

Library Room 206

November 15, 2022. 12:00 PM CST



MACALESTER COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Legislative Body Minutes

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

SOC Update ~ *Austin* ~ 2 minutes

- Kalid has stepped down for personal reasons

CEO Update ~ *Austin* ~ 2 minutes

- Jean has also stepped down for personal reasons

Procedural Things - *Bobbie* ~ 1 minute

- Throughout LB meetings, unless absolutely necessary, please stay off your laptop
- Close your laptop if you don't need it for MCSG things
- No one is submitting things for the form for the agenda
- We'll be discussing issues
- If something comes up, you can submit to the agenda at any point throughout the week

Student Org Chartering ~ *Mariah* ~ 5 minutes

FSU - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lr3BnkAx-ktwHfZkeSVsUBHgS3D5tCTJG56uoSXo9XU/edit>

- First org is first-generation low-income union

FSU Rep

- Goal is to help members find resources on campus
- Collective voice

- Charter is flexible enough to allow officers and members to make it their own
- Another question → Why should we be chartered with income and inequality commission
- As decently informed students, they didn't know about the committee
- Main goals - sense of community among low income/first gen students
- Committee has a larger scope
- There are other overlaps

Another FSU Rep

- Why this org if questbridge exists?
- Had a meeting with questbridge leadership trying to make it more inclusive
- In article 2 of the charter, clearly says only for students who have participated in Questbridge before
- Email list is from DML
- Why not just work with questbridge? Believe goals are fundamentally different
- No focus on community
- No affiliation with broader national organization
- Emphasis on advocating for students when necessary
- Questbridge events are wonderful community events but we want to focus on resource providing and financial environment on campus

Austin

- Take a minute or two to read through charter
- Keep in mind SOC has already looked at this and are passing it on for a vote

Bobbie

- This looks awesome thank you for coming
- Will meetings be issues addressing first gen/low income and then referring or is it more working with students in a safe space

FSU Rep

- Schedule is very tentative
- Both community building and advocacy for meetings

Austin

- Is there a motion?

Cooper

- Motion to charter

Bobbie

- Second!

Austin

- All in favor raise your hands
- 21 for

- 0 opposed
- 0 abstaining
- FSU passes!

Mariah

- Second org is moco and Lola and Siri and Maddie are here
- Go through the purpose and some events you're planning and give us your blurb
- MOCO charter-
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wnzSTF0BP75hI6vfOCRTzcISm6u058zz2zfcilYmRM/edit>

Lola

- Space that has organically evolved from students who have learned organizing skills
- Having gone through the training and not wanting to do it again
- Learning collective power building
- Working on partisan issues sometimes with CEC
- Creating a space for students to come together to create those kinds of events for community
- Separate than partisan groups
- Don't want to be tied to specific party's mission or goals
- Working on combined self-interest for growth in community organizing skills

Siri

- Main event this year was lawn games with Mayor Carter
- Goal with event was to make engaging with elected officials less formal
 - At other events it's usually the same students
 - Wanted to change it up and play lawn games
- Specific event was about mobilizing the election and asking students to vote on issues ahead of time: housing, climate, and education
- Not specifically issue based —> want to work with the climate
- Not a specific structure of events

Lola

- Structure of org is based around core leadership who have participated in organizing training through CEC or been member of org for a semester
- Have students join on basis of wanting to start a specific event
- Leadership = 5 students right now
- Nebulus nature of being apart of Isaiah
 - Advising comes from community organizers with this specific organization
 - Not directly tied to their agenda

- Based on mac self-interest
- Isaiah leaders there to help with growth

Mariah

- Questions for MOCO

Shaherazade

- Focusing on one project at a time?
- How do you project minority interests?

Siri

- Right now it's just 5 team core members
- Coming to a consensus with five is relatively easy
- Part of organizing is working on community interest
- In the past when we had some people interested in different things, we had an event that addressed both
- Consensus and conflict based organization
- Thus far not a huge issue

Lola

- If multiple people align on specific issues, no issue with splitting up
- How can students come together to accomplish what they want to accomplish

Austin

- Any other questions?
- Do I hear a motion?

