

Settling In ~ 5 minutes

Land Acknowledgment (We are on Indigenous land)

Budget Bonanza Summary

Rebecca

- 48 orgs submitted requests and last minute some confusion about one but there were 48
- Operating funds request: \$181,435.40
- Granted \$118,691.77
- Landed around 115,00 at first
 - Limit without implementing across the board cut
- Capital funds request: little over half
 - Limited to 20,000
- 127,798.26 approved in total
- Estimate 31,000 available in operating funds for additional allocations
 - Minimum healthy amount is 30,000
 - This year it was 37,000
 - Bc of surplus due to lack of active orgs last year planning for in person events
- Last year requests were lower but additional allocation requests were higher
- Need to keep minimum of \$30,000
- Next week we will hear amendments and appeals from org leaders if all or part of funding was denied
- Cut almost \$63,000 in operating funds
- When an org appeals budget decision, it's not the end of the line because of flexibility with partnering with other departments (DML, PB)
 - Block budgeting also gives flexibility
 - Org has discretion to move money around as long as part of operating funds
- Additional allocations available to every org if they need to supplement
 - Crucial for new orgs that get chartered now or in the fall
- Common reasons for declining
 - Student activity fee cannot pay for food, travel, compensation for non-students
 - Operating funds go for events integral to the org and open for the whole community
 - FAC encourages snacks instead of meals bc more cost effective
 - Cut a lot of speakers but PB has 50,000 for that
- Making sure conversations balance allocating money and being respectful

- Avoiding alienation or anything like that
- Appropriate questions for appeals
 - How much of activity fee will this cost?
 - Cost per attendee?
 - How much does FAC recommend?
- Takeaway: ask questions

Give to Macalester Day Representative

Amber

- Guest is Josh Stephenson who graduated last year
- Works with Macalester fund
- Amber is a class agent → makes people aware of fund
- Having someone explain what give to mac day is from macalester fund

Josh

- Class of 2021, he/him/his
- Pay it forward fellow with the macalester fund
- Give to mac campaign is live and happening this week
 - Thrilled to see work from February coming to fruition
- Wants to share identities he brings → comes from first gen low income background
 - Vietnamese immigrant mother and father born in US
 - Found most passionate and wonderful people he's ever met at Mac
 - Father made sure everyone was well fed before him
 - Tries to bring good will, compassion, love, and empathy into all work he does
- Holding space for community is a really good path forward in midst of chaos
- Not every student has same Mac experience
 - Has had research experiences with excellent professors
- A lot of Mac people are good genuine people who care about the world
- Havent had give to mac day in the past two years
 - Starting fresh from the ground up
 - Class agents rekindling that work
- Link to give to campus page
 - Third party website that helps keep track of matches/challenges
 - Match of interest: every five dollars that students give board will match it
 - Lots of generous challenges and matches
 - Its our role to exhaust those matches
 - Important challenge: board will give 100,000 if 2,000 donors in the next 3 days
- You can give money in a professors name or department
 - Emphasizes giving back to community in ways that you feel have the most impact
- Excited for all of this because started this job in July and had never sent mass emails or hosted events

- Given opportunity to grow professionally
- This thursday is give to mac day
 - Only day for student match gift
 - Athletics, team specific,
- Taken aback by generosity seen on emails
- You can donate beyond money with communitycentric funding
 - Not taking money to fund whatever
 - Every dollar is reinvested in Mac

Anna

- Thursday is the only day to donate?

Josh

- Give to mac day is five day campaign for off campus audiences
- One on campus day = thursday
- You can make a gift now but thursday is the day because thats when student and campus matches are live
- Donate to charities, orgs, communities that mean the most to you
 - For Josh that is Mac
- We hope that Mac is a community you support

Amber

- There are some departments that havent helped at all that I don't want to give to at all
- Ex of something to donate to: DML and student trips down South later this semester
- No obligation but as leaders helpful to share with classes

Josh

- Hubs in CC Atrium and LC
- There will be treats!

Jordanella

- Is it possible to say where you'd like your money to go?

Josh

- Seven designations
- Financial aid, program support, faculty support, student emergency aid, athletics, financial aid, racial equity (added last year based on feedback from community)
 - First excursion being supported by mac fund this spring with trip to the South

Org Chartering

Katie

- In article 2 of birding club, part 4 is highlighted which talks about Title IX sexual misconduct policy
 - The language is legally sound
- First charter of the semester I think

- SOC has reviewed birding club and passed it through to LB
 - Prupose is for MCSG to get to know org and purpose and vote
 - Need new and unique purpose, statement of non-discrimination, susnet clause, interest

Marty

- Something new for mac
- Goal is to spread enjoyment for birds and natural world in general
- Leading walks on campus and trips within Twin Cities or farther
- About exploring and going on excursions and paying attention to natural world
- No requirements for attendance
 - People dropping in for walks and events of interest
- Interest from professors as well (envi sci, biology)
 - Good source of knowledge and experience
- Has extensive knowledge of birds in the area
- Will seek funds for binoculars and field guides
- Pretty laidback
- Two chairs with room for others as more people get interested and want to be involved more

Joel

- Motion to approve charter

Mariah

- Vote to approve charter
- Yes: 20
- No: 0
- Abstaining: 0
- Passed!

