

MCSG Meeting Minutes

9/8/2015

Attendees Alina Luke, Andrea Grimaldi, Blaise Yokoyama, Cami Garcia-Flahaut, Caroline Duncombe, Chris Pieper, Cole Ware, Colin Casey, Dan Yee, Gordy Moore, Harrisonford Fauni, Ian Calaway, Jack McCarthy, Johannes Davies, Luke Bower, Peace Madimutsa, Rachel Banen, Saakshi Daswani, Sam Doten, Suveer Daswani, Jim Hoppe, Joan Maze

Began with introductions

7:11 Ian So we're going to start by holding the speaker of the body election- the speaker of the body makes sure that everyone has an equal voice at the meetings, and follows Robert's rules of order

Does anyone have any questions?

The way that this election will run is anyone can file by raising their hand to say they would be interested, say why they're interested, and then we'll have a silent vote.

It's a challenging job, it's a lot of trying to balance making sure that everyone's heard, following the rules, being respectful

It can be stressful, it's a great position. I had it last year and it's a fascinating job.

Luke Bower interested

Sam Interested

Chris Interested

Ian So we'll go in alphabetical order- Chris

Chris- By being on MCSG last year I was able to recognize how important the role is to make sure everyone gets a chance to say what they want to say, make sure people's voices are heard

Luke Bower Hi, I think I'd be a good speaker because I'm loud- reason enough. Last year I was secretary, so I got an outside look of what the inner workings of what MCSG is like. People are passionate- that's why they're here- cause they care about the college, but often people get carried away.. I think I'm good cause I respect people's passions but make sure we leave on time

Sam Been involved since first year- experience. Seen good and bad meetings, learned what goes into that. I know Robert's Rules of Order

Ian Ballots are being passed out- little piece of paper- elected positions only can vote- we'll take 2 minutes to vote. Any questions for the 3?

Jim will count ballots

7:18 Ian I'll give you a brief understanding of RROO right now- won't do full until first years come

How these function is something will be put on the table- start off- let's say I have a bill that would give me donuts- or give all of us donuts-- say "I would like to introduce my bill, which is Ian's Donut Bill" in order to do that I'd raise my placard. The speaker of the body will put you on a speaker's list, then when they identify you by name or with a quick head nod, put your placard down

Say I would like to introduce my bill- most of you should have a Parliamentary Procedure paper in your folder

I introduce my bill, then someone has to second it- guarantees that there's at least one other person who wants to talk about that

After that's seconded, discussion starts. Any other business is pushed aside for the business at hand

People put up their placards to discuss, can propose amendments. Limited to ten words- funny rule, may not be around much longer

Do that by putting up placard, say I would like to propose this amendment to this

Someone should second that

We would vote on the amendment, then vote on bill

We'll walk you through it as new things come up. That was sort of me just talking at you

Would you like to announce the SOB?

Jim

The person who was elected speaker is Luke

Ian

Would you like to be speaker for this meeting?

Luke

Sure

Ian

Actually, no. But do keep the speakers list

7:23

Moving on to campus committee selections. At the end of the year people apply, old execs and new execs try to fill the spots

Typically that process is done and then there's a meeting following that, but that didn't happen last year so we weren't able to approve campus committee appointments now

There are a few vacancies currently because people dropped out

And so look at the list (on screen)

We'll read through them

Colin

Student Affairs Advisory Committee

Julia Gay, Chris Pieper, Liz Roten, Merrit Stueven

Student Employment Advisory Committee

Christelle Cayton, Lena Schaller, Joseph Vandy Sengeh

Honorary Degree

Abigail Stowe-Thurston, Stephanie Shimota, Ashley Dunn

Sustainability Advisory

Forest Redlin

Lectures Coordination Board

Spencer Nelson (Fall), Chris Mendoza (Spring), Gregory Zacharia, Amy McMeeking, Hilary McLeland-Wieser

TAG- Elliot Weiss, Francesco Nutricato

Conduct Board- Akila Copeland, Becca Hawk, Emma Swanson, Kareem Ismail

Union Park- Sarah Gotwals

Library & Media Services Advisory Committee- Angelica Lin, Qiuhan Su

SLC- Kelsey Larson, Noah Nieting, Nora Wu

Media Board- Lydia Karlson, Ahren Lavis

EPAG- Cory Stern, Biftu Takele

Ian I motion to approve these campus committee appointments; is there a second?

