

## Harmon Room - Library

March 28, 2024 | 12:00 PM CST



MACALESTER COLLEGE  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## Legislative Body Meeting Minutes

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

**Org Chartering** ~ *Mikayla Giehler* ~ 15 minutes

- Mikayla: Starting with Caribbeans at Macalester
  - Give a brief overview of your org, and then people can ask questions
- [Caribbeans at Macalester](#)
  - Rep: Decided to create Caribbeans at Mac to share culture with other people on campus and foster a sense of community among Caribbeans at Mac
    - Share food, culture, history
    - Want to create a carnival event, host guest speakers, and showcase our history and what is unique
  - Mikayla: Great! Does anyone have any questions
  - Vote
    - Mikayla: I motion to approve Caribbeans at Macalester
    - Jordan: Second
    - In favor: 20
    - Abstaining: 0
    - Opposed: 0
    - Reagan: Alright, Caribbeans at Macalester is chartered
- [Hawai'i Club](#)

- Rep: We want to charter Hawai'i Club, as we are both from Hawai'i
  - Our experience is quite different from domestic students, even though we are also domestic
  - We want to showcase food, culture, history
  - Dive into some of the complicated aspects of Hawai'i
    - A lot of conflict happened to get Hawai'i from the Kingdom of Hawai'i to the 50th state
  - Any questions?
- Vote
  - Alec: I move to charter Hawai'i Club
  - Emma K: Second
  - In favor: 20
  - Abstaining: 0
  - Opposed: 0
  - Reagan: Alright, Hawai'i Club is chartered.
- [Ice Skating Club](#)
  - Mikayla: Our representative from Ice Skating Club isn't here today, but the charter is fairly straightforward
    - The club will be taking students ice skating, regardless of previous skill, and possibly forming a figure skating team
  - Vote
    - Eliora: Motion to approve Ice Skating Club
    - Eleanor: Second
    - In favor: 20
    - Abstaining: 0
    - Opposed: 0
    - Reagan: Alright, Ice Skating Club is chartered
- [Virtù Journal](#)
  - Rep: We are focused on quality writing for this journal, and we are humanities focused
    - We want to focus on diverse voices and great writing
    - We will have at least one issue focused on various regions of the world
      - Writers will beagle to publish academic work

- Emma: Could you explain how your org will be different from Macalester Street Journal?
  - Rep: They are more political science based and we are more focused on humanities
    - It is just a different focus
- Joel: What inspires the moose on the seal?
  - Rep: A moose embodies Minnesota and it is a little bit intellectual
    - It reminds me of something
    - There is no real inspiration
    - It looks cool
    - One of our students designed it, and it is well thought out, but we don't know the reason
- Vote
  - Philomena: Motion to charter Virtù Journal
  - Mariah: Second
  - In favor: 20
  - Abstaining: 0
  - Opposed: 0
  - Reagan: With twenty in favor, you guys are chartered

**Additional Allocations** ~ *Eliora Hansonbrook* ~ 5 minutes

- \$4,497 from the Operating Fund for [APIDA](#)
  - Eliora: This request was supposed to be submitted a few weeks ago, but there was an issue with Presence so it didn't go through
    - This is why it is in a different format
    - APIDA has a huge market that they put on with other orgs each year
      - This is their combined request
      - Not all are from orgs but they are all related
      - Lots of orgs are collaborating
      - \$4,497 looks like a lot, but it is not really for the amount of orgs
  - Emma: Just because that is a lot of money, can you fill us in on how much is left in the Operating Fund?
    - Eliora: We have spent more money than normal this year, but we still have enough in Operating to get through the year

- Eleanor: Is this in addition to the money we are giving other orgs for the night market that came in last week?
  - Eliora: The orgs that came in last week were requesting money for next year, whereas this is for this year
    - They likely requested money last year, but needed to come back for a little bit more, which is not uncommon
- Vote:
  - Mikayla: I motion to approve \$4,497 from the Operating Fund for APIDA
  - Emma K: Second
  - In favor: 20
  - Opposed: 0
  - Abstaining: 0
  - Reagan: With that we have approved the allocation of \$4,497 from the Operating Fund for APIDA

**Discussion of Judicial Council Amendment** ~ *Mariah Loeffler-Kemp* ~ 10 minutes

- [Amendment](#)
  - Current Phrasing:
    - B. Consist of three students, nominated by the Dean of Students, subject to the approval of the LB.
  - Proposed Amendment:
    - B. Consist of at least three (3) students, selected by the Dean of Students or their appointee, subject to the approval of the LB.
  - Rationale:
    - This enables the Judicial Council to quickly convene with several members in cases of conflicts of interest or scheduling challenges.
- Mariah: We have been drafting this amendment to our constitution about our Judicial Council
  - This is the group we go to when there are disciplinary issues on MCSG
    - If people are not showing up to meetings or communicating, we bring them to Judicial Council
    - If there are violations in the election and the EPC makes a decision, but the person appeals it, this goes to Judicial Council, too
  - Judicial Council is run by Angela Walker from student affairs
    - Currently, our constitution says there are three members

