

Harmon Room - Library

September 21, 2023. 12:00 PM CST



MACALESTER COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Legislative Body Meeting Minutes

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

Intros/Icebreaker ~ *Emma Kopplin* ~ 5 minutes

- Reminder: it is important to get started at noon sharp, please arrive five minutes early to get pizza
- Intro: name, pronouns, question generator—what car would you be?

Judicial Council Appointments ~ *Angela Walker* ~ 5 minutes

- Interim Associate Dean of Students and Student Affairs
 - New to Minnesota
 - Role is to oversee case management and different departmental units
 - Works with Res Life, Disability Services, and Student Programming
- Bringing three names forward for judicial council
 - Dallas Watson—sophomore, American studies and geography major, spanish minor
 - Linh Nguyen- international student from Vietnam, computer science major
 - Aidan Gulliksen- environmental studies major, sophomore, member of several clubs on campus
- These names were recommendations from peers and from Walker
- What is the judicial council?
 - They provide interpretation of the constitution and bylaws
 - Questions during elections or complaints about another elected official will be brought to the council

- When something is appealed in MCSG, or if MCSG needs help from students in making decisions, these students will help make these decisions
- Members of judicial council have less stake in the decisions that are made, so there is less potential for bias
- Mariah: If you end up with too many unexcused absences, you will be brought to the judicial council
- Emma: call for a vote to approve the new Judicial Council
- Vote
 - Sean Maxfield: motion to approve Dallas, Linh, and Aidan as the new Judicial Council members
 - Alec Chen: seconded
 - In favor: 23
 - Opposition: 0
 - Abstaining: 0
- Emma: the motion passes

Committee Updates/Meeting ~ *Committee Members* ~ 10 minutes

- Every committee will split into groups, introduce themselves, figure out what to say for committee updates
- New committee assignments
 - AAC: Owen King and Ellen Patrickson
 - FAC: Mahkai Hunt
 - SOC: Diarra Chatman and Sabine Sullivan
 - CEC: Aditya Choubal

Cabinet Updates ~ *Cabinet Members* ~ 2 minutes

- CEC
 - Mathilda: debriefed SLT event- how to have more events to bring awareness of MCSG
 - Legislation week: each day will be a different activity to bring awareness to specific committees
 - There will be a large party in Kagin ballroom at the end of the week, October 20th
- Cabinet
 - Willow: the cabinet consists of student liaisons
 - Discussed the Community Chest Fund request
 - Ideas for how liaisons can start certain projects and work with CEC
- FAC
 - Cooper: denied Friends of NSF for a speaker
 - Approved funding for Trads, Chinese Culture Club, Outing Club, Mac Bike club

- Asked for additional information for a request form Xertion
- AAC
 - Tristan: Barnes and Noble Inclusive Access Contract
 - Brainstormed what to ask in meeting with Kathryn
 - How to make AAC a part of Legislation Week
- SOC
 - Mikayla: met with four new potential orgs on Monday
 - There are seven in total who are working on being officially chartered
 - These orgs should receive their charter soon

Speaker of the LB Nominations ~ *Mariah Loeffler-Kemp* ~ 2 minutes

- Nominate people to act as Speaker of LB
 - In charge of running the meetings and keeping people on time
 - Write down names and who is speaking in what order
 - The speaker will also attend Exec Board meetings every Wednesday at 8 a.m.
 - Open to any LB member who is not a liaison or on Exec Board
 - Cooper: Can the speaker be someone who is studying away in the Spring?
 - No: they have to be here both semesters
 - Reagan: Does the speaker make the agenda?
 - No: Ryan (chief of staff) makes the agenda, but anyone can add to it
 - The speaker will come to Exec Board and help make it
- How it works: raise your hand if you want to nominate someone
 - Sean: I nominate Luke Evans
 - Emma: I nominate Reagan Kimzey
- Emma: Do both candidates accept their nominations?
 - Yes
- Next week, there will be a secret ballot on Google Forms
 - Each candidate will make a one-minute speech, and we will vote

