Land Acknowledgment (We are on Indigenous land) ~ Emma Kopplin ~ 2 minutes

Conduct Reminder ~ Emma Kopplin ~ 2 minutes
- Emma: Does everyone have chairs?
  - I want to start with a quick reminder about conduct in LB meetings
  - We want orgs and other visitors to feel welcomed and supported when we are hosting them
    - We don’t know if this was reflected last week
  - We can be doing a few things to be more welcoming and respectful
    - Be present in LB, not just physically, but mentally
    - Focusing on the task at hand, not doing other things
      - Not having side conversations
    - LB is just one hour per week
      - This is the commitment that we made
    - Ask relevant, thoughtful questions to our guests
    - Be aware of what identities you hold and how that shows up in a space like LB
    - Call out behaviors that aren’t acceptable
      - Hold each other accountable

Dining Advisory Committee Presentation ~ 5 minutes
- Emma: As you know, we have been having presentations from our campus committees
• We don’t have handheld mics this week, so we will have to be loud
○ Rep: Eleanor Malcom: she/her, sophomore
○ Eleanor Berkenblit: she/they, senior
○ Our committee talks a lot about sustainability and food waste
  ■ A lot of progress has been made
○ Eleanor Malcom: Cafe Mac workers don’t have a lot of support
  ■ This hasn’t changed
  ■ Training is the biggest problem
    ● Student workers aren’t trained, so food safety is not a thing
    ● No change has been made on this
    ● No concrete plan for training in the fall
      ○ Training only occurs after workers’ first shift
○ Eleanor B: Who has had a bad experience at Cafe Mac?
  ■ A lot of you raised your hands
  ■ Bon App has been very resistant to hearing our feedback
  ■ They tell us to contact them, but students don’t know how
  ■ I am on the committee representing religious dietary concerns
    ● Cafe Mac works with us
  ■ They still have not addressed contamination training
○ Eleanor M: The director claims not to know that students are getting poisoned at Cafe Mac
  ■ We bring it up and it is not addressed
○ Eleanor B: Hoping for the committee to meet more often or for it to have people who are willing to listen to us
  ■ We want a student and chaplain, as well as a disability resources worker
  ■ We want more student feedback
    ● QR codes on each of the tables
      ○ Report when something goes wrong
○ Eleanor M: We joined the committee to make our food experience better
  ■ We would love a way to make that happen more easily
  ■ Willing to put in the time and effort to see this through
  ■ Want to make Cafe Mac safe
• Emma K: We don’t have any time for questions, but please reach out to them by email

**Student Employment Advisory Committee Presentation ~ 5 minutes**
• Reps: Ella Skranka and Sylvia Choi
○ This is separate from Student Employees
○ Other members are supervisors categorized under large, medium, small
○ Address concerns from supervisors and student side
  ■ We mediate
○ In the past year, we have planned the student employee appreciation events
  ■ Nominations for student employee of the year
○ We work to improve communication with supervisors and students
  ■ Google docs form for people to submit concerns and questions
○ Working to improve transparency in resource access
○ Working for the past two years on improving student employment happiness
  ■ Increase fulfillment, job experience
  ■ Using survey data from 2011
    ● There have been no changes
○ We are a bit different from student employment
  ■ A lot of questions that came to us were not things that we have power over
● Emma K: Thank you!
○ Any questions on either side can be addressed by email

**Athletics Department Visit ~ Jordan Galloway ~ 15 minutes**
● Jordan: Ladies and gentlemen, Donnie Brooks!
  ○ He is our Director of Athletics at Macalester
  ○ He will talk about some changes we’ve made and open the floor for conversation
● Donnie Brooks: Good afternoon!
  ○ The Athletics Department oversees Varsity Athletics, Club Sports, with hundreds of students
  ■ Club Sports and Varsity Athletics care deeply about what they do
  ■ Recreation and intramural sports all use our spaces too
  ■ Many of you have gone into the fitness center
    ● We try to keep our hours open
      ○ Opening at 8am on the weekends, when we used to open at 10
  ■ Fueling station
    ● When we raise money, it is not just for our sports teams, but all our operations
• For those of you who like to work out, you can go to the fridge and get a snack
  ○ At Macalester, these resources are for everyone
  ○ We want you to be able to refuel
  ○ We are excited about this and hope that you are using it
• I am excited about the affinity lifting groups
  ○ Thank you for those
• If you are not participating in Mac Fit, it is a way to learn how to use the fitness center
  ○ You can be entered into a raffle to win prizes
  ○ We want to promote this more widely
  ○ We give away a lot of great things
  ○ Add to the motivation to get into the fitness center
• I don’t know if you all have experienced this, but the football team is working on a culture shift
  ○ 6am practice
    ■ This means that there are things that we have to change our focus on
    ■ This opens up time on the field
    ■ This helps the team focus on hard, but good things and allows other students to have more resources and access to facilities
  ○ Sports culture
    ■ I don’t think we should hate Carleton, but we should strongly dislike them sometimes
      ● We need school spirit
    ■ At some other institutions that are a lot like Macalester, the spirit is different
      ● We are on the upswing, and we need to bring out the spirit
      ● Mac people need to show up at events and learn some new cheers
        ○ Can’t just be about smoking crack
        ○ We hope to help bring more spirit to Macalester next year