- This makes it difficult to have quorum
  - We have an idea to change the constitution to say that the JC will consist of at least three members selected by...
    - Changes are “at least” so that we can make the JC have as many people as needed
    - Also changed to “selected by” rather than “nominated by” so that students know that they can apply
    - Changed to the “Dean of Students or their appointee”
- Emma: We also discussed whether we should add what quorum should look like for JC
  - We decided instead to make a recommendation that JC create their own code to dictate forum
- Eleanor: Did you guys discuss at all having an upper limit?
  - Mariah: We thought about it, but we wanted to keep it open-ended
    - It makes the most sense to me to keep things open-ended and left to interpretation in the case of future changes that we can’t foresee
- Mariah: Since it’s in our constitution, this means that it needs to be voted on by the student body
  - Last year, we made changes that were really big, and this is a small change
  - I will table during my office hours to explain what is going on to people
  - During class rep elections, this will be added as a ballot measure during this election for people to vote on
    - We will include information in our email to the student body so that they can be informed
  - Before we bring it to the student body, we need to vote to approve it, then send to JC for them to approve, then send it off to the students
    - My hope is for us to vote on it this week
- Joel: Doesn’t the Board of Trustees have a role in approving our constitution?
  - Mariah: Not that I know of
    - Joel: The website states that it does
    - Mariah: It may have been approved when it was first created, but now we don’t need this
      - Emma K: The website might be wrong
- Mariah: How do we feel about voting on it today?

- Everybody seem okay?
  - I am seeing mostly thumbs up
- Vote
  - Liv: Motion to vote to approve this amendment
  - Mikayla: Second
  - In favor: 21
  - Abstaining: 2
  - Opposed: 0
  - Reagan: With that, the amendment is approved

### **Time for Liaison Check-Ins ~ Emma Kopplin ~ 20 minutes**

- Emma: I don't know if we've done this yet this semester, but we did last semester
  - Each liaison will sit at a table, and you can choose which liaison you would like to speak to
  - We have about 20 minutes, so we will do about three six-minute rotations
  - Once the cabinet gets settled at their tables, you can go check in with them
- Reagan: I hope that was productive time for everyone

### **Committee and Cabinet Updates**

- Eliora: FAC spent about 20 hours this weekend working on the budget, and I have been doing a lot of spreadsheets
  - We are all very tired, but I am very proud of all of our FAC members
  - I am really proud of everyone, and if you have any questions for next week, let me know and I will get back to you
- LeSean: CEC has been hard at work preparing for our current executive board elections and future class rep elections
  - We will be hosting an information session for the upcoming elections, so we would love to have some class reps attend
  - This will be the week of filing for these elections
  - Putting together an end of the year recap
- Willow: The Cabinet talked about a restructuring of the responsibilities of each liaison
  - Want to make Sustainability and Infrastructure Sustainability and Dining, then Housing and Infrastructure
    - This will make more efficient liaisons, but it won't happen until last year
- Joel: Last week, AAC met

- Faculty meeting occurred and discussed the changes to the student handbook
- We sent out communications to student leadership awards
  - We select one outstanding educator and four outstanding student educator
  - Consider selecting before April 9 at 11:59
- We voted on some temporary modifications to build our course reserve
  - We want to make sure that students still have access to what they need
  - We will consider buying more things that we wouldn't generally need
    - Buy extra copies
    - Possibly digital supplies
- Spoke with USA Today journalists about textbooks and the industry
  - Currently, there is a process that might make the textbook policy opt-in, rather than opt-out
- Mikayla: SOC has one org that might be chartered soon
  - We will be hosting an event next week to celebrate having more than 100 orgs
  - For our awards, we select one org advisor, student org, and org program of the year
- Emma R: We just got out of the Alcohol and Other Drugs Committee
  - Streamlining communication about testing ability
- Philomena: Met with Kyle Flowers
  - There will be no changes to RA compensation for next year, unfortunately
    - They weren't able to get any of their budget requests met
    - Thinking of other possibilities for how to use the money
    - Advocated for more student involvement in these conversations
      - Make sure to consult with res life student employees
      - Make sure student concerns are being met
- Jordan: Next Friday will be the Scot Ball
  - 8-11pm
  - Spending the last week making this happen
  - Invited Donnie Brooks to come to LB on the 11th
  - Go to Scot Ball! Promote Scot Ball!

**Announcements** ~ 3 minutes

- Reagan: Voting is open for exec elections until Friday at noon

- [Sign up for tabling!](#)
  - Need one more person
  - Mariah: Free stickers!
- Promote the election on socials and by talking to people!
- Mariah: RSVP for Women's History Month Keynote reception [at this link](#)
  - Today at 6:15pm in the Weyerhaeuser Boardroom