

Settling In ~ 5 minutes

Land Acknowledgment (We are on Indigenous land) ~ Mariah, 2 minutes

Introducing Beth and Angi ~ Shreya, 5 minutes

Shreya

- Beginning of semester talked about meeting with Beth and Angi
- Beth chair of faculty advisory council
- Angi co-chair of staff advisory council
- They do the same thing MCSG does from their perspective

Angi

- Redid SAC constitution with support of President Rivera
- Rivera and leadership team going to SAC biweekly meetings
 - Very exciting
- Impressed with how administration wants to hear from staff
- Invited onto task forces and hiring committees
- SAC looking at a brighter future
- For the first time someone from facilities management is part of the union

Beth

- Teaches in classics department
- Chair of faculty advisory council
- Has met monthly with AAC
- Meetings with Angi and Shreya have been very good at maintaining communication
- Curious about what meetings are helpful and what is more work
- Experimenting with keeping lines of communication open
- Let us know when it's time for us to leave

Introducing Cali Mellin ~ Cali, 15 minutes

Cali

- New to Macalester as of a month ago
- Started position as department of justice for violence against women grant
- Purpose to address sexual assault, dating violence, etc
- Mac awarded \$300,000 to work on five project areas over three years
- Working on community response team
 - Trying to implement systemic change at Mac
 - Looking at public safety's response first

- Making sure officers have appropriate training to respond in a trauma informed way
- Grant prioritizing folks usually not centered in this work: BIPOC, students with disabilities, LGBTQ+, non native english speakers
- Reworking conduct process to make sure it's not traumatizing
- Want prevention to be more robust
 - Ongoing active bystander training already in orientation but grant extends that
 - Want to make sure it's culturally responsive and sensitive
 - Prevention programming
 - Partnering with advocacy orgs and the DML to make sure that while creating programs they are culturally responsive
- Victim services: primarily focusde on advocacy resources on campus
 - By partnering with SPIP and Ramsey County SOS, advocates would have office hours at Mac
 - Confidential resources that require no official process with Mac
 - Free to students, staff, and faculty
 - Based on legal issues, Title IX can't always take advocate position so these services will help promote advocacy

Ayana

- How long does grant last for?

Cali

- Grant started october 2021 and will last until september 2024

Ayana

- What institutional methods are being used to educate people about the grant?

Cali

- Word of mouth
- Jen Jacobsen is supervisor and have been having meetings with people across campus
- More people involved in this team, the better
- Trying to get it off the ground and running right now
- Not super well known across campus at this point

Mariah

- Anything that we can do as MCSG to help with publicity?

Cali

- For first year, just strategic planning
- Second and third year are implementation
- Hopeful to collab with MCSG on strategic plan
 - Want to give MCSG option to give feedback
 - Final draft due october 2022, will have a draft in september
- Title of grant: Department of justice office on violence against women campus grant

Space and Event Task Force Update ~ Andy Williams and Julie Arhelger, 15 minutes

Andy

- Julie and Andy on space and event task force to review space usage on campus
- Want to share preliminary findings and plans going forward

Julie

- From facilities and event operations
- Late 2021 President Rivera created task force to inventory spaces on campus, review reservation process, and make a plan for improving space usage
- Needs to be easy to use system, provide everyone with as much self-service options as possible, keep historic use of spaces
- Waiting for student affairs to be more fully staffed before addressing some issues
- We know there are issues and we're trying to plan to make it better
- Right now making improvements to EMS reservation system
 - Using web app, making requirements more obvious alongside rules, making spaces easier to find and reserve

Ayana

- Is the task force going to look at people who aren't part of student orgs being unable to reserve spaces?

Julie

- This would fall under task force for sure
- Been a lot of shifting with departments so lots of opportunity for lines to get crossed and inequitable use of the rules

Anna

- Are there plans to include students in this task force?
- How do you plan on finding those students?

Julie

- Yes and we will work with student affairs

Andy

- MSCG will be represented

Anna

- We need to include other voices besides MSCG
- Think about ways to reach out to larger student body

Katie

- Feedback on student orgs was really great
- Keep it up and keep communicating
- Hopes that more students will step up

Academic Demystification Videos Volunteers ~ Shreya, 5 minutes

We have a sheet with all the information so you don't need to do research

Shreya

- From earlier this semester, discussion about videos of demystifying academic stuff
- Been working with Julie in communications who has approved list of facts about academic things
- Needs 2-3 volunteers to talk about pass/fail and incorporate listed points
 - Ex saying pass/fail means these three things
- pass/fail, withdrawing from classes, leaves of absence

Committee and Cabinet Updates

Joel with AAC

- Did not meet this week
- Selected student educator and educators of the year
 - Finalizing prep for those certificates
 - Reflecting on what to do differently for next year
 - Cannot reveal who it is yet

Rebecca with FAC

- Financial code being revised
- FAC put together preliminary revisions
- MCSG will have this week to add suggestions and revisions
- Going to vote on finalized financial code
- Last day to request additional allocations is the 18th
 - If you know org leaders, spread the word
- Last day to check out a Pcard, get reimbursed, or host an event is May 2

Anna

- Sophomores planning sophomore night
- Happening on april 20th
- Follow our example and do the same

Ayana

- Minnesota Association of Private Colleges championing hunger free initiative
 - Introduced in house and has senate companion
- Strategic planning focusing on holistic curriculum and what a Mac student should be
 - Connecting first years to ideal macalester student
 - Hearing from admissions next week about what students are looking for on campus
- Completing transition doc
- Meeting with DOS and other people to talk about student representation on board of trustees

Org Chartering ~ Katie, 5 minutes **7:40pm**

Macalester Autism Community:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vLfqN4KSIsv49C7a4nszZ74oCzEkm5yk3jvYyOqy6d8/edit?usp=sharing>

Katie

- Recommendation is to charter this org

Mac Autism Community

- Trying to reorganize org that was once active to support community

Ayana

- Rechartering of an org that was already chartered, right?

