

Art Commons - Room 102

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MACALESTER COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Legislative Body Meeting (Joint Session) Minutes

[Land Acknowledgment](#) (We are on Indigenous land) ~ *Austin Wu* ~ 2 minutes
Bobbie

- Austin isn't here today so unfortunately you're stuck with me
- [land acknowledgement]
- Okay welcome all this is our joint session so the penultimate LB meeting every year is a time we invite the incoming and outgoing MCSG to be in the same space
- Some business stuff and then group bonding stuff
- With that being said let's begin with the business stuff
- First we have a campus committee presentation so Samantha if you'd like to get ready
- Going to pull up the slides

Campus Committee Presentations ~ *Ryan Connor* ~ 5 minutes

- Administration & Finance Advisory Committee

Bobbie

- Okay awesome

Samantha Schafer: Administration and Finance Advisory Committee rep

- Hi everyone so I'm just going to be doing a very short presentation on our campus committee so I'll just tell you some of our strategic plans and what we've been doing so far
- [\[a bit about me slide\]](#)

- Okay so we're going to start with the goals for Macalester this is a little old but pulled up some of our statistics
- Bottom 20% about 4.6 which is pretty substantive
- Little bit of a demographic of who we have as a population
- What did we do? Set up some interviews with low income students
- Richard Roes [sp] runs low income student union, recommend reaching out if have any questions as well
- Made a list of what people's complaints and thoughts were for how things get handed
- What happened after Macalester tuition, not the tuition itself
- Created some goals for what we wanted to look at
- Collaborate with residential life about winter housing, Bobbie has done a lot of work with that
- Hopefully we can get more winter housing especially for international students - really hard to go home and come back
- Want to give people housing all the way through winter break
- Textbooks, textbooks extremely expensive
- Still very much expensive
- Fully stocked food pantry
- Allergies don't have an income bracket, anyone can have allergies that's the thing
- Complaints from all over the school from people having allergies and not being able to access food
- For now what we want to focus on, with collaboration from other advisory committees more we want to accomplish
- Feel free to reach out to me if you have any other questions
- Thank you for listening

Bobbie

- Any questions for Samantha?

Joel

- So I guess this is sort of always changing, right now especially but I'm wondering if this group has discussed a change to automatic textbook billing model and implications

Samantha

- Not something we've been focusing on because pretty new but will be working in the future

Tristan

- Have you thought about other alternative models of textbooks and how that would work?

Samantha

- Want to get more textbooks in general for students to access
- Cheaper online versions
- Also at the same time, hardcover textbooks also very important
- Still in the works for what we're trying to do but would love any feedback if you have any suggestions yourself

Joel

- AAC who runs textbook reserve could be an ongoing relationship for next year
- Hard to set up now but the AAC and this group could stay in touch

Ssamantha

- Sounds like a great idea

Bobbie

- Any other questions? If not thank you so much Samantha
- That was an awesome presentation
- In interest of time we're going to move on

Committee Updates ~ *Committee Members* ~ 2 minutes

FAC: Heaji

- Working on edits to financial code, presenting in a few minutes

SOC: Eric

- A little overview for getting to the end of this year, overview for the total audits we finished is around...
- We reached out to 22 student orgs, finished 15 of them and the rest didn't respond or will be inactive next semester

AAC: Joel

- Right now?

SSRC: Mathilda

- Spring survey out, open until Monday, link is in all of your emails, student announce email, do the survey, could win a bluetooth speaker

Bobbie

- Cool
- AAC are you ready?

Tristan

- Last week at AAC's meeting we met with Brian Lindeman [sp] which was fantastic, had conversations around textbooks and increasing affordability
- Prioritizing more affordable textbooks and what it would look like outside of the Barnes and Noble inclusive access model
- Conversations about what does textbook reserve model look like at Mac, entirety of that meeting
- Spent a whole lot of different things around that
- What does the bookstore look like slash need to be

Joel

- Additionally looking at our GSAT program, likely to try to get a bill in next week to try to expand that from just grad school entrance exams to application fees as well; have some people need to check with also
- Ready to go next fall in amended form

Cabinet Updates ~ *Cabinet Members* ~ 2 minutes

Diversity and Inclusion Officer: Ghaicha

- Growing concerns about moving to all gender bathrooms in different places on campus
- Not a lot of movement, still working on that and trying to get more information for students both incoming and here

Sustainability Officer: not here

Community Engagement Officer: not here

Edits to the Financial Code ~ *Heaji Kang* ~ 10 minutes

Heaji

- This is final edits to the financial code as of now
- Reorganized the code a little bit in the way that all categories are kind of together
- Not talking about two similar things in different categories

Bobbie

- Are changes in red?