Potential Class Registration Change

Shreya

- Currently registration by credits or class standing
 - Students with AP/IB get higher standing than others
 - Disparity of who can get into what classes
 - Students without AP/IB no longer are afforded more prestigious registration time
- Prof x proposes everyone in cohort of graduation year
 - Registration by graduation timeline with randomized alphabetical order
- Wanted poll from MCSG

Mariah

- Would having college credits from before still transfer over?
- Community college for example

Shreya

- If it's ECTC or transfer it would but if you did it during high school it would not
- Everyone would come into mac with zero credits

Mariah

- Opposed then
- Knows someone who wants to graduate early
- Some people need to for financial reasons

Shreya

- If you need class to graduate and contact prof you will definitely get in

Sheida

- Trying to summarize whole school into one solution that's not going to work
- Had a problem with transferring because she was five credits short of 2023 standing
- Each solution you choose you're ignoring students
- Registration needs to pay attention to alphabetical order
 - Doesn't make sense to get less chance to register based on something uncontrollable
- No clear solution

Katie

- Sheida, they group you by alphabet and randomize groupings
- There's no perfect solution
- Is there a compromise?
- Was unable to apply community college and APs to graduation but not major requirement
 - Why can't we keep them if just for graduation requirements

Shreya

- Asking if you can keep credits for graduation requirements but not for registration?

Katie

- In proposed plan, can't keep for registration but you can keep them for graduation

Shreya

- Mariah's friend would be able to graduate early

Katie

- Need clear guidelines

Shreya

- I agree

Ayana

- You can only come in with 20 AP credits which she did
- If you need sophomore standing to be in a class, how would that work?

Shreya

- Not sure
- Didn't ask but prof Chatterjea could answer
- They could come to speak to MCSG

Ayana

- Would love that

Shreya

- Prerequisites often count in place of standing

Rebecca

- Personally, mixed feelings about the whole thing
 - AP/IB not fair for other students
 - Secondary schools offer dramatically different availability for AP/IB classes
 - Puts students at disadvantage because they didn't have the choice
 - Credits from community college should count because college credit is college credit
 - Its an expense people make anticipating it can count towards graduation
- People she talked to preferred sticking with the current system

Joel

- Helpful to bring written proposal an explanation to LB to be able to understand, ask questions, and think

Jonah

- College board and AP class system in general are inequitable
 - Disregarding them is taking a stand for more equitable policy overall

Amber

- New suggestion is registering by grade seniority while keeping credits

Shreya

- Registration in your graduation year but keeping credits

Amber

- Registration will always be unequal
- Trying to find wifi for room draw during registration is so challenging
- Emailing professors before registering is often needed
 - About how much time you're willing to put into it
- AP classes are not in the same academic rigor at Mac, so why do they transfer over?
 - Makes sense for financial reasons but it's unfair
- IB is harder but AP can be a joke based on her experience

Tom

- Short thing is discussions have been happening about this in EPAG
- Persuasive points that have already been discussed by EPAG
- EPAG decided to drop it because of conflicts of interest
 - Leaving it to the registrar

Shreya

- Carleton for example does registration by year cohorts

Mariah

- Running out of time, so put thoughts in the chat or we will talk in future

Shreya

- Will bring guests in

Austin

- When will this be implemented?

Shreya

- Would not affect this spring
- Thinking more next fall
- Will invite guest to speak about this

Joel

- Is proposal by expected graduation year or class cohort based on when you enter Mac?

Shreya

- By graduation year
- If you came to mac with second year credit, you would go with them
- If you were in between, would go with four year grouping

Break ~ 5 minutes

Voting on Election Code One-Pager

Ayana

- Went through election code and took most important pieces for general student body
 - Candidates should know the whole thing
- So students get fast facts and spirit of election
- Trying to prevent last election for this election
- As joel said, trying not to have a crazy election
- Questions, Joel/Mariah jump in

Mariah

- We have to vote on this because going out in MCSGs name

Shreya

- Judicial counsel → president asks DOS for group of students to be nominated for judicial counsel
 - Got no nominations this year which is why we have no nominations
 - Working on starting this semester because it's been two years without
 - Not a campus committee because supposed to be people in good standing with college who are also unbiased and read the rules
 - Not involved in MCSG at all
 - Started nominees coming to MCSG to give a statement for why to be on committee

Anna

- Thank you for creating doc
- More for us to MCSG to know and not on one pager

Ayana

- Is the one going to be circulated
- Some things MCSG needs to know that shouldn't go into one pager
- Broader community just needs basics
- One page front and back
- How do nominations vs applications ensure unbiased people?