Katie

- Group can use existing framework of charter
- But this org was disbanded so going through it as a new one

Joel

- Motion to approve charter

Mariah

- Vote to approve charter
- Yes: 22
- No: 0
- Abstain: 0
- Passed!

Financial Code ~ Rebecca/FAC, 10 minutes

See the code here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cONt01tLXdGYSIS9JhNIOTfKXz_NkI1Zb4jkTLuhY04/edit?usp=sharing

Rebecca

- Allocating rollover every year → altering percentages
 - Increasing operating fund to 42% from 38%
 - Adding to travel fund from 15% to 17%
 - Bump down capital from 10% to 4%
 - Healthy fund that is not utilized
 - Everything left rolls back into capital fund
- Discussed putting price caps on single events that orgs host
 - Due to requests for extremely large and elaborate events
 - In many cases orgs have done this but sometimes not
 - Want to encourage exploring other options (PB, DML)
- Adding subscriptions to capital fund
 - Subscriptions could last three years or longer
 - Capital fund is not hurting for money so helpful to consider subscriptions as capital
 - Also asking orgs to include subscriptions in budget

- Reserve fund for emergencies
 - Had to be used for chanter issue
 - No guidelines for how replenish reserve fund
 - Idea is to replenish ASAP provided it doesn't jeopardize orgs functioning
 - Want to have \$20,000 at all times
 - Want minimum of \$10,000 by end of the year but goal is \$20,000
- Hotel and lodging come from travel fund → clarified
- Ride share policy
 - FAC discourages ride share funds bc prices fluctuate dramatically and inflated compared to public transportation
 - Not a blanket ban but should be a last resort
- \$4,000 instead of \$2,000 to be required to come to LB
- Bumping up 10 to 13,000 for textbook reserve

Tor

- Any comments that say we need to rephrase this or such, will they be done by next meeting?

Rebecca

- Yes
- One of the things to polish is mechanism for FAC chair to confirm budget reception at budget bonanza

Ayana

- Are we voting on this?
- And next week?

Rebecca

- We will vote next week
- This week is for asking questions, suggesting revisions, etc

Letter Regarding Administrative Transparency ~ Tor, 20 minutes

See the letter here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1A5VvxXktU4XUzsViw7LT_NWeTd4XcM6k8_K_3YvAPY8/edit?usp=sharing

Tor

- Wants to give people time to read it over
- Could be sent to anyone on admin, maybe Kathryn DOS, or members of the board
- Wondering if there are questions, concerns, reformatting issues, things to change to vote on it next week
- One of the main points is to open board of trustees and admin committee meetings to students and staff
 - Along the lines of people being allowed to MCSG

Eliora

- “I like the gist of the letter, but I wonder how this might impact our relationship with the administration if we publicly post this. It would probably be better not to poison MCSG-admin interactions, but that may be a pessimistic outtake.”

Tor

- Goal is not to have a negative effect on MCSG-admin interactions

Jordanella

- Sought advice from MCSG advisor Andy or Kathryn to gain advice and input?

Tor

- Hasn't talked to Andy
- Initially talked to student liaison to board of trustees on best way to make board meetings more transparent
- Met with Dean briefly to talk about ideas surrounding increase transparency
 - Talked about signing letter from MCSG
- Will be meeting with Dean and other people soon

Ayana

- Would hold off on MCSG until we have more info for other parties
- Suggests MCSG should wait
- Wants more background info before signing on

Jonah

- Supports this big time
- Thinks that we should sign it and wait but also thinks it might not go far enough
- Thinks we should have students in executive meetings
- Doesn't think this would poison relationships considering what MCSG is as a student pressure group
- Not a government but a pressure group
- Thinks it could go further

Tor

- Initially thinking the same thing
- Heard resistance about students/staff in exec meetings
 - Due to sensitive info about future of professors and students
- This is a first step

Katie

- Finds letter constructive and hopes admin sees it that way
- Maybe take a step back to figure out more

Joel

- Supportive of signing this once there is more info
- Role of MCSG: moat around Weyerhauser

Shreya

- Agrees with Ayana and Katie that MCSG should take a pause

- Sharing letter with everyone at that meeting to make sure it all goes through instead of everyone reading it prior

Tor

- Will keep thinking about this

Committee and Cabinet Updates

Joel

- Textbook solutions committee finalized proposal to senior staff following criticism of Barnes and Nobles First Day Complete Plan
- Was hoping to share that proposal today, but has been in contact with Provost who prefers textbook solutions wait to share until senior staff can look over
- Meeting to happen the morning of the 25th
- Excited about proposal and to share it with MCSG

Jordanella w/ SSRC

- Student survey out hopefully this week
- In conversation with Hamre about menstrual health product access and mental health access

Shreya

- 27th is our last meeting of the year
- All business done at next meeting

Eric w/ SOC

- Voted to pass Mac Autism Community charter
- Working with orgs to bring them to LB maybe
- In process of getting new nominations for advisor of the year

Ayana

- Last iteration of newsletter going out next week
- Going to post form in the slack and email everyone
- Fill it out by next wednesday

Katie

- Org transition period closes monday the 18th at 9pm
 - One of the three required things to be an active org

Ayana

- Talked to Priya and created media strategy
- Going to schedule a meeting with Andy to talk about future of the position and potential to add more people or reenvision what it looks like

Announcements