

Harmon Room - Library

September 14, 2023. 12:00 PM CST



MACALESTER COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Legislative Body Meeting Minutes

[Land Acknowledgment](#) (We are on Indigenous land) ~ *Emma Kopplin* ~ 2 minutes

Introductions ~ *Mariah Loeffler-Kemp* ~ 15 minutes

- Name, pronouns, home, what color unicorn you would be

Legislative Body Procedure ~ *Emma Kopplin* ~ 5 minutes

- Reminders and new information
- Agendas on the shared drive
 - There will be a google form for members to submit info to agenda
- Meet weekly for only one hour
 - Need to use time well, be here five minutes early to get food
- After first year reps are elected, a speaker will be chosen
 - Speaker's job is to facilitate meetings, stay on time
- Democratic Rules of Order
 - Switch from Robert's Rules of Order, LB speaker will be responsible for understanding these rules
 - When you would like to speak, raise your placard so that the LB speaker knows you would like to speak
 - Use the microphone
 - Do not speak out of turn
 - Be concise, not repetitive
 - Keep laptop and phone away unless you are using them for LB
- Mariah: at the retreat, we will go over how we run meetings in greater detail
 - Go over motions

- Nothing to vote on today, but will vote by raising placards

How to Interact with Orgs ~ *Eliora Hansonbrook* ~ 5 minutes

- Eliora: FAC Chair
 - Document listed on the agenda
 - How to interact with the FAC
 - Understand financial code, how it functions
 - Don't be mean to the committee or the orgs
 - FAC is also important for chartering

Omnibus Bill ~ *Mariah Loeffler-Kemp* ~ 5 minutes

- Omnibus Bill needs to be passed every fall, giving MCSG the opportunity to adjust its bylaws every year
 - Read it, understand all of your duties
 - Hold MCSG accountable for what it needs to do
- It will need editing, but understand how MCSG should be functioning
 - Formatting and spelling aren't vital, but things change and need to be updated
 - How can your role be updated?
 - Either do what is stated, or propose to change the rules
- Need to vote on Omnibus by the fourth meeting, October 5th

Class Year Meeting/Discussion ~ *Emma Kopplin* ~ 15 minutes

- Break into class year
 - Introduce yourself, why you ran, what are your experiences with MCSG? What do you wish MCSG had done differently in the past?
 - Share what committee you are on and what that committee does
 - Has your committee met yet?
 - How to solicit feedback from your class?
- Class of 2024
 - Sophia: who we are, what we've done in the last three years, what to leave behind
- Class of 2025
 - Cooper: goals for the semester, how to make MCSG fun
- Class of 2026
 - Sean: talked about AAC committee meeting, introductions
 - Many people on new cabinet positions
- Class years should keep in contact with each other about responsibilities
 - Hold each other accountable

Retreat Goals/MCSG Questions ~ *Mathilda Barr* ~ 5 minutes

- **Form**
 - Is there anything we need to talk about at the retreat?

- Fill out before Monday, as simple or complicated of an idea as you'd like
- MCSG Retreat Sunday, September 24
 - Will be off-campus this year
 - Should be beneficial to everyone
 - Provide all of the information that people will need to function
- Emma: there are no silly questions
 - We might assume there is knowledge that newcomers don't have—don't let that happen

MCSG Office ~ *Mariah Loeffler-Kemp* ~ 5 minutes

- MCSG office, second floor CC
- The office has not always been a space for everyone in LB, but this will change
- To reserve the space
 - Make a Google Calendar invite and send it to mcsbg@macalester.edu so that it gets on the calendar
- You can use the space when you want, but make sure to respect the meetings that are scheduled and leave if others need the room
- For keycard access: fill out a form on Google Space
- Leave the office clean, be respectful of the space
- Willow: where can we book the space?
 - Mariah: send an invite on Google Calendar to the MCSG gmail to see what group has reserved the space for what time
- Ryan: to get events on the calendar, email MCSG to get them added
 - Inviting MCSG through google calendar only works to reserve the office space
- Emma: we want all MCSG events on the calendar, even if they are not in the MCSG office

Announcements ~ 4 minutes

- Sign up for [College Fair](#) ~ Emma Kopplin
 - Minnesota College Fair
 - Fun opportunity to talk about Macalester with potential students and answer any questions
 - Gas money, Uber, or rides will be provided
 - Sign up through the link and you will be contacted
 - They will give you merch!
 - Your opinions as student leaders are important!
- Sign up/invite LB members to org fair ~
 - Org Fair is tomorrow, Friday 9/15

- Come, talk to people, give candy
- Committee Updates ~ Mariah Loeffler-Kemp
 - Tristan: AAC meeting on Monday, 9/11
 - Spoke about textbooks
 - Mathilda: CEC
 - Spoke about how to get people engaged with MCSG and an event in Kagin
 - Eliora: FAC
 - Denied a request from GDaM for money for the org fair
 - Approved a request from Mac Bike for \$226.17 in operating
 - Approved \$1103.51 from travel fund for MCSG
 - Approved \$442.83 for friends of MSF
 - Cabinet will meet on Sunday
- Invite to SLT event ~ Mathilda Barr
 - Activity period 12-1pm
 - Meet the Senior Leadership, ask any questions that you may have for them in a formal and comfortable setting
 - There will be Toppers!
- Attendance Policies ~ Ryan Connor
 - Every member has two unexcused absences from LB for the entire year
 - If you need to miss LB meetings, email Ryan or the MCSG email account within 24 hours
 - This shouldn't be a problem, but communicate
 - Don't be late
- Retreat Reminder ~ Emma Kopplin
- [LB WhatsApp](#) ~ Ryan Connor
 - There will be a whatsapp
 - Fill out the LB whatsapp form