Emi

- They should be marked as comments

Heaji

Seems like you can't see it but stop where rollover percentages are

- Right there
- These are one of the main edits
- I'll just be presenting the main edits to you guys
- Taken out some of the rollover and were able to redistribute it into other categories
- Emi you might have the exact breakdown

Emi

- Capital increasing from 4 to 8%, operating increased 42 to 45%
- All of the other funds were rolling over
- Biggest change: in the past capital was not rolled over but allowed it to snowball so that is now going to roll over as apart of that process
- In order to ensure there's still a decent amount in there if an org needs to do a big purchase
- Included in the rollover but going to get a little more back is the tradeoff

Heaji

- Feel free to interject
- Next comment going to go over is in the next section

Emi

- Section 9
- 1b
- if you hit the three dots and lines it gives you outline view, you can choose where you want to go

Heaji

- Lots of letters and numbers
- We've added a guideline for travel food
- Seemed like something we were tinkering with a lot
- Didn't have a set guideline
- Added per diem amounts orgs can request for their meals
- Not hoping they request this as the standard but a good number to go off of

Emi

- also noting food for travel is an additional allocation, not the annual allocations
- Questions about how accurate it could be if we don't know numbers so it makes logistically more sense

Heaji

- Scroll down a little more
- Effort to allow orgs to do some sort of merchandise, want to make sure it's cost effective
- Something we added to allow orgs to do stickers
- Can you scroll to oh still in the same section can you go to number 3
- Okay so we fleshed more of FAC's criteria for reviewing
- This is just to detail some of the things that we should be thinking about as we review requests that were not previously doing there
- These are the main edits we wanted to touch on
- If anyone has questions on things I didn't touch on feel free to ask them now

Bobbie

- Just to clarify this was sent to current members, outgoing, if this goes to a vote only current members and not incoming members are able to vote
- Anyone have questions?

Emi

- Part of the reason this was reorganized, thinking from perspective of an org for if going to submit a request, what is FAC going to look at
- Making different policies and processes clear

- When something comes up, there's a bit more structure there because it's been a challenge for how people act there
- Taking stuff that's been sent around the code, adding things that needed to be updated

Heaji

- Motion to approve the financial code edits for 2023-2024 financial code
- Do I hear a second

-Second

- Do people have placards

Bobbie

- All in favor of approving financial code edits please raise your hand
- Approve: 14
- Opposed: 0
- Abstaining: 0
- The motion passes

Class Rep Transition Doc ~ *Bobbie Pennington* ~ 3 minutes

- Next agenda item, I mostly want to ask with last week's activity when we broke into groups and discussed
- Did anyone make
- Doing that in a sec
- Can you create a doc for me one for everyone and link it underneath the mind meld which is a funny line item

[AAC Textbook Resolution](#) ~ *Joel Sadofsky* ~ 6 minutes

Bobbie

- Next is the AAC textbook resolution would you like me to project it

Joel

- Almost ready this time

Bobbie

- This was linked beforehand, just giving incoming group an idea of how this worked beforehand
- In this meeting we can be pretty quick and snappy

Joel

- We have already read most of this, this is a slightly updated version that I wanted to add in a couple important data points from the library's textbook survey which contrary to beliefs of some was not done by me and I had no part in the contribution of

- I made the ask clear, have it bolded in section 1 [read bolded ask]
- Rationale is that it would increase the amount a student pays by around \$160 before factoring in how it would be absorbed by financial aid process
- Second ask is to collaborate on an alternative
- I and all of my colleagues believe approving this would increase corporate control
- If anyone wants a 30 second summary

Eliora Hansonbrook

- Quick question
- Would Macalester bill all of us or would Barnes and Noble bill all of us

Joel

- We don't really know, based on talking to Brian Lindeman last AAC meeting, neither does anyone else
- My guess is it would look like the iteration of textbook billing that was offered Fall of 2021 but also we don't know exactly
- The gist of it is that increasing the amount of money students have to pay in textbooks by a lot and reasons to seek out more sustainable textbook options is bad and unfaithful for what the school's stated goals of supporting open education resources are as well as MCSG's support for these things and of course our support for the amount we spend on textbook reserve above the median family income of a Macalester student
- I can take a while unpacking the different facets of it although we saw a previous iteration of it

Bobbie

- Questions for Joel? People who weren't at last few LB meetings where this was brought up, if you have questions like "what the hell is this" that's fine

Joel

- This is pretty in the weeds with textbook policy
- I'd love to get that question
- Really quickly currently we have an agreement with Barnes and Noble
- They are a bookstore
- Professors submit materials pretty early at a price and can chose to buy materials at the bookstore or get them somewhere else
- Median Fall 2022 textbook spending was \$120
- Would increase to \$320 to \$412 dollars a semester depending on the price, is what Barnes and Noble has offered to the school
- Would make all students automatically pay the fee, at least \$200 higher than what average student pays
- No market control on students for how much textbooks cost

- Currently have students finding different ways to get textbooks, like textbook reserve,
- Students crafty at spending less money on textbooks
- This is Barnes and Noble's response to that, would let them consolidate their response
- That's it, read the whole thing you want it says the whole thing in better more eloquent words

Bobbie

- Any last minute questions especially about the asks that are bolded
- There are two main asks
- So Joel, you intend for this to go to a vote?

