

# MCSG Minutes 2/3/15

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6:57 PM

## Attendees

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Meeting begins 19:02

03	IC: We're going to get started. Before we get going lets reintroduce ourselves... first up on the agenda is the AAC meeting update.
04	CW: We met briefly to discuss the test optional aspects of Macalester, and the textbook reserve. NE: We also went over the Alumni affairs business and how we can impact it better this year. CD: What is this event? Will: Bascially we try to bring back some alumni in different majors and have them "schmooze" with underclassmen and other undergrads. It's a great way to see how alumni can help undergrads and what lies in store for them after college.
07	IC: Great. Before we continue I just want to get a headcount of who wants new placards. JL: We have guests coming in, besides that we had a quick meeting to talk about the org fair this spring. We had one in the fall, but were looking to hold one in the spring. Talk to the me at the retreat if you have ideas. We're also doing org audits right now, 48 orgs are being looked at and many orgs don't have charters and some have had their charter expire. SO far we've had 8 out of 48 meetings, one common thing that comes up is the orgs don't use their checkbook, Ill share that during budgeting. Besides that orgs are looking good. JZ: Can I give an idea now? Its pretty overwhelming to have all the tables set up so why don't we have an open hous admission to see a kind of org progressive. For me it would be intimidating to enter into an org that already knows each other.
11	JL: We had a big org fair in the spring a while ago, it was pretty successful. JZ: It's a different time of year than the spring so it would be cool to experience a different flow. JK: Maybe we could have orgs open tues/thurs and a guide can take people around to see the different orgs. JL: Lets go on the guest
12	Guest: Hi, Im here to introduce an org I'd like to start. Its called macalester music appreciation club. We'd share our music tastes, what we're listening to and what new releases are coming out. Its basically a music fan club. JZ: My question is what other orgs would you collab with? G: I'd like to work with DJ club, flying fingers, PB, all kinds of orgs. JL: Potentially bringing live music to Kagin was once idea that he had. I think it would be great TS: This guys radio show is great G: Bascially anything music related would be under my umbrella. We still need to see how much money we would need to go to a concert or to bring live music here.
15	JK: What would the music czars do? G: I'd delegate the tasks of music playlists, we'd need a email list guy, a financial position, etc. JK: What kind of financial things would you need? G: A kagin, bringing live music to campus, we'd like to have clothes with our name on it. W: I hope you help with springfest with the music choices.
17	G: We've been meeting for a few months now, discuss what weve been listening to, we also have a theme for each meeting like guilty pleasure songs and new releases and the like. Its been really fun. On the listserv we have about 20-25 people. We would need to reserve a space. SD: Advisor? G: Not yet, were hoping to get one. IC: Its not a requirment.
20	JL: We encourage it, each staff member had all the orgs divided up so there are many people to talk to on campus. Especially for bigger orgs it would be good to have an advisor. Some don't have one on purpose.
21	JM: We might not require them now but we may in the future. We want people to have staff support but we don't want to flood the CC with requests. IC: We have 5 minutes before our next guests, any other ideas? JL: We don't want to burden org leaders, unlike in the fall when orgs need members in the spring we don't want it to be burde nsome. This fair would be for those who want to shop. What would encourage people to come out? AB: We could talk to admissions and see what they can do to advertise this fair
23	CP: It would be great to have a list of all the orgs and see which are having an event, it would be helpful. JL: About the sampler, we've been reached out to about that. There is limited information on the website so... we sent out an e mail for the sampler but I'm sure they would like input. IC: We talked about the wall last year, lets have a wall on which each org can have a space to advertise their meeting time and special events

