

**B0003**

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### **A Bill Establishing the MCSG Sustainability Officer Work Study Position**

WHEREAS, Macalester has [defined sustainability](#) as “the continuous effort to meet the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs by working toward a healthy environment, social justice, and a strong economy.” The purpose of this position is to integrate this framework into the operations and leadership of Macalester College Student Government.

WHEREAS, MCSG has a stated commitment to “Environmental and Social Concerns” in its [constitution](#), this is not actively acknowledged and sometimes not put into practice. The individual holding this position would hold the body accountable to this amendment and integrate these concerns into all discussions and decisions.

WHEREAS, The creation of this position aligns with the mission of MCSG’s new Sustainability Task Force, which was formed to explore the creation of a permanent structure in the student government to keep Macalester accountable our stated institutional sustainability commitments, and to ensure that our funding decisions will support these initiatives.

*Upon approval of 2/3rd of the Legislative Body assembled the Macalester College Student Government Bylaws will changed to include the following:*

*This bill shall go into effect immediately upon passage.*

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## **ARTICLE IV: MCSG OFFICE STAFF**

### **Section 3: MCSG Sustainability Officer**

1. Shall monitor Macalester’s progress on institutional sustainability goals by monitoring current college commitments. These goals include (but are not limited to) promoting sustainability as an educational priority of the college, Zero Waste by 2020, Climate Neutrality by 2025, the Real Food Challenge, and adherence to the Apparel Code of Conduct.
  - a. Shall bring knowledge of the [Sustainability Plan](#) to Legislative Body meetings advise accordingly to ensure that MCSG decisions fall into alignment with these goals.

- b. Shall identify gaps in progress on sustainability goals and recommend possible solutions to the student government to be presented to the LB and submitted to the Executive Board for campus-wide distribution at the end of each semester.
2. Shall serve on the Sustainability Advisory Committee as one of the designated student representatives.
3. Shall act as liaison between the Sustainability Office and MCSG.
  - a. Shall be required to meet with the Macalester College Sustainability Manager and/or the Sustainability Office Student Network Coordinator at least once per month to discuss possible coordination between the Sustainability Office and MCSG.
  - b. Shall be an active participant in the Sustainability Student Network to understand what students in different departments across campus are doing in this area. They will be expected to meet with the network coordinators in the Sustainability Office and Facilities Services monthly plus attend all Sustainability Network meetings.
  - c. Shall act as liaison between MCSG and Residential Life on Sustainability issues to identify opportunities for enhanced sustainability education beyond the classroom.
  - d. Shall be required to meet with the Associate Director of Residential Life within the first four (4) weeks of each semester and within the last four (4) weeks of each semester.
4. Shall work with the Student Organizations Committee chair to administer a rating program that would recognize student orgs for their commitment to sustainability through operations or actions.
5. Shall work with the Financial Affairs Committee and Student Services and Relations Committee Chairs to ensure student activity fee dollars are being spent with holistic sustainability in mind.
  - a. Shall review all additional allocation requests made to the FAC and assist with the end-of-the-year budgeting process by commenting on requests
    - i. The allocation request reviews will be completed on the Org Management Software in consultation with the FAC chair.
    - ii. Shall meet with the FAC chair at least once every two weeks.
    - iii. Shall be required to meet with Financial Affairs Committee Chair at the end of each semester to recap and evaluate the state of sustainable spending.
  - b. Shall comment on all Community Chest requests made to the SSRC
6. Administer the discounted compostable dishware program for student organizations (See B000X)

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