

Land Acknowledgment (We are on Indigenous land) ~ *Mariah*, 2 minutes

Settling In ~ 2 minutes

Ua Ke Additional Allocation ~ *Rebecca*, 20 minutes

Rebecca

- Highlights from financial code to keep in mind/framing guidelines
 - Consider if event will serve entire student body or be or open
- [Funding Guidance](#) for FAC and LB
 - Developed in collaboration with the DML for funding cultural significant events
 - Going in with an open mind, considering how you frame your questions (can't place value on cultural events)
 - MCSG funds more than 80 student orgs and idea is to help them carry out their missions
 - Helpful to compare previous budgets but those also change over time
 - Things that are appropriate to ask
 - How many students will be in attendance?
 - How much of the student activity fee will this event cost?
 - Anticipated cost per attendee?
 - Don't put people in position where they have to validate their culture
 - Respecting culture of the org that is making the request
- FAC recommended total: \$9,113.60
 - Number came in consultation with Ua Ke

Pahoua

- Excellent opportunity to bridge local community and Mac community
- Way to offer what the culture has to share
- Event has entertainment elements to showcase different Hmong art and culture
- Decor another item needed
- Would like to think of Mac of supporting local bipoc communities

Rebecca

- Recommendation is to say yes but also opportunity for questions

Katie

- Motion to approve

Mariah

- Vote to approve \$9,113.60
- Yes: 21
- No: 0
- Abstain: 0
- Motion is approved

Org Chartering Conversation ~ *Katie*, 5 minutes

Katie

- Wanted to go over org chartering process
- Reminding everyone that chartering process looks for interested members, a new and unique purpose, non-discrimination, and sunset clause (will look over it again)
- All of the charters presented to LB have already gone through SOC and have been flagged as having four things in charter
- MCSG should not scrutinize for things like grammar

Shreya

- What if we take the next nine minutes for by-laws and then do LSU when they come?

Katie

- Questions or comments about the chartering process?

Bylaws Voting ~ Executive Board, 10 minutes

Shreya

- Questions about by-laws?

Ayana

- Did questions in comments get answered?

Shreya

- Yes I responded to most of them

Rebecca

- Clarifying motion is to approve all the suggestions in the doc

Shreya

- Motion to approve by-laws

Mariah

- Vote to approve by-laws
- Yes: 21
- No: 0
- Abstain: 0
- By-laws are passed

Committee Updates

Kit

- SSRC open forum for students to share questions and concerns
- Currently scheduling for november 17th

Joel

- AAC has opened grad school application
- Opened textbook reserve application
- Plan on to continue conversation surrounding wellness days

Ayana

- When is textbook reserve due?

Mariah

- December 1

Katie

- SOC has met with three orgs and going to meet with two going through revisions
- Working on new delegation process so there are point people responsible for commenting

Micah

- FAC approve Ua Ke
- Approved money for Adelante relaunch event
 - Funded \$321.75
- Hegemonocle wanted more money more copies
 - Approved \$2,250

Eric

- Looking at current procedures for reporting discrimination cases
- Will keep updated

Ayana

- Get your winter ball tickets!

Katie

- Bon App ad hoc
- Working on reusable container issue possibly going back to token system

Kashvi

- Sustainability office has been trying to encourage people to return containers
- Trying different incentives

Ayana

- Has seen people throwing containers away
- If you see them throw them away, tell people not to!

LSU Chartering~ *Katie*, 10 minutes

- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/13aek79-T34D9G87KkkCoUtJfXKw60xIbXgKSDXcaqJo/edit>
- Inclusive of everyone, wanting to include all Latinx students
- 2 co chairs, relations director, social media director
- Advisor from American Studies department
- Meeting twice a month
- Leadership will meet twice a month with plan for meetings
- Finances will be developed by executive board
- Purpose to celebrate and include all people of Latinx identities
- Believes in liberating and empowering Latinx community
- Lack of Latinx organizations on campus