25	JZ: Couple ideas, I think the wall would be great. Orgsync and approaching a member would be hard, so in order to make it easier we should incentivize org leaders to cooperate. What about free cookies at meetings for those who work with us? I don't know, we should encourage participation.
27	CD: Maybe the org with the best poster can get a free pizza. JK: whatever is cheap and free is what I like. JL: Our next guest is here to talk about the swing dance club
	Maddie: Hi I'm Maddie, I'm a social dancer and I like to swing and I think we should have a club. We could have my friend who is an instructor come in and teach swing to those who are interested, we could go to different competitions and social dances around the twin cities. It would take a while to build up the skills.
29	W: I was concerned with a few things in the charter. First is the process for removing a member is a convo between the P and VP, I'd prefer a democratic process for that. The second thing was elections could be held at the last meeting in April so that the officers could be trained. IC: the last org for swing dance did very well for a while but after the leader left it kind of fell apart. If you can take that spot then great because the demand still exists.
31	JZ: Make yourself dispensable so that someone can take over after you leave so that doesn't happen again CW: Whos your instructor? M: I've been taking his lessons for a while, he would charge less than his regular price to train.
32	DT: how would you work with those who don't know anything and those who are already trained? M: There aren't many who know how to swing so I don't foresee that as a problem. IC: She mentioned during our meeting that she'd talk to other orgs and dance classes to get interested members. JL: The estimate was less than 600 a semester which is less than many other orgs like Mac martial arts. This would be a good opportunity. JK: Was that last years instructor? JM: There are many expensive instructors on campus. This sounds like a good deal.
35	IC: Next is SSRC. AB: We have 2 events coming up for v day. One is with the civic engagement center, were making blankets to donate to different organizations. The CEC is in charge of that, were working on food and publicity, its on the 14th. Wear your MCSG shirt! We also have a table in the basement of the cc to make cards for their friends the week before v day. Please sign up. Any questions? JK: whats the name of the event? AB: Im not sure yet
37	JZ: I encourage you to come. AB: I'll pass around the sign up sheet. Next update is talking about mental health stuff, were working on two things related, we created a student work position to work with mental health resources. Were meeting with the health and wellness to continue this position. Ways we think at mac would be a magazine that would contain stories of mac students, we'll start brainstorming that next week. More than one person for the time slots would be great. We're also talking about lack of staplers in the library, seeing what we could do. Also new stickers arrived today!
41	JG: Staplers are essential. JK: Theres a petition going around to get new staplers. SM: Can we just buy more? JM: did staplers get removed? Where would they be, how do we know people wont walk away with them?
42	IC: We fund stuff on campus, however MCSG doesn't want to take care of everything on campus, we want our funding to be under org and student issues. We could fund staplers but I don't think we should. DT: We shouldn't take a stand either way since we represent many pro- and anti- staple movements. TS: We could use the AAC discretionary fund if we have money left over JZ: I'm pro MCSG giving staplers out, some students don't appreciate what they get like stolen stuff from the caf though. Many staplers were being mistreated and broken so it became expensive to replace that and stuff. Staples are a privilege.
45	JG: I agree, I didn't know that special staplers exist for multi page documents. The library could chain stuff up. RD: I don't think there is a lack of consensus about staplers. The reasons why is because its expensive, and its unsustainable for staplers to be replaced by us. As far as café mac, I pay for that. Although we are entitled to many things I don't think staplers is one of them, this schools library should carry them. JM: I don't think MCSG should pay for staplers. I do think that people are upset about staplers being taken away but also we need to be aware of how we treat them. We are responsible to keep costs down, like with printing. If we keep increasing our budget our tuitions will continue to go up, its definitely not something MCSG should pay for.
50	RB: I don't think we should spend more time on this. JK: I just want to say that MCSG should not take up the slack of the college. IC: easiest solution would be to get the library to spend a fixed amount of staplers each semester so students can respect the supplies. RD: We shouldn't have to do that, a good comparison would be in res halls and print outs, unlike profs assigning less readings. I think printing and staples is fundamental to being a student here and its not a privilege.
53	IC: Lets move on to FAC JK: Do we have a projector today? If not that's fine, we got two additional requests. One from DJ club for a kagin of 372\$, one person voted no, the SSRC wanted 60\$ for their table and that passed without a hitch. I also want to go over budgeting schedule for this year: we first require student org leaders to come to a budgeting workshop and teach them how to budget, that is happening in march. All org leaders must go. The next week is spring break, then from