Dan I'd like to amend the motion to approve Jack Chen and Emily Brinkman as travel fund members

Ian Now discussion is on the amendment on the addition of those two

Luke Proceed to a vote- all in favor of approving the amendment, raise your placards

All those opposed to Dan's amendment, those abstaining

Motion passes. We will now proceed to vote on the bill itself

Ian I would like to move to question on the campus committee appointments

Luke Any objections?

All in favor of approving committee appts

All opposed

All abstaining

Committee appts passes

7:29 Ian We are now on to new business

Start with the FAC with Dan

Dan Joan and I have been rewriting the financial code, since there were things that were unclear like consequences, timing

Sent it to Colin who shared it with everyone

We put edits in red

Same one from last semester, changed rollover to make more exact

Clear about how much money goes to PB fund- wanted to make sure people could read it

Biggest changes- 50% cut, not using checkbook

Joan Clarifying timeline, what we do when we don't fund, making sure wording is explicit

Dan For instance, we didn't know why we were supposed to be giving loans, didn't know to whom, so we said bye

Incoming class of 583, extra money from them

Joan No rollover from last year, we spent basically everything

Dan We would like to see it ready for SOLO to present this Saturday

I motion to suspend the bylaws so we can move to question on this financial code- sent out a day or two so people could have read it

Ian I don't think we should move to question on it- I think we should discuss this at solo- these are the changes that are very likely to happen- I want to make sure we're not suspending the bylaws often this year- these are our rules and it's critical we follow them- I think it's fine if you talk about them. I've looked them over and I don't think there's anything going to take anyone by surprise. Very likely to pass.

Suveer I may have missed this, but are you aware of how campus committees are funded? Since the past couple of days I've been approached by SSAC, concerned about how they'll be funded

Joan You are part of MCSG budget- SAAC should have been part of your budget since we don't have allocation for them. Additionally allocate and allocate some of that money to SAAC

Sam I don't think it's a great idea to suspend bylaws- -shouldn't tell other groups they need to follow these rules but we can suspend them for ourselves. Also I haven't gotten a chance to really read through it- sent out this morning

Joan I just wanted to see if we're still going to discuss it so people have an idea of some of the changes- I'm trying to avoid if there's something people haven't seen that gets voted down- don't want to confuse student orgs about what did and didn't pass- there was confusion last year

Ian If anyone has any concerns, as the introduction, they can ask right off the bat. If you haven't had a chance to read it, read through it and email Joan and Dan ASAP about any concerns that you have about it, so that they're aware when talking at SOLO about it

Dan I'd like to withdraw my motion to suspend

Ian You can't do that, but ok

Move to question vote

Luke All those in favor of suspending the bylaws for this purpose

All those opposed

Abstaining

Usually when you abstain it's because you have some sort of personal conflict of interest

Ian Example- if you were on a campus committee what was approved

Personal choice in a lot of cases

Luke Motion does not pass. Back to financial code

Dan Section by section

1st section- relevant terms

added clarification about what the reserve fund is

what the lb is etc

2- funding process

what PB's funding is in terms of what they get from student activity fee

Joan Took one percent from student lounge (popcorn) to make sure others don't get bumped down, got even

Dan Operating fund- this is more of what it comes to us approving things for
changed the reserve fund a lot (what are these loans, why are we giving them out to people?) we want to strike it. Let us know if you know what they're for/ want to keep it
next big part- clarified budgeting timeline- big controversy last year about when to get things in, when to appeal/present larger than normal budget

no specific dates- time period when to get things in

Concerns that people didn't have enough time to get their appeals

Sam Is there something about FAC notifying orgs ahead of time? I think that was part of the problem last year

Joan We have come up with an entire FAC timeline- we'll have all that for you next week

Dan We submit the proposed budget no later than 1 month before LB last meeting

Here is where we talked about evaluating requests

problems with FAC having conflict of interest with liaisons

Problems with liaisons not representing orgs well

not giving liaisons orgs they have leadership in this year

Focusing on checkbook- instead of knowing about orgs that are super present on campus, doing our best to not have our own subjective viewpoints be decision maker

How well have they been talking to SOC, using checkbook, etc

Harrisonford What kind of assessments are you planning to have?