Joel

- Motion

Mariah

- Second

Austin

- All in favor?
- 22 for
- 0 opposed
- 0 abstaining
- Charter for Mac Organizing Commission passes
- Org people, you are free to go if you want

Class Year Issue Based Work ~ *Mathilda* ~ 15 minutes

Mathilda

- Opportunity to prepare for meeting with Dr. Coquemont and President Rivera visiting
- Break into class years to discuss

Issue Based Groups ~ *Austin* ~ 15 minutes

Austin

- We are now going to break into issue based groups

Bobbie

- Winter housing over here, Kagin over there
- I know winter housing just got a reply from Dr. Coquemont so let's talk about that

Winter Housing - Bobbie

- There's a lot more need or demand for housing than what is provided
- They then said they're working on a plan, but couldn't tell us yet
- I then asked what is shared governance if you can't tell us, so that we can collaborate on the issue
- They then tell us today that there housing people in minneapolis college of art and design
 - Using another college because they keep their residence halls open
 - Only for the highest need → about a quarter of students
- ISP said 54 people have applied for housing and only 12 have been offered housing some at a high cost
- Dr. Coquemont says 34 students
- Number one goal = people who don't have another resource seem to be getting housing but is that enough? Do we small d, demand more

Willow

- Why are they housing at another college if we have residence halls? That makes no sense... because it's cheaper or

Bobbie

- Sounds like it's because it's cheaper
- For facilities, they are turning off heating and things

Laurie

- The college is closed so no bon app, no staff,

Bobbie

- Cheaper and logistically easier for them

Willow

- Why can't we match people who need housing and have housing

Bobbie

- Not enough people were offering
- The problem was they were only appealing to international students
- No formal email

Laurie

- It was in the MacDaily and on multiple posters

Guest

- Still happening

Laurie

- Those are being offered to highest need

Ellen

- Why hasn't this email gone out to all students?

Laurie

- Who does this come from and what are you asking?

Bobbie

- Student Affairs

Austin

- You said 35 students
- If a quarter is being housed, we're still short 20ish
- What is the solution

Laurie

- Solution they proposed is housing thing and emergency fund

Emma

- Frustrated by the lack of central... doesn't seem like it's coming from one department... there's not any central structure
- Like MJO for example → if people seek MJO help what does that mean for other housing alternatives
- Not the most efficient way
- CC is posting about it

Laurie

- If you want there to be an all student email what do you want it to contain and what is your ask?

Bobbie

- Casting the biggest net
- "Hey who can house people and who cannot?"

Heaji

- Email should contain that they are closing

Laurie

- Made it clear that residence halls close on one day in the housing contract

Heaji

- Housing contracts were signed months ago

Bobbie

- President Rivera said they changed housing contract to say we are open from here to then
- No one reads through terms and conditions of housing contracts
- That's not right

Laurie

- Same as you needing to schedule your flight

Bobbie

- We're saying the residence halls should not close
- If you're saying you are an international campus with everyone from all financial backgrounds, you need to accommodate the students that you are attracting

Laurie

- That makes sense, the larger point, but I was addressing the specific terms of the housing contract

Emi

- It's the same with a lease

Bobbie

- Makes sense but we're a global institution
- President Rivera said we don't house people throughout the academic year
- What are we promoting and what are we delivering?

Emma

- The form that ISP sent out, can domestic students use it?

Laurie

- My suggestion is to fill out the campus housing form online

Heaji

- It's for all seasons and study away, but it gets the job done

Bobbie

- Anyone interested in this, what should we do?
- If you want to stay in this convo, maybe Ellen can add to a whatsapp
- Can someone from each group make a summary of their discussion

Cooper

- We have a doc

Committee Updates ~ *Committee Members* ~ 2 minutes

Mathilda

- Meeting about student insurance needs coming up
- Brainstorming on meal swipe transfer program
 - Long term goals
 - And thinking about swiping twice and guest swipes

Mariah

- SOC brought two orgs that were both passed today
- Next time we have MCSG, we'll have two more

Grace

- Bucket hat giveaway outside of CC from 5-6

- First-year destress night and raffle from 7-8:30 in Kagin
- Saturday is winter ball

Emmanuel

- FAC approved two small funding requests: #135.24 to chess for travel \$364 for questbridge's operating budget for cultural food
- Also broke into liaison pairs and looked at expenditures

Heaji

- Last day for additional allocations is the 28th
- Last day for p cards is the last day of class

Joel

- We started reaching out to dept chairs for regularly used expensive textbooks to identify as high value things to throw textbook reserve at
- Talked about ways to potentially showcase good academic practices that we want to support from professors
 - Related to alternative grading idea
 - Digging through old educator of the year submission forms

Cabinet Updates ~ *Cabinet Members* ~ 2 minutes

Ghaicha

- Same as last time
- Had a conversation about housing and got similar answers
- Conversation opened my eyes to the many ways in which the campus is working on housing and why people can't stay here
- Still working with questbridge to organize the potluck event during thanksgiving
- If anyone wants to volunteer, contact me

Announcements ~ 5 minutes

Austin

- For thanksgiving weekend → before and after thanksgiving, if you are going to be gone at next LB meeting can you raise your hands please (5)
- If you are going to be gone when we get back after break the 29th, please raise your hands (1)
- If you're not going to be there, email ryan as usual

Mariah

- Since we're planning the Kagin, we need five sober hosts according to Laurie
- Text me or email me if you're interested
- It's at the Kagin December 2nd

