

Harmon Room - Library

December 7, 2023. 12:00 PM CST



MACALESTER COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Legislative Body Meeting Minutes

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

FAC Update ~ *Eliora Hansonbrook* ~ 7 minutes

- Everyone on FAC has already looked at these numbers, but this is a nice review
- FAC manages multiple funds
 - Capital Fund
 - Operating Fund
 - Travel fund
- 2023-2024 Annual Allocations
 - \$161,629.26 total
 - \$16,800 in Flexi (Operating)
 - \$131,021.28 in Operating
 - \$13,807.98 in Capital
 - Operating
 - Earmarked \$60,000 and have spent \$18,849.56
 - \$29,000 in buffer
 - Capital
 - Spent \$2,759.96 out of \$22,383.84 total in capital
 - Travel
 - Allocated \$64,197.23 and spent \$14,864.13
- Conclusions
 - Finances are looking great and spending can increase next semester

- Questions
 - Mariah: with operating and capital, since we have only spent a small percentage of what we have for the year, my goal is to try to spend what we have so that the people putting in the money can experience it
 - What will we do next semester to encourage orgs to spend the money they need?
 - Elicora: This is just the money that has been given to orgs so far, but we can't make orgs spend money
 - Mariah: Can we encourage?
 - Elicora: traditionally, if an org requests money, we give it to them, but if they don't spend it they can give it back or hold on to it
 - We can't force them to do anything
 - Mariah: Encourage, not forcing
 - Sean: One problem is that orgs might not know that capital even exists and they can get lasting club items
 - There is a sentiment about FAC that we are here to reject and scrutinize, but if there was better education on the financial code money would flow because people would know more about how to get it
 - Willow: I was on FAC last year, so I was wondering if whatever isn't spent is allocated to Budget Bonanza
 - Elicora: any money at the end of the year rolls over to the next year
 - If we end up with a lot of money, next year's students can use it, so it doesn't disappear
 - Difficult to use that money in the Budget Bonanza process because we don't know what orgs will spend in the remaining time
 - Willow: my question was more about whether money would go through Bonanza first
 - Emi: we have to forecast based on what we anticipate if every org were to spend money
 - Be somewhat conservative about our forecasting
 - There was a year that we didn't charge the student activity fee during COVID
 - We don't want to have a huge rollover because the seniors of any given year wouldn't get to see the

benefits of the money they contributed to the student activity fee

- There is a separate reserve funding for emergency expenses, so our goal is to spend the other categories down to zero
- There will still be \$29,000 projected to sit in operating, but the goal in these funds is to not have that rollover because then students are not benefiting from the student activity fee

End of Semester Committee Updates ~ Reagan Kimzey ~ 10 minutes

- Weekly and semester-long updates
- AAC: talked a lot about plans for next year with Barnes and Noble contract
 - Talking about how AAC wants to move forward with this
 - Conversation with Theater and Arts
 - Talked about transition docs
- SOC: last weekend, had mega check-in event
 - Well-attended and got to check in with a lot of orgs
 - Checked in with seventeen orgs and chartered ten this semester
 - Still have some orgs to get through, but can work next semester
 - Chartered ten orgs this semester and there are a few that have been pushed to next semester
- CEC: currently wrapping up end-of-semester newsletter
 - MCSG Wrapped like Spotify Wrapped
 - Made a fun quiz for people to find out which MCSG committee they would be if they were a committee
 - Hope to send this through student announce by the last day of classes
- Cabinet: end of semester reflections together
 - Focused on roles and furthering connections between MCSG and administration
 - Losing two liaisons: Minori and Rola who are studying away next semester
 - Sad to see them go, but proud of the work that they've done
 - There will be two new faces for the cabinet next semester
- Liaison Wrap-up
 - Emma R: Health and Wellness Liaison
 - In the past month, has attended meetings with Hamre
 - Attended advisory committee meeting
 - Met with two candidates for new position
 - Working with harm reduction

- Hamre leadership will be at LB sometime next semester
 - Hamre have been the main focus and they are happy to have gotten to work with us
 - Happy with the social media partnership
- Jordan: Athletics and Recreation Liaison
 - Came in with the biggest goal of identity-based lifting groups
 - These are now up and running
 - Schedule is available in the Leonard Center and by scanning a barcode
 - Interfacing with department staff
 - Meeting with Donnie Brooks again
- Philomena: Residential Life and Dining Liaison
 - Had many meetings, but not as much actual progress
 - Lots of ideas that have been pushed to the spring
 - Talked about policy that will put international students with domestic students
 - Needs more work, but will keep focusing on this
 - Increasing RA pay and accessibility options are both major goals going into the next semester
- Reagan: thank you to the liaisons and committee chairs for sharing

Additional Allocation Request ~ *Eliora Hansonbrook* ~ 5 minutes

- FAC did not meet quorum at final meeting, so to complete this allocation request we will vote in LB
 - Willow: did you reject it?
 - Eliora: no, but we didn't meet quorum, and because it is more than \$4000, we would need to vote on it in LB anyway
- Reagan: let's take a minute or so to look at the allocation request since it was not already listed in the agenda
- Sean: Model UN is facing some funding struggles about whether they are getting funding through Forensics or through us
 - Used to get funding fairly easily
 - Luke: used to be a donation that they got for these trips, but this outside partnership evaporated through COVID
 - Need us to supplement this income
 - FAC feels like this makes sense
 - Eliora: for context, we have a lot of money in our travel fund and this will not use too much of it
- Vote:

- Mariah: I motion to vote to approve the allocation of \$6,909 from the travel fund to Model UN
- Ellen: second
- In favor: 20
- Opposition: 0
- Abstaining: 0
- Reagan: with that, the allocation of \$6,909 from the travel fund to Model UN is approved

Class Night ~ *Emma Kopplin* ~ 15 minutes

- Class nights are put on by class reps and required to happen
 - Generally, liaisons and exec board provide support and show up but class reps plan them
 - Next semester, class night will happen on January 19, and they generally happen in the evening
 - You can be creative with this, we will give about ten minutes now to confirm your plans
 - Make a reservation for somewhere and forward this reservation to the MCSG email
 - Take five minutes at the end to come back and share
- Seniors: hot chocolate bar in the Loch, celebrating the Class of 2024
- Juniors: we are also doing a hot chocolate bar and getting custom mugs
 - Laurie: How are we budgeting that?
 - Cooper: we have a budget
 - Laurie: for mugs?
- First-years: party in Kagin
 - Reagan: some would just call it a Kagin
- Sophomores: MCSG-sponsored ping pong tournament in the LC
 - Giving out food of some kind

End of Semester Time ~ *Mariah Loeffler-Kemp & Emma Kopplin* ~ 20 minutes

- Mariah: we are going to do some warm and fuzzy stuff, but we want to thank the people that are leaving us
- Aditya: I just want to introduce my running mate and friend AnLian
 - AnLian: excited to be a class of 2027 representative
- Mariah: we also have a lot of great people coming back next semester, but we will be sad to see you go

Announcements ~ 2 minutes

- [Check-in form](#)