG announcements, could help with filing periods, having list of people we can remind

Tristan

- Talking about the importance of really engaging the people running for office, how to better connect with them
- Importance of ensuring they are campaigning doing the most for both themselves and the betterment of MCSG

Bobbie

- Didn't I do that right after

Tristan

- I don't know
- I think you've definitely done a lot, want to make sure it's a continuous process, a lot of people who weren't in MCSG previously
- No offense to you Bobbie

Will

- I guess what we talked about was how useful it is to talk to your friends, one of the reasons why we have as many people running this year as we do is people reached out
- A big thing is the timing, a lot of people burned out, a lot of people don't have time or bandwidth

Willow

- Also like making announcements, maybe asking professors at beginning of classes about voting
- Maybe incentive is that you get a cute sticker

Sofia

- I feel like it wouldn't be like voting for a specific candidate but if you vote you can get a candy
- Like we won't tell them who to vote for

Laurie

- In election code you can't incentivize but mostly for specific candidates but if it's just like you're engaging in the election and voted then you can get a free sticker but EPC might want to look at that

Emmanuel

- Similar things, word of mouth, talking to the two friends who are least likely to go out and vote
- Inherent problem is there is a problem with people taking the time to vote in elections that are uncontested unless there is a lot of publicity

Austin

- We should introduce an Australian ballot and penalize anyone who doesn't vote

Bobbie

- A lot of this is word of mouth, can ask your professors to give an announcement for more engagement this time around
- Thank you

Transition Docs & Letters ~ *Mathilda Barr & Ryan Connor* ~ 20 minutes

- [Class Documents](#)

Ryan

- For this going to break up into year groups so if you're not sitting with year groups go sit with them
- Go to google folder, class year document
- Info you should put down for the actual doc
- Dates, passwords, stuff like that
- For class reps
- Exec board already has each member doing a transition doc
- Say "this is what we worked on this year, projects for next year, these are some really good contacts"
- Help the people filling your shoes next year

[work time]

Announcements ~ 3 minutes

- GSAT extension ~ Joel Sadofsky
 - GSAT deadline extended to midnight, April 13th.
- Textbook Reserve Selection ~ Joel
 - Textbook Reserve Selection is currently happening. We have closed submissions however you can always email aac@macalester.edu.
- Community Recognition Awards ~ Joel
 - Community Recognition Awards are being presented in Kagin Ballroom on Wednesday, April 19th, 11:30-1:30.
- Themed LB Meeting? ~ Mathilda

Austin

- Going to do quick announcements and get out of here
- I'm going to do Joel's because he's not here
- If you want to apply for GSAT apply for that soon
- Currently in the process as AAC of requesting textbooks for textbook reserve
- Just voted on educator of the year, advisor of the year, going to be presented next Wednesday

Mathilda

- I think it would be cute to do an LB meeting where we all wear a color
- Tried to do a pj meeting last year
- Would be nice to all wear something similar
- Dress like Bobbie?
- All wear a certain color

Ryan

- Please take the food we have back here
- Every time we have to do the meeting
- Whose shoes are back there

Alec

- Don't worry about it

Austin

- We're adjourned on that note