

## Harmon Room - Library

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MACALESTER COLLEGE  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## Legislative Body Meeting Minutes

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

[Vote on SPARC Statement on Automatic Textbook Billing](#) ~ *Joel Sadofsky* ~ 2 minutes

- Statement from the Scholarly Publishing Academic Resources Coalition, which is a group of library leaders and people fighting to reduce barriers to access information in higher education
- Statement that is linked has been worked on by Joel and SPARC staff over the last few weeks
  - Their ask is that college student governments sign onto this statement
  - Used in negotiated rulemaking process that will regulate the tactics used by vendors to charge for textbooks
  - Change upcoming opt-in model
    - Make it so that colleges can only offer opt-out models
    - Easy sell for protecting students freedom
- Questions?
- Vote:
  - Emma K: Motion for MCSG to sign on to the SPARC student statement
  - Andrew: Second
  - In Favor: 24
  - Opposed: 0
  - Abstaining: 0

- Reagan: With that, MCSG signs on to the SPARC statement

**Visit from Hamre Center** ~ *Emma Rohrs* ~ 20 minutes

- Emma R: Health and Wellness Liaison
  - Hamre leadership is here to tell us about what they do
- Jen Jacobsen: (she/her), Executive Director of Hamre Center
  - Thank you for your time
  - Hanin Harb will be attending
  - Thank you for inviting us
  - We didn't prepare a lot
    - We are interested in your perspective on what we do
    - It has been a large goal for us this year to find more ways to interact with students
  - Hamre Advisory Board meets four times per year
    - We also have people representing athletics, ISP, MCSG
  - Voices of Mental Health started this year
    - Working with counseling
    - This has been useful for us to hear what is on students' minds
  - Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Group
    - Narcan and Fentanyl test strips
  - We want student representation in our action group for sexual health and respect
    - If MCSG wants to support student engagement here, we are interested
  - Thank you for your help with the NCHA survey
    - This is another way for us to hear from students
  - We also have a survey that will allow you all to provide feedback on how your visits to Hamre are going
    - We are open to more ways to engage with students, but it has been a great year for collaboration
- Steph Walters: (she/her) Medical Director; Specialty training: Family Medicine, Adolescent Medicine
- Tiger Simpson: (he/they) Director of Health Promotion and Sexual Respect
  - We will be handing out resources for our advocacy services
    - Please take one if it will be helpful
    - We have plenty of other resources for students
  - Starting to see some familiar faces here
    - Thank you for working with us and inviting us into these spaces
    - Thank you for your collaboration

- If you all see ways for us to work with you, we are very excited to work with you
  - My dream is to expand our work and promote sexual respect and positive mental health, healthier and safer substance use
- Hanin Harb: Counseling Director at the Hamre Center
  - New to this position, but I have been in Hamre for a while
  - We are open to questions and feedback
  - We want to know how to support you all better
- Questions:
  - Reagan: We have about fifteen minutes
  - Andrew: One challenge that Hamre has been facing is that students don't know what to expect during a Hamre visit
    - Can you guys give a rundown about what Hamre does and doesn't do?
    - Steph Walters: This is always a work in progress and we always want to improve
      - Hamre Center is a primary care clinic that happens to be on a college campus
      - We are not funded to serve all of the health needs of all our students
        - We would love to have more staff and services
        - We have to get comfortable about what we are prioritizing and what we are not
        - Sometimes when you have certain conditions such as illness and injury, we are not equipped to help out
          - Urgent care and minute clinics are always available
          - We want to allow students to access mental health services, sexual health and reproductive care, gender affirming care
          - We are choosing that if someone wants to come in and talk to medical about gender affirming care and mental health, that is our priority
            - We have never had longer than a two-week wait for this
            - When people are frustrated that they can't get in immediately for a sore throat, please remind them that this is

part of our mission of providing certain care

- There are certain barriers to students, but the reason that we prioritize what we do is part of our commitment to what we think matters to the community
- Jen Jacobsen: What should a student do if they do have a sore throat or ankle sprain?
  - Steph Walters: Students should call
    - We want you to try, and we do save appointments for triage
    - If we can't fit you in, there is always a reason, but please try
- Hanin Harb: There are a lot of different ways to get connected with counseling
  - We book out one to three weeks depending on the time of year
  - October, midterms, etc are busier
  - If you are looking for something more urgently
    - Every day, we have same-day appointments from 2-4
    - You can call the office and ask for same-day appointments
    - We can help you get referrals for people off campus
    - These are the big pieces
    - We don't have a waitlist, and we have not had one for four years
      - We are proud of this
      - We do not have a session limit
      - We see students every two-to-three weeks
      - Try to be collaborative about appointment length
      - We schedule appointments one at a time
        - See what students need at any point in time
  - Press 2 resource is always available
    - Brief, short-term help