Dan If they've been using checkbook-

Joan according to FAC policies, how well people have been using receipts- are people using & updating checkbook, also SOC looks before we review that

Auditing process-we see whether or not they're using checkbook

We're also doing things in CAO, we're going to get a scanner so orgs that need to scan receipts can do that

Suveer Last year auditing process was after org

This year complete all audits after allocation

ORgs that fail to audit won't receive money for that academic semester

Week before budgets are due is when audits are complete

Dan Presenting all of this at SOLO

Since newly chartered orgs don't go through budget process it's fine for them

Teach new leaders how to budget, update orgsync

Joan We'll also have budgeting workshops before auditing begins- required to go to one
Student orgs register before they leave school- updated info about officers

Dan Around December
Next- orgs requesting over \$4000
they'll already be able to say why they need the money before we decide whether or not to give them money
This- 50% cut a hard line this year
Some people don't view MCSG as most stalwart upholder of lines
This is our accountability- 50% cut after we've given money
Telling them at solo use checkbook or it will hurt
Section 4- budget contents
what they can and can't ask for, what they should ask for
Travel should only be travel fund- students going off campus

Joan Plane tickets- amount allocated goes off- prices fluctuate

Gordy Within the budget contents is there something right now about sustainability in purchasing?
They have to use compostable dishware- they can't buy dishware
As more sustainability issues come up we may amend, do our best to make it sustainable as possible

Joan Food cost should not exceed \$10 per person, max of 5 per person for clothing
Most funding should be campus wide events
Unclear about when you use flexi vs allocated money

Caroline Asking about meals

Chris Last year- over a certain amount can't be for consumables

Joan This is more about how much people are allocating when planning a program

Gordy Is there anything about purchasing longer lasting items?

Joan That's in the capital part

Dan Encouraging people to put things under capital, then keep it as capital. Biggest concern would be decorations or food.
Decorations, publicity we want people to use things for capital- reuse posters, etc
Also n 3 is what's prohibited, outside consultants or advisors not related to a specific event for an extended period of time- concern for mac slams and mpirg
Chose to fund Mac slams because specific about when they were there for specific event- for cupsi- this is what they use it for- as opposed to someone who comes in every week to do things for leadership

Joan mostly in the future we'll be looking for advisors associated with Macalester-

Dan Additional allocations- mostly clarified language
Over 500 must apprvd by maj. vote
Won't be approving addtl allocations before 18th bc that's when we'll know how much money we have
Accountability section- struck a lot of things- certain event forms not on orgsync/elsewhere- so got rid of them
Changed language in terms of when p cards are abused- from we may do this to we will do this- and you won't get a p card again

Sam There were sits. in past where someone wasn't supposed to be using- but folks weren't checking

Joan Yes- registration process updated (authorized signers) each auth sign. has to go in, read waiver abt responsibilities/sign through orgsync. Also we bought an addon to orgsync- card scanning ft. - scan id cards- once we get that up and running front desk workers will have to scan id cards. I'm cracking down- that was an oversight and we'll make sure they should not be assigning p cards unless authorized signers. Make sure st. orgs are getting permission of auth signers esp. regarding reimbursement- should be submitted by financial officer

Dan Appeal process there refers to whatever someone would like to appeal sthg they did not like from appeals committee
Any questions talk to me or Joan

Carolyn Ever find number how much we have to work with this year?

Joan based on enrollment- 18th is when add/drop is done- accts can give us actual nbr then- how much in operating fund- from there we'll know
Won't vote on allocations until after that
Make sure FAC is accountable to LB- running tally of how much is left
2 addtl allocations have been submitted- won't talk about till after 18th

Joan having spec. budgeting workshop to help student org treasurers/leaders on orgsync next tues- 11:30 - 1 in Weyerhaeuser

8:03 Ian Moving on to SOC

Suveer SOC= student organization committee
Everything to do with student organizations other than financing
main job is charter new orgs, keep watch of existing orgs- concerns, feedback, needs are met
A couple of updates
guest: KIRA DOWNEY
Wants to charter new org: Mac Tango
Culture of Argentinian dance
The way a student org is chartered- submit request process through orgsync, soc meets and discusses the charter

SOC recommends org to LB- one week, then come back to vote on

Kira is here to introduce, then she'll come back next week with recommendations

Kira

Hi, thanks for having me.