Ayana

- Motion to charter LSU

Mariah

- Voting on whether to approve charter for LSU
- Yes: 21
- No: 0
- Abstain: 0

Wellness Days Conversation ~ *Tom*, 15 minutes

Tom

- Contacted advisors and discrete individuals who gave opinion
- Wellness days are desirable only when calendars can be magically stretched
- Extending the semester is not desirable
- Problem is we are not asking for wellness days but wellness is the consensus reached

- Idea was to send out a survey but now may not be a good idea
- Asking for opinions now, given that it is half way through the semester
- Wants people to think of more practical or alternative proposals
- Problem is wellness days come at a “grave price”

Eric

- Why is the survey not an option

Tom

- Not sure what would happen to Tom’s personal safety if they asked people for opinions and then didn’t have wellness days

Eric

- There are multiple ways of approaching this
- Important to try even if they don’t turn out we want them to
- We should get consensus from students first
- Some students would like to extend one or two days for wellness days

Anna

- Can we send something to study body that includes giving extra days for summer as part of wellness days
- Wants a survey to be sent out with detailed questions

Tom

- We have to consider rent in august for students that live on campus

Ayana

- Peoples’ leases either start in June or September
- Study abroad programs are another consideration
- Doesnt think people understand what wellness days are
- If you want wellness days, here is the trade-off
- Contextualize if you want this thing, this is what is
- Real issue is not wellness days but wellness
- Stems from our academics and how faculty do things in their classrooms
- How can we hold professors more accountable for centering mental health in their classes?

Katie

- Curious about finding out if Macalester has weather days built into the calendar
- Trying to research department of education process for accreditation
- When talking about wellness days, unrealistic to envision it for this year
- Planning on talking to professors with classmates about taking wellness days
- Encouraging everyone to talk to classmates about class wellness days

Rebecca

- Most leases start on the first of the month so when classes start on the first day of the month
- If classes started early that would require leases a month earlier

Shreya

- Wants to remind everyone that we have to meet accreditation
- Academic calendar has been set through 2024
- If we want to take days off, it would need to come from the breaks

Kody

- This semester classes end december 10th and exam period goes to the 17th

- The University of Minnesota's calendar goes further into December if we could do that we wouldn't have to extend leases
- Classes begin August 31st next year maybe we should have this conversation with the college
- Classes end May 2 exam period until May 9 → doesn't see an issue with leases there

Anna

- In creating wellness we can send emails to professors asking them to have light work surrounding breaks
- Sending email to student body encouraging them to talk to professors about having wellness days

Micah

- We have two very long breaks
- We get more value when we have all this work that we have to do
- From first-year perspective, work is manageable

Kit

- Proponent of wellness on campus
- Professors have classes that can be skipped without penalty
- Having more leeway with individual professors wouldn't cut into breaks or accreditation

Tom

- You all have provided constructive proposals
- Why don't you talk to EPAG?
 - Epag works different than the LB
 - The best thing he could get from them is a discussion if there was an actual proposal
- We have stress and classes that cause stress, why don't we try to mitigate the stress
- Not denying wellness days because they are hard for the AAC committee but they seem not to be the best choice for everyone

Shreya

- This is a place where you can say opinions that the rest of the body doesn't agree with
- Please be respectful of that and consider community guidelines set during the retreat

Newsletter ~ Ayana, 20minutes

Ayana

- Plan for newsletter is for committee updates to be filled out during LB meetings (What are you working on? Why? How can the student body get involved?)
- Good way for people within and outside MCSG to stay aware
- Encouraging people to fill out mythbusting spreadsheet
- Include any hyperlinks to reduce amount of text in newsletter
- Remembering purpose of newsletter is to provide information about what issues are currently being discussed
- Students want to know who to contact regarding specific committees
- Going to change from weekly legislative updates to just updates
- Will send finalized version to be voted on to be sent out to the student body
- Peer to peer information sharing when talking about getting info out of the LB

Anna

- Looking at spreadsheet, can you explain more about it?

Ayana

- Mythbusting Misinformation at Macalester mostly Laurie's idea
- Example is information learned at financial model event about endowment
- Idea is to collect misinformation and share it with students
- Included organizational charters of different positions and what they're in charge of etc