

MACALESTER COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT (MCSG)

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Title of Bill: Accuracy of Information Act

WHEREAS, Macalester College Student Government (MCSG) has the power to disburse funds from the student activity fee in the interest of the student body;

WHEREAS, MCSG spends large sums of money perceived to be in the interest of the student body but due to poor polling responses and practices inherent within the current system occasionally fails to represent the student body;

WHEREAS, MCSG attempts to represent the student body's interests through the use of skewed survey data because of nonresponse and voluntary response bias;

THEREFORE: MCSG will fulfill the obligations contained within this bill in an effort to better represent the student body with both fiscal and policy decisions.

Be it enacted by the Macalester College Student Government

SECTION 1: When polling the entire student body regarding expenditures exceeding \$3,000 meant to be representative of the student body's interests, a response rate of 40% must be achieved before spending can commence.

Subsection A: In order to reach a 40% response rate, MCSG may send emails daily or impose other methods as the Executive Board sees fit.

Subsection B: If the Executive Board sees a lack of student interest in response over a period of more than three days they may terminate the polling campaign and place the amount at question into the reserve fund or take the action detailed in SECTION 3.

SECTION 2: To better gauge student opinion, surveys will be sent to a random sample of no less than 300 students and not presented as reflective of student opinion until a response rate of 60% is achieved.

Subsection A: In order to obtain a 60% response rate, MCSG may send emails daily or impose other methods as the Executive Board sees fit.

Subsection B: Until the response rate has been reached, survey results will be considered unrepresentative of the student body.

SECTION 3: If the President believes a case of extreme urgency has arisen and MCSG must act on incomplete survey data, the President may initiate a vote from the Legislative Body and with a majority vote may act on incomplete survey data. MCSG may not present these results as representative of the student body.