

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG) and Macalester College Student Government (MCSG)

April 28, 2014

WHEREAS, a majority of voters in a Macalester all-campus student referendum held on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 have requested affiliation with MPIRG and;

WHEREAS, a majority of voters in a Macalester all-campus student referendum held on December 10, 2011 have requested \$3.00 per semester increase in the MPIRG fee and;

WHEREAS, a majority of voters in a Macalester all-campus student referendum held on April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 have requested affiliation with MPIRG and;

WHEREAS, MCSG does not recognize the results of the all-campus student referendum, duly held on the spring ballot of 2014 and;

WHEREAS, the Judicial Council (JC) found that the Election Procedures Commission (EPC) failed to hold a public forum on the MPIRG referendum prior to the vote on April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014, which constituted grounds for the JC to invalidate the entire outcome of the referendum, despite no question of impropriety in any aspect of the voting process or the outcome and;

WHEREAS, MPIRG and MCSG both recognize that MPIRG, acting in good faith, did not violate any terms of the controlling contract and fulfilled all obligations therein, did not violate any MCSG by-law or constitutional requirement, and did not act in any other way that would invalidate the MPIRG referendum vote that affirmed student support for a continuing affiliation with MPIRG and;

WHEREAS, MPIRG initiated contact on multiple occasions with MCSG and the Office of Student Affairs to understand, comply, and support all aspects of the MPIRG referendum so that it be executed properly, and;

WHEREAS, both sides seek a resolution that satisfies the terms of the controlling contract and provides sufficient time to conduct another all-campus student referendum on the continuation of the MPIRG fee at Macalester College;

THEREFORE, MCSG and MPIRG agree to move forward with the following expectations:

1. To negotiate, in good faith, for an extension of the current contract between MCSG and MPIRG that allows for the referendum on continuing the affiliation between MCSG and MPIRG to be held during the fall semester of 2014, and;
2. To include in the final contract provisions that reflect the interests and needs of both MCSG and MPIRG, and;
3. To complete those negotiations and sign an extension contract on or before May 5, 2014.

FOR MPIRG

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