Student Liaison to the BOT Visit ~ *Emma Kopplin* ~ 5 minutes

- Bobbie Pennington
 - Student liaison to Board of Trustees
 - Not elected, this position represents the student body at the Board of Trustees meetings
 - The BOT meets three times a year to go through legislation, fundraising, current issues
 - Strategic Plan comes through the Board of Trustees
 - The Board of Trustees does not go through the day-to-day concerns at Macalester

- These concerns are for Staff and Student Affairs, Senior Leadership Team
 - The Board works on investments and other larger matters
 - October meeting coming up in two weeks, then February and May
 - Bobbie needs to attend two LB meetings first
 - Bobbie is here to provide an overview of what will go on at each BOT meeting
 - Bobbie will get two or three minutes to speak to the Board about what is going well and what concerns we might have
- Concerns for the Board
 - Alec: people have claimed that Macalester wants to build a new dorm by taking down the Cultural House
 - Bobbie: it is on the agenda to bring up to the Board that students are concerned, but Macalester's official plans regarding this matter have not yet been released
 - Willow: international winter housing needed to be wrapped up from last year
 - Housing was eventually secured, but a better plan would be nice
 - Is it possible to have COVID housing? COVID has not gone away, and students living in dorms have nowhere to go if they are sick
 - Bobbie: winter housing has a solid plan—all students can secure housing over the winter for free, but we will speak to the BOT about students' concerns over COVID housing
 - Bobbie: If there is anything you are uncomfortable bringing up, please communicate with me directly
 - Holding office hours tomorrow 9/22 from 12-1 p.m. and 2:15-3:15 p.m.

Omnibus Bill/Election Code ~ *Mariah Loeffler-Kemp & Emma Kopplin* ~ 15 minutes

- Mariah: Omnibus Bill/Bylaws
 - This is what helps us run MCSG, tells each person and committee their role
 - Each committee should spend some time looking at the bill
 - What are your duties and roles?
 - Use suggestion mode to make edits
 - We also have the retreat and one more meeting to examine the bill
 - Will need to vote in two weeks
- Emma: this is a great opportunity to make changes if we want

- It will be much more difficult later in the year
- As you see things that need to be changed, either suggest or comment, do not officially change anything yet
- We have next week to look, then we will pass the bill in two weeks

Election Brainstorming ~ *Mariah Loeffler-Kemp* ~ 13 minutes

- We will talk about this at the retreat

Announcements ~ 2 minutes

- [LB WhatsApp](#) ~ Ryan Connor
 - On the agenda, click the WhatsApp link to join the chat
 - If WhatsApp does not work for you, please communicate that to us as soon as possible and we will figure out something else
 - If you haven't filled out the MCSG roster form, please fill it out as soon as possible
- Kagin ~ Mathilda Barr
 - Reserve night of October 20th for the Kagin party
 - The building is reserved from 6:30 p.m. to midnight
 - We will need to assign people to set up, more details coming soon
- Retreat ~ Mariah
 - Retreat is Sunday, September 24
 - We will leave a little bit before 9
 - Arrive at Macalester by 8:50
 - Once we are there, will have bagels and cream cheese, then burritos for lunch
 - Ryan will talk more about the food
 - If you can't make it, email Mariah's personal gmail
- Retreat Lunches ~ Ryan
 - Please fill out the form, if you don't fill it out by the end of the day, there will not be lunch for you
 - Need to fill out the travel waiver form in order to ride the bus
 - Everyone needs to take the bus for liability reasons
- Textbook Reserve Program Instagram Post Volunteer ~ Lorenzo
 - We will be making an Instagram post for Textbook Reserve Program
 - We need one volunteer to reserve a textbook on camera to show how the program works
 - Ellen: I volunteer!
- Emma: Thanks for being here!