• Any Questions?
  ○ Student: I think a lot about Athletics Facility Access
• Have we thought about an outdoor basketball court that would allow students to be active and access the courts when the LC is busy?
  • Donnie Brooks: This is a great idea, and thank you for sharing
    • I will bring it back to our facilities team
    • Our basketball coach has asked about this too
  ○ Eleanor Harden: I am a senior, and I think because my class experienced the whole situation with COVID and being separated from athletes, I think a lot of us have felt that there is a pretty significant cultural divide between athletes and nonathletes
  • I am wondering what your ideas are to support bridging that gap between athletes and nonathletes on campus
  • This divide is weird and no one wants it, but it keeps getting perpetuated
  • Donnie Brooks: This is my fourth private liberal arts college that I’ve worked with, and this divide exists everywhere you go
    • Jen Jacobsen talked about connection
      ○ There is not a divide, but a weak connection
      ○ Raise your hand if you are busy
        • We are all busy and have chosen things to focus on
        • We spend hours and hours on activities and studying
        • It makes sense that the connections you make are with the people you are doing your thing with
        • Your thing is your thing, but we want to encourage people to respect other people’s things
          • Uplift other people’s things
          • I can’t say I have the perfect answer, but we want to have unification
          • Our goal is understanding and acknowledging other folks doing their thing
  ○ Donnie Brooks: If you have any other questions and ideas, I am around
    • I am an administrator, but I don’t take myself too seriously
    • We care about change, growth, and development, so please bring your ideas to the table
We want to give this institution a lot to celebrate
We want the things that you advocate for to happen

Chess Club Additional Allocation ~ Eliora Hansonbrook ~ 5 minutes

- Emma: Eliora will introduce this, and then we will vote
- Eliora: Carlos is here with us today from Chess Club
  - FAC chose to deny this request because it is a travel request and we are only approving travel under extenuating circumstances
- Carlos: We just wanted to appeal because we are a chess club, and tournaments are our thing
  - These tournaments cost money
  - To be a club, we need to compete
  - We have a chess instructor that is helping us prepare for these tournaments
  - We have only had one tournament in the last two semesters
  - We want to get more funding for traveling and including more people
- Emma: Could you explain to us why you are only accepting travel requests in special circumstances?
  - Eliora: We basically ran out of travel funding, and moved some funds from capital, but we have limited funds
    - We asked all orgs to fill out a form to explain their travel reasons
- Questions
  - Willow: Why doesn’t Chess Club fit under exceptional circumstances?
    - Eliora: A few weeks ago, Quiz Bowl made it into the national tournament, and we want to leave the funds open for situations like this
      - Chess Club’s travel request is only for 12 miles, so this is possible to reach through public transportation
    - Carlos: This would be difficult to reach through public transit
  - Mariah: How much is left in the travel fund?
    - Eliora: We have about $3500
    - Mariah: And this was only approximately $300?
  - Alec: What are the club’s score ratings?
    - Carlos: Fairly high
  - Liv: Is there a reason the vans are requested for two days when the tournament is 8am to 10pm?
Carlos: Because the tournament is the way that it is, everyone ends at different times
  - We want to be able to be flexible

- Vote
  - Jordan: Motion to approve $390.60 for Chess Club’s appeal
  - Willow: Second
  - In favor: 21
  - Opposed: 1
  - Abstaining: 1
  - Emma: With that, the motion passes