- If you are looking for a reach-out after that call, let that person know, and Hamre will reach out to you the next business day
  - Steph Walters: We have 24/7 nurse triage support
    - You can make calls at any time for free, and a nurse can provide advice if you can't get an appointment but you want one
- Elizabeth: I am curious about this, but for the benefit of everyone, what is the status update when it comes to online scheduling and how that is going
  - My role has to do with accessibility, and people find online access easier
  - Steph Walters: Online was previously available and was canceled in the pandemic
    - We have brought this back for medical in a limited capacity
    - We can schedule online approximately 70% of the time
    - Our online service is not perfect, but we get what we paid for
  - Hanin Harb: Counseling has yet to start online scheduling
    - We currently have a google form, and you can also reach out to someone directly if you would like to work with them
- Mariah: I am curious if you can explain your decision to move away from the Sexy Trainers
  - They were a wonderful resources
  - Tiger Simpson: There are multiple reasons for this
    - Sexy Trainers were unpaid, and our current people are now paid
    - We received feedback that this was a deep dive into sexual health when people were not ready
    - We ended up with a product that we are proud of and that has received a lot of student feedback
      - Students are still leading a lot
      - This feedback is being prioritized
      - We wanted to make sure that we are not treating Macalester as a monolith
- Reagan: Thank you all for coming, and again, people can reach out to you if you have any questions
  - Jen Jacobsen: Please reach out to us!

## Budgets from Orgs Requesting over \$4000 ~ Eliora Hansonbrook ~ 32 minutes

- Reagan: Now, we will do some org budgeting
  - Eliora: Thank you, Reagan
    - We are having some technical difficulties here
    - We have a very short time for all of the orgs to present
    - Before we jump into the orgs, I will talk about Budget Bonanza
      - Right now, we are entering budget drafting process
      - All of the orgs requesting for than 4K dollars are presenting
      - On Saturday and Sunday, we will talk to orgs about their requests
        - Vote on Sunday, finalize budget on Monday
        - If orgs want to appeal anything, they will do so by Wednesday
        - FAC will vote on April 9 for appeals and April 16 more broadly
      - Orgs requested \$269,598.98
        - \$244,688.52 from Operating
        - \$24,910.46 from Capital
      - We are here for transparency
        - Orgs will come back on April 9 and 16
    - Orgs will get 60 seconds, not starting until you get up here
- Adelante
  - \$6356.45
  - Amanda: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
    - Have 8 events planned for next year, including welcome event for students
    - LGBTQI community, Black community, etc
    - Salsa night
    - Series of events where students can come together and learn about what it means to be Latinx
- Afrika!
  - \$8051.50
  - Reps: Last year, orgs asked for approximately \$3000, but last year we did not do the African Wedding
    - Had about 200 people attend, and it cost about \$5000
    - For that reason, we partnered with PB, but next year we want to be able to do this on our own

- Democracy and Development in Africa and Kickoff event for Africa Week had at least 30 people attend
    - We need the money
  - Eliora: Thank you! Next time I will knock at 10 seconds and a minute
- [Asian Pacific Islander Desi Americans \(APIDA\)](#)
  - \$11,204.24
  - Rep: We requested this money for Night Market, yearly event for all Asian orgs with vendors
    - Students come to try food and activities
    - This year we have 10 vendors for food, and approximately 300 students
    - Also have Gala event
      - Cost approximately \$3000 this year
      - Worked with PB, but want to do it ourselves next year
- [Black Liberation Affairs Committee \(BLAC\)](#)
  - \$6320.00
  - Eliora: I will present for them today
    - Sorry guys
    - This committee is requesting a lot
    - One of the most active communities on campus
    - Jeopardy, Brunch, trivia
    - Money for org fair
    - One of their events is a showcase event that is one of the largest events on campus
      - Students can come in and show what they have been doing
- [Chinese Culture Club](#)
  - \$8898.35
  - Rep: For next year, we want to provide a space for people interested in Chinese culture to immerse
    - We have 6 events planned for next year to celebrate festivals
    - Have done these activities for many year
    - Game night each semester
      - Participate in board games and host national banquet to celebrate
      - Movie nights
- [Climbing Club](#)
  - \$15,080.00
  - Eliora: We will talk a lot more about these things at Budget Bonanza, so it is okay if you can't share everything you want to share