	march 23-25 we're hoping to meet with the orgs and individually go over budgets. That's in hopes to catch any problems before the big review. Budgets are due on march 27th at midnight. Otherwise we will not consider them. On the 28th we'll gather and deliberate and hopefully present and approve a few days later.
58	RD: I hope we realize that promoting the sexualized and drink heavy culture of kagin is going against some of our values.
	JL: Can I tell not budgeting orgs not to come or do all orgs need to attend.
	JK: Just budgeting ones.
59	JM: We had the same concern over kagin and we had dj club change the name from "desperation kagin" to "lonely hearts"... so its less creepy. We think we've come up with better ways to deal with kagins, like having a staff person on the premises so its not just the building managers job. We were trying to do it with security however we hire out for that so we're trying to find other ways.
01	SN: We had certain guidelines for kagins last semester, how are orgs being held responsible? PB had a kagin last week and we followed the rules but there was no follow up.
	JL: We could refuse to fund kagins. We're paying for that culture. There are things that can be done to change this behavior but I don't think that having a staff person would change that.
03	JM: I agree. At the same time my concern is that students want to have events, I want these events but they need to be safe. To sana, there really isnt a system set up for accountability and that's what were working on. We don't want to be policing people but we do want control. The only way is staff control. Also we could have only one kagin a month and limit for other parties. There are other ways students will promote this but we want a responsible culture. Not everyone there is drunk but there are always a few.
06	SN: We had a discussion about kagin today that was great, what I got was that we were making kagin culture seem overwhelming even though it's a very few amount of people who are the problem. Winter ball this year was successful in making it more responsible. I think we can change anything if we try. If Kagin was never really like this earlier so... when orgs had other things to do during kagin besides just a dj it made it a lot more fun.
08	RB: I agree, orgs that have more creative programming for kagin would allow more people to get involved. How much is each kagin?
	JK: It could be between 300-500 per kagin. With about 6-8 per year it could be over 3000 a year.
10	Sam: we could have a dedicated fund for kagins and have people apply to host and have a process.
	KF: Im hesitant to say reducing kagins will improve what goes on. People work hard and play hard, I'm worried that would encourage kaginers to get more irresponsible. I don't foresee that talking about kagin culture will promote it. We should take a stance on it as MCSG. As an RA the only problems I've had has been kagin related, with substance abuse and sexual assault.
12	JK: I sent out a link for the financial code so check that out.
	JL: Is the financial code different from our bylaws?
	JK: good question, I always thought the bylaws and the code existed in tandem, maybe it exists to simplify the issue.
14	JM: I think that the code is directly related to FAC which is why its left out of the bylaws. Even though MCSG uses it the most it needs to be available for student orgs and other individuals so they can access it to get funding.
	IC: It clears up the bylaws, the code could take up way too much of the bylaws.
	JL: One thing to keep in mind is we ask orgs to look around for info, the least amount of places for orgs to look would be the easiest for accessibility.
	RD: I agree with James, we've lost bylaws and such. I'm for inserting it into the bylaws.
17	PM: This is not changing it but clarifying the code to the changes done to the bylaws that was made in the beginning of the year.
	JM: The bylaws is the constitution, the code is a more fluid document so its easier to edit. The bylaws should rarely be changed so putting them together would change that precedent. We need to be as specific as possible.
20	RD: We're backlogging work from changing the bylaws and so it would be easier to put the code in in order to keep updating the bylaws.
	SN: Can we link the financial code to the bylaws?
	IC: Yeah, we can talk about that later in the week. Next is PB.
	SN: We had a great welcome back week, movie screening was great over 90 people came. Bingo was great. Beyonce kagin had a couple hiccups. We have a movie this Friday and on the 7th we have skyzone. PB applications will be up tomorrow, bring your friends.
22	JM: Updates, the leadership conference link was in the piper so encourage people to come and sign up to volunteer if you can.
	IC: In the future keep your phone in your pocket if you're not doing work. Since this was a light meeting I let people talk but in the future I might have to limit conversation.
27	CP: I feel like we should do something with the stapler situation.
	CW: Well I think that the AAC should meet with the librarians and see what the details are. That's a good step to take.
	JZ: We can communicate that with the student body so they know that we care.
	IC: Yeah, talking to the library or passing a resolution would be a way to show we're doing something.
29	JK: AAC, try putting in an update of the FB page.
	JL: If anyone needs a sleeping bag, raise your hand.
31	WT: I think that we should focus more on this stapler issue. I don't think we should take a position before we take a vote.
	TS: I'll be trying to work on entrepreneurial laws in Mac, let me know if you want to help.
34	NE: If you have dietary restrictions let Jim know.
	CD: Im on the tobacco committee, there is a share the air program right now to deal with a smoke free campus. Put this sticker on your window to show you support a smoke free campus.
	Various announcements

Meeting ends 20:45