**Vote on Final Budget ~ Eliora Hansonbrook ~ 5 minutes**
- Allocate $178,451.10 to student organizations for the 2024-2025 academic year
- Eliora: As you all know, the FAC spent a lot of time with Budget Bonanza
  - After appeals, this is our final budget
  - Our annual allocations for 2024-2025 academic year will be $178,451.10

- Questions:
  - Willow: Does the number change after the allocation we just approved?
    - Eliora: No, this was an allocation for this year
  - Liv: How does this number compare to last year?
    - Eliora: This is similar
      - If we could spend more, we would

- Vote:
  - Sean: Motion to approve the final budget for the 2024-2025 school year
  - Jordan: Second
  - In favor: 23
  - Opposed: 0
  - Abstaining: 0
  - Emma: With that, the budget passes

**Committee & Cabinet Updates ~ Committee & Cabinet members ~ 5 minutes**
- International Student Liaison update:
  - International Student Liaison is still having ongoing discussion with MOCO and Intl Students community regarding a project that we had started a couple of weeks ago about increasing safety and spreading
awareness on possible risks faced by Macalester international students who participate in protests and other political activities in the US.

- As a member of the Search Committee for Director of ISP, I believe that we have concluded the interviewing process, though we have yet to hear any official decision.

- Joel: GSAT Subsidy Program Applications close at 11:59pm tomorrow!
  - If you are paying for a graduate school entrance exam this semester before the last day of classes, please consider applying for this $100 funding subsidy
  - AAC is also selecting Outstanding Educator of the Year and Outstanding Student Educator of the Year tomorrow
    - These will be awarded 5-7pm on Tuesday April 23
  - RSVP for food orders by 4/12: https://forms.gle/pt4QEAHWqeM9HGZLA

- SOC has awards too
- We begin to solicit textbook reserve purchase titles April 15, 2024

- Mikayla: SOC selected our awards

- Elizabeth: Belonging and Accessibility Liaison
  - Met with Disability Resources
  - Discussed changes about liaison positions
  - Attended the Happening Place, which is a film about the C-House made by a student
    - Making sure that there is a space that is adequate in replacing the C-House
    - Dropped in on the C-House rally
    - Emma K has been standing in for me in a lot of architect meetings
      - Emma: So far, these meetings have just been people from LSC explaining to the architects what energy they want out of the space, while the architects explain potential physical constraints

- Eliora: FAC is gearing up for its final meeting of the year this Monday
  - If you want to a request for the year, submit it by 11:59pm on Sunday

- LeSean: CEC is continuing the work on our year-end newsletter
  - Encourage any liaisons and committees to send us information to put in the newsletters
  - Election filing just came out today
  - Looking for people to table outside of the CC
    - Please sign up

- Jordan: Athletics & Recreation Liaison
Scot Ball was last Friday
This new format made a lot of sense, and people had a lot of fun
I also arranged for Donnie to come today

Time to Reflect on MCSG ~ Mariah Loeffler-Kemp ~ 15 minutes
• Mariah: Today we will do a reflection activity about the year on MCSG
  ○ Reflect on what we have done so far
  ○ Next meetings will be very busy
    ■ Today is our time to do reflection and think about what we have done and what we want to improve on for next year
    ■ Think about things that need to be figured out for the summer time
    ■ Put everyone into groups to think about what went well, what we accomplished, and what could be improved
      ● What are concrete steps and solutions that we can take going forward
      ● I would love if every group could write down what we talk about
        ○ Have one person take notes
    ■ Count us into five groups
• Mariah: If everybody could hand me their sheet of paper, that would be great
  ○ They don’t have to make a lot of sense
  ○ We can do a little more of this at the last meeting of the year
  ○ Thank you all for participating!

Announcements ~ 2 minutes
• Sign up for election tabling (filing and voting)
  ○ Class Rep & Liaison Election Tabling Sign-ups (Spring 2024)
  ○ Emma: If you are able to table, please sign up to do so
    ■ If you are running for a class rep or liaison position, you are not eligible to table
• Attendance reminder
  ○ Mariah: Please be here
    ■ If you are going to be absent or late, please email the MCSG email
  ○ Emma: Don’t tell us in person, we might forget
• Joel: Let me know if you have a strong preference about Weyerhaeuser Boardroom vs Harmon Room for LB next year as we need to make reservations
  ○ Heather reminded me that we will have to make those reservations soon
• Mariah: Gabe Karsh will be working with MCSG next year as the Student Liaison to the BoT
• Class Rep Filing Open Now!