- Rep: Our budget is pretty big but simple
  - \$10,000 for one climbing gym organizations
    - We buy passes for 20-24 people every week
    - We always have full sign-ups
  - \$3500 for a different climbing gym
  - The rest is for Boulder Fest competition
    - Some people with compete and anyone can watch
- [Filipino Association at Mac](#)
  - \$4298.99
  - Rep: We consistently are usually under 4K, but our membership is growing and we want new events
    - We need money for publicity, food and cuisine, tickets to connect with other communities
    - We have annual events including dancing
    - New events include a new trip for cultural dancing, as well as resources and support outside the state
    - Engage with identity, heritage, and engagement
- [First-Generation Low Income Student Union](#)
  - \$4500,00
  - Rep: We are requesting this money for 15 events throughout next year
    - Meeting every other week
    - We want to provide food for every single event
    - Many of our members live off campus or cannot afford the meal plan
      - Meals allow us to address food insecurity and allow our members to be there fully
    - We care about advocacy and community-building, so we need to feed our community
- [Game Devs](#)
  - \$9504.14
  - Rep: Focus on video game development
    - Just founded in 2023
    - This is our first time participating in this budget
    - The majority of our budget is for capital items
    - We need PCs to run our games
    - We also saw that there was a need for accessibility to play
    - We want game consoles
    - We passed out handouts to reference our achievements
- [GeoClub](#)
  - \$4940.78



- Rep: Hello, our budget is usually under 4K
  - We realized that geology is the least diverse science at Mac and at the national level
  - Realized that Mac doesn't provide opportunities to take students to the American Geophysical conference
  - We want to allow students to do this
- [Latinx Student Union \(LSU\)](#)
  - \$11,135.51
  - Rep: Our mission is to create safe space for Latinx communities to gather
    - We want to bring together BIPOC communities in navigating PWIs
    - We are asking for this amount to support cultural food and honorariums for performers and for heritage showcase
- [Mac Chess](#)
  - \$6995.00
  - Eiora: Mac Chess is requesting a lot more than it has in the past
    - This org is becoming a lot more competitive
    - Mac Chess wants to get coaching and start going to tournaments
    - They are asking for money to have a year of coaching and tournaments
- [Macalester Association for Sub-Continental Ethnic and Cultural Awareness \(MASEACA\)](#)
  - \$4370.00
  - Rep: Our budget includes events that have been held in the past
    - Last year, we had more people attend Diwali than usual
      - Need more money
    - Events center South Asian identities
    - Our budget covers this
- [Macalester College Student Government \(MCSG\)](#)
  - \$20,968.80
  - Mariah: As you can see, we have a pretty big budget this year
    - Last year, we used a lot of additional allocations
    - With our new committee CEC, we have added a lot more events
    - We are asking for \$20,000 to support our students
    - We need this money to be able to host events and reach out to both the student body and admin
- [Macalester First Aid](#)
  - \$7462.00