Club UTango at UofM

Tango = Argentine dance, began 1890s in Buenos Aires- historically has been very gendered dance- male & female

Want to bring an interpretation that's inclusive to all genders- people can take on leader or follower role, can switch roles

Goals of org- bring a weekly class w/ instructor to campus- technical skills of a complex dance

Host a yearly tango dance party for mac student body - maybe in Kagin

Bring authentic music

Thriving tango community in twin cities- weekly milongas

Loring pasta bar- every Monday night- goal to connect Mac students to these communities

Suveer

SOC met today, did recommend Mac tango to LB tonight

Feel free to ask Kira any questions, voting next week

Peace

Do you have a number of people interested?

Kira

10 interested people plus several more potential

Prof. Sand- liaison with hispanic studies dept

Joan

Registration process for new orgs- orgsync people have to respond and check whether they're actually interested

Harrisonford

Who will be teaching the dance moves? Are we paying them?

Kira

We're interested in bringing in an instructor. Membership ideally would vote in an instructor. We have an instructor who's interested- from UofM tango club. I've had good experience with him being gender inclusive

Appx. \$25 per hour weekly- we were thinking an hour and a half- ends up being ~350 during semester

Blaise

The person who teaches social dance had a session on Tango- I don't know how authentic

Harrisonford

So you're hiring this instructor from the U- would this be a consultant? How would the funding go?

Dan

When it comes to hiring instructors- because it's for a spec. numb. of dates, we usually will fund that

Johannes

How comparable to other dance orgs on campus?

Joan

It's a little lower than we've paid in the past

Rachel

I took salsa my first year and I believe Gary Erickson he did a brief tango session- I would look at what resources we have here

Kira

Yes, i'll look into that- concern with tango in part. someone well versed and trained in both positions is important.

Jack

How would Mac tango fit in with mac dance community? Are people interested in mac tango already in other dance orgs?

Kira I don't know about dance comm. at Mac- it would be cool to see some sort of interaction or umbrella org. Maybe cool to have a dance week- lots of dance groups on campus
Second question- tango attracts scientists and engineers- surprisingly lots who are interested are from science background, no dance background
Complex & methodical, but provides opportunity for intimacy, improvisation- big cross section of people

Andrea Continuity- you're a senior

Kira 1 challenge- people don't have a lot of background in tango. I have several underclassmen who are interested. Since there have been no classes people don't know if it's for them. Demo in a week or two

Suveer Create a lasting relationship with hispanic studies dept
To answer Jack's quest.- Mac swing, bodacious, new org- Mac west coast swing- mac tango we saw as something we don't already have- esp cause of gender issues. Also a ballroom dance club

Sam Since Mac tango isn't chartered yet- will you be able to attend the org fair? Can that exception be made?

Suveer Discussion with Suresh- org fair limited but making an exception to mac tango- presuming that it will be chartered and has been presented to LB
Org fair is a good platform to recruit no members
Look at charter- sent to all
If questions, feel free to email Kira, she'll be coming back next week

8:21 Ian More SOC business

Suveer Some orgs were frozen, I met with a couple, completed audit process,
List no longer frozen- now active
Need to resubmit charter
Zabumba, MASECA, MMA, HPSC, Mac Soba-- changed to Sober at Mac,
Mac artistry, mac slackers, Mac UU
The org fair- 4:30 Friday Sep 11
SOLO training- Saturday 9:30 am

Ian Pushball will be at involvement fair

Suveer SOLO is student organization leadership orientation training program- opp for student org leaders to get oriented
Important deadlines, steps to be taken, civic engagement, sustainability
Opp for org leaders to know about expectations, rules, deadlines- budgeting, financial deadlines in particular

Ian As student gov members we're supposed to be at SOLO- helps us understand our job as gov members

Luke What day?

Suveer Saturday- 9:30 am, done by 1pm

8:27 Ian AAC

Caroline AAC- anything rel. to policy, financial aid, academic buildings, faculty/department policies

also study away

Summer- bought 44 new textbooks for textbook reserve- check out textbooks for 2 hrs, 24 hrs, 48 hrs

Harrisonford Is there a list that can be publicized for students?

Caroline This month/October- we're updating the website with the list- will work with lib to document all that

Blaise You can also search on the lib website and it'll tell you if it's a reserve book

Caroline BUt these textbooks aren't part of catalog

Chris I think they show up if you search though

Caroline TB reserve is most used program- about 75% coming to front desk asking about textbooks- mostly first years

Linear algebra, macroeconomics, Kontakte, Anders Gedacht, Human Geog, Genetics

Spreading into different departments

Gordy Was under impression it was only natural sciences- why not others? Is that cause nat sciences books are most expensive?