Shreya

- Don't do background checks on anyone for campus committees
- But DOS can look through reports about a student where students can't
- Campus committee apps
 - Lots of people apply
 - No interviews
 - Not as thorough and usually judicial counsel selection is done by knowing students for who they are
- Has never seen a selection happen

Jordanella

- None of us have seen selection of judicial counsel
- Raises more questions than answers in doc

Shreya

- Motion to approve one pager

Mariah

- Vote to approve MCSG election code one pager
- Yes: 21
- No: 0
- Abstaining: 0
- Passed!

See the One-Pager here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OMt6coxYr1e4r_DqKw2UsSC9xR9Nlo6QQ91UJGiYwDl/edit

If Not Now Meeting Update

Jonah

- Joel, Eliora, and Jonah were going to meet with administration members
 - One member got sick and then everyone else cancelled
- Pissed about this
- The more people know about this, more pressure to put on administration
- Was going to be opportunity for admin to know Jewish students
- Asked for rescheduling and haven't heard anything in more than 36 hours

- Procedural stuff like this needs to be put in some kind of official avenue
- No update on policy
- Hopefully another update before end of the year

Joel

- Meeting also delayed because Joel has COVID right now
- Infuriating that it was pushed this far in the first place
- Annoying that admin has done

Jonah

- Lack of turn around has been frustrating

Mariah

- Thank you for bringing this up
- Sorry

Shreya

- Thanks for bringing this up
- This is not ok
- Going to send list of people a quick email
- Doesn't know what official avenues there are bc MCSG is one
- Hopefully they respond quickly because that's ridiculous and should have been meeting in February

Andy

- Katherine from DOS was sick
- Being new to institution was a big part of meeting for her
- Should have reschedule date tomorrow

Joel

- Thank you for context
- We should be hearing more about hateful posters in lib in February

Ayana

- Hear you on how frustrating this is
- Frustrating for IfNotNow to come through LB because admin doesn't want to deal with it
- Sorry that this has happened and is continuing to
- Perceived as fear of not wanting to deal with it

Jonah

- Been nearly a year since IfNotNow first spoke to President Rivera
- Not ok to be at square 1.5
- Shows ignorance and that this college only cares about white christians

Mariah

- Thank you again
- Grateful for your presence on MCSG

Discussion on MCSG's Future and Engagement

Ayana

- Moving onto orientation materials for MCSG members
- When doing social media campaign on why to run saw a lot of people saying they didn't understand what MCSG was
- Brainstorming ways to formulate materials to help with people joining MCSG
- How can we apply strategic planning to MCSG
- Split into breakout rooms for smaller group discussions
- Wants to take time and space to discuss the future

See discussion questions here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ut-DT4am9BU0izuHl_U6g_iQdexWTByLfrITaBCSQhQ/edit?usp=sharing

Committee and Cabinet Updates

Jordanella w/ SSRC

- Sent student surveys out
 - Feedback tomorrow
- Feedback from Jen Jacobsen about menstrual and mental health
- Approved two community chest requests
- If we don't use all of community chest money, where does it go?

Rebecca

- All unspent money goes back into total amount of money then distributed by budgets and financial code
- All comes back to MCSG
- FAC updates
 - Financial code revisions coming up
 - Starting at next week's FAC meeting
 - Ammendments and appeals next week

Shreya

- Election has been shifted by one day because filing email didn't go out on time
- Only one day because email was only one day late
- EPC cannot edit election code this year
 - EPC currently putting comments on election code
 - Those recommendations will go to Jordanella for EPC and MCSG to make changes next year

Sheida

- Macalester culturale vening last friday
 - Was really fun
- Hope to continue doing it
- More experience for next year hopefully

Joel w/ AAC

- Selected educator of the year based on powerful responses and nominations

Ayana

- MNAPC having spring conference this weekend on Sat at 11
 - Link to RSVP
<https://www.mnprivatecolleges.org/policy-research/minnesota-association-private-college-students/MAPCS-conference>
 - Topics = food insecurity, racial issues on campus, mental health/burnout
 - If you can, show up
- Following up with communications on recommendations from before break
 - If you want to come, let Ayana know
- Going to do administrative follow up on BIPOC open letter
- Working on transition document

Katie w/ SOC

- Met with birding club and sent them through
- Sent another club to revisions
- Org advisor of the year award is seeking nominations
 - Close april 15th
 - Look out for cute poster by Eric around campus
- Communicated with Title IX about wording for charters
- Launching org transition process tomorrow
 - In order for org to be active in fall, need to go to SOLO, fill out form, and formal check in the previous Spring
- Shoutout to those who have been tabling

Announcements

AAC is looking for new EPAG members! Talk to Tom

Tom

- EPAG is very different from any student meetings
- A lot of chances to talk to provost and professors
- Be ready
- Can talk through pros and cons
- One of the people who knows EPAG the best is Tom

Campus Committee Applications will be out soon

Filing for positions began yesterday! Tell everyone you know