- Rep: Our budget is to host training events with Narcan, CPR, etc.
  - Budget also goes toward conference attendance to make Macalester a more health-conscious place
- [Macalester Jewish Organization \(MJO\)](#)
  - \$9605.79
  - Rep: For many years, we have put in additional allocation requests
    - We host events for holidays
    - We are the Jewish programming on campus
      - There is not another college group for this
    - We requested more this year because we usually end up needing more
- [Macalester Muslim Student Association](#)
  - \$7704.12
  - Rep: Our budget covers two large events
    - We have annual events surrounding Ramadan
    - Our other big thing is Friday prayers each week, serving lunch
    - These all add up
    - Convention tickets, food for the community, and more
- [Macalester Pre-Dental](#)
  - \$5800.00
  - Rep: We're requesting this much money because Mac doesn't have a dental school
    - Traveling is required to attend other dental schools and volunteer
    - Sometimes we go out of state
    - We provide resources for pre-dental students, and travel is required to do so
- [Macalester West Coast Swing Dance](#)
  - \$11,722.06
  - Elicia: I request that we extend our meeting by ten minutes
    - Sean: Motion to extend meeting by ten minutes
    - Andrew: Second
    - In favor: 24
    - Abstaining: 0
    - Opposed: 0
    - Reagan: The meeting is extended
  - Rep: We have lessons each week with an instructor
    - We have passes for Swingsota
    - A lot of people go
    - There is a yearly trip to Chicago for a West Coast Swing event

- We also have a request for lessons in other dance styles
- [MacSlams](#)
  - \$11,515.00
  - Rep: We put on one slam every month in the academic year
    - We hire and pay professional, high-quality poets from across the country
    - We are interested in putting Macalester's name in the broader community
    - We have a competition team that won last year
      - We participate in a large competition
- [Outing Club](#)
  - \$18,260.00
  - Rep: This is a normal amount of money that we request
    - Much of this goes towards wilderness training
      - This makes sure that we have enough people prepared to help facilitate our events
      - We need money for events and campsite reservations
      - This allows us to get everyone outdoors
- [Voices in Stem](#)
  - \$4282.00
  - Rep: We are requesting more than 4K to cover the cost of registration for National Diversity in STEM conference
    - We are trying to be a part of this
- [WMCN 91.7 FM](#)
  - \$4109.90
  - Elicora: Requesting new equipment
    - Holding an event downstairs for students to see in-person and to be played on the radio

**Committee & Cabinet Updates** ~ *Committee & Cabinet Members:*

- Mariah: These have been written on the agenda, so please read them

AAC: The MCSG-specific alumni fair meetaway pilot will happen 4/21 from 1-2pm. Stay tuned for more communications. On Monday 3/25 AAC will collab with SOC to solicit nominations for student leadership awards. At our regular meeting tomorrow we are discussing how to solicit and select textbook reserve materials. Additionally I attended the March faculty meeting. The creation of a long-term curricular committee was discussed. SPA announced they are looking into student retention challenges.

SOC: We are finishing up meeting with the last new orgs to send in a charter. We'll have at least three orgs to vote on at the next meeting. Now we're working on launching end of the year org leader transitions, nominations for the different awards that SOC gives and a celebration for reaching 100 student organizations!!

CEC: Election tabling is happening this week and next week so please sign up, and share the Instagram posts about the election to spread the word. Make sure to encourage everyone to vote!

FAC: The Committee went through a handful of requests, approving all but one from BIPOCA for ScotBall, which we tabled until next week. We also finished up our preparations for Budget Bonanza, which is this weekend (we're super excited!)

Cabinet:

Health & Wellness: The Hamre center has received 100 free doses of naloxone from Ramsey County, and if anyone has something they want me to discuss with Title IX please let Emma Rohrs know (email, office hours, etc)

Athletics & Recreation: Released publicity videos and posts for women\*'s lifting group (5:30-6:30 Mondays and Wednesdays!), went to FAC to talk about Scot ball funding and coordinated with BIPOCa

### **Presidential Update ~ Mariah Loeffler-Kemp ~ 2 minutes**

- Student Handbook
  - This summer, there was a part that was taken out of the handbook that was passed in 1986 by BoT
    - This was put into the student handbook because of a student movement that asked for it to be put in
    - It is important that this is a part of the handbook
    - It protects student media
      - This language was taken out this summer
      - Students advocated to Dr. Coquemont to get it added back in, and now it is back
      - We are working hard to make sure this information is safe moving forward

### **Announcements ~ 1 minute**

- Exec elections
  - Filing ends today at midnight

- Voting will be open Tuesday 3/26-Friday 3/29
  - Tell everyone (friends, the people in your classes, etc) to vote!
- RSVP for Women's History Month Keynote reception [at this link](#)
  - Thursday, 3/28
- [Laurie Outstanding Alumni Award!](#)