Caroline Impact score- takes into account importance

If we buy for a particular department, we can't buy for that same apartment in same semester

Currently in brainstorming mode

8:32 Ian SSRC

No SSRC chair for the moment

WMCN radio station for MCSG-sounds sort of funny, maybe a little self loving

Every year some big issue comes up, lots of confusion about what MCSG is doing, processes

This radio show- will video tape, put on website- so everyone can know what's going on on campus & on mcsgradio

Opp to invite new student orgs to advertise themselves, engage with our community in a more transparent way

Chris Who's going to be the DJ?

Ian Currently execs set up as DJs, ideally 2 execs & 2 student gov member

Idea is to get everyone involved so that we're more connected as a group and outside of this room

Jack Can you talk more about the frequency? How long would videos/radio show be?

Ian Tentatively planned for Thursday- prime time slot- still talking to WMCN

We can check out video cameras from lib- mainly a talk show, video tape it

Suveer Jack, to follow up- videos would be snippets of good parts of radio show

Harrisonford For radioshow are there any specific time period plans? What's the structure?

Ian SSRC will define it- it's an experiment- radio show will be based off feedback in this room

Colin biggest changes- 50% cut, not using checkbook
Live tweet where people can ask questions
Controversial campus topics

Rachel Two things- I forget mac radio exists sometimes- do heavy advertising- cafe mac table tents, tvs in campus center, facebook

Luke I agree- big problem is people don't know it exists
Having it on the tv/ some sort of presence in heavily trafficked areas- LC highlights from radio show
Mac weekly is good
Internet is vast & mysterious, people don't want to track it down
If we make it accessible people will be interested

Joan WMCN is also working on making programs regular. Also video monitors are not connected to one another. ones in cc
Reservation desk manager does the one by the info desk etc

Luke Permission might be a problem

Joan Everyone does their own

8:40 Ian EPC
Current elections
5 first year positions, 15 running- met with them yesterday, they're excited, I'm excited to see what they do
Class of 2018 position open- 2 people running
Class of 2017- only 1 person running
1 spot open on class of 2016, have to wait to run that election, didn't know that spot was open until after this election period
2017 - write in campaigns are a possibility
2016 - if you know people who would be interested reach out
SSRC/VP position- 3 people running currently
Election schedule- Thursday OLRI 250- debate & forum - all student gov members expected
Take attendance
Prob 30 min to an hour
In past they've been under attended- if each brought two friends, it would explode and that would be great

Cole What time?

Ian 7:00 PM
Thursday the 10th

OLRI 250

Caroline What type of advertising has been done?

Ian Email going out tonight

Caroline Daily Piper?

Ian Yes

Sam Make sure candidates are notified

Ian Yes

Suveer Even first years OLRI 250? All same?

Ian Yes- I'd like first years to see VP candidates

Cole Anyone like to chalk with me Wednesday night?

Ian Campaigning ends Sunday 11:59

EPC will send out a list before campaigning ends about more specific guidelines for what's defined as campaigning esp in re. facebook pages because people cancel events- confuses people. Want to clear that up. Election bylaws need to be changed dramatically anyway, can't change the bylaws in time for this election.

Any election based questions?

Election is all Monday and Tuesday

Hopefully get votes validated pretty quickly

Retreat that next weekend with new people

Chris Does retreat include FAC at large members?

Jim Yes, and PB

Ian Colin will send a doc asking you all to table- set up computer, encourage people to vote as they go by. Please sign up. Every spot you don't sign up for I have to do.

8:48 Any other updates?

Cole Resurrect an idea from last semester- transition packet- summarize important info for people new to MCSG

If anyone is interested- writing a paragraph etc let me know- I may send emails

If you're new, you are valuable- you can help me remember things important for that kind of doc

Blaise PB has decided to have 2 FY reps rather than one- let us know if you have new ideas for PB

Ian I heard capture the flag might not be happening, that made me sad

Blaise We can make it happen- if someone doesn't want to do it, we can get the first years on it

Joan Lectures board speaker- Laverne Cox- Tues Oct 13 7pm

Ian 5-10 min left- get in with your committee

nevermind

Passing around an item, check in with everyone

Gordy
Jim
9:00 end

You can say how you're feeling, updates- quick thing
mcsgsustainability@mac
Taco place will open Sep 21