Joel

- I motion to... I'm going to delete the word draft
- I motion to approve this resolution on automatic textbook billing

Tristan

- Second

Bobbie

- All in favor of passing this resolution please raise your hand
- Approve: 15 in favor
- All opposed: 0
- All abstaining: 0
- The motion passes

Bonding Activity ~ *Mathilda Barr* ~ 12 minutes

Bobbie

- Bonding activity led by Mathilda
- If you're not a staff member who needs laptop out please close them

Mathilda

- Later in this meeting we're going to break into small groups so you guys have a chance to talk to the current people in your position but we want to do a big group session where we all introduce ourselves
- Name, pronouns, major, position, most commonly used emoji
- Type it into the doc

[I'm not going to take minutes on this]

Outgoing-Incoming Mind Meld ~ *Bobbie* ~ 15 minutes

Bobbie

- Thanks Mathilda

- We're going to spend most of the remainder of the meeting with this activity
- We'll come back at the end with announcements
- Outgoing or incoming chairs please meet with the other person, some confusion with people like Eric who is incoming and outgoing chair so Eric turn to the wall
- If outgoing class rep, please pair up
- Incoming class reps on this side
- Outgoing on the other side
- See who to pair with, just choose someone
- Doesn't need to be a friend doesn't need to be a stranger either
- Some liaisons make sense to meet
- Okay for Ghaicha Diversity and Inclusion could meet with new Belonging and Accessibility
- Trying to make it make sense, tough because going to a new structure
- If there's an obvious pairing just go and sit with them
- We'll pair it just randomly from there
- List of questions
- Reasons we put a list is one might appeal a lot more, one might be most useful
- Transferring some advice, tips to the new people
- Please attempt that awfully confusing instruction

- What made you want to join MCSG?
- What are you most proud of from your work this year?
- What did you find challenging about MCSG this year?
- What's something you wish you'd accomplished this year?
- What's something you hope is carried on next year?

Announcements ~ 3 minutes

- Final few announcements and then we'll finish
- Sorry we couldn't spend more time on that
- A little less formal than usual, usually have a bunch of business to get to
- When people say MCSG is so boring LB meetings are when we do a lot of logistical stuff and admin things
- Voting on things like new orgs and working on budgets, do things with student advocacy and resolutions
- Does get tedious
- A lot of work that's the front line of MCSG that you want to attach names to, front lines of things
- First announcement is me

- Either today or tomorrow depending, campus committee apps will open
- Have campus committee applications not elections, appointed by incoming and outgoing exec boards
- Student announce email really soon
- Talk to friends about applying to those as well, really low time commitment compared to all the other people
- Please join us Thursday 12-1 in jwall lobby, having Who's Who on SLT
- 10 of 11 SLT will be there, a who's who and who does what
- If always asked specific question want more face time with administration, with a big a, that's an example of that

Mathilda

- Mentioned earlier on committee updates
- Updates in Mac Daily as well, survey, could you take a few minutes to ask classmates
- Number of responses we get is really valuable would really push that
- Hoping for 350 responses and at 120ish now

Joel

- What can you win?

Mathilda

- Bluetooth speaker and other prizes not funded by student activity fee

Joel

- Kagin ballroom 11:30-1:30 a bunch of awards being presented but the AAC and SOC, Eric and I, will both be presenting some awards managed by our respective committees
- If you want to spend 2 hours with fancy food and watching people get recognized for cool stuff

Bobbie

- Mariah said I have to say this
- Love you all
- Meeting adjourned

Rough minutes from intro activity:

Mathilda barr, econ major, chair of SSRC, current emoji is person hiding behind face

Joel he/they pronouns, sophomore geography major, possibly ed studies, most commonly used emoji is hte shocked cat

I'm will junior is major, outgoing 2024 rep, praying emoji

Martin, he/him first year, first year rep, red heart is most commonly used

Willow albano, any pronouns, first year and political science nd dwgss, next year going to be cabinet chair

Alec outgoing first year rep most commonly used emoji is first year rep

Emma green gloves

Luke skull emoji

Shaun?? First year, sun with the face emoji

Philomena she/her first year incoming res life and dining liaison, most used emoji is yellow heart

Sophia she/her es major, class of 2023

Ryan poli sci english chief of staff

Emma on zoom

Mariah on zoom

Poli sci wgss, incoming president, fav emoji

Can you describe it to them

Eric

The red demon one

Eric soc chair, poli sci and psych major

Thumbs up emoji

Name's emmanuel use he/him senior class rep outgoing obv, poli sci and int'l studies major, dark red heart is most commonly used emoji

Cooper they/them, poli scie anthro double major, 2025 class rep

3 emojis always together two fingers pointed towards each other and thepleading eyes

Laurie director of isle and advisor ot mcsg

Elder millennial so most commonly used emoji is crying laughing face

Iwani

Classof2024

Concentration in legal studies, incoming pb chair

Most recent emoji is

Eliora hansonbrook, poli sci and comp sci major, incoming fac chair

Most used emoji are the two little pink hearts next to each other

Amanda second year from brazil, incoming sustainability and infrastructure liaison, crying emoji for being sad aboutthe weather

Heaji she/her, most commonly used smiling with tear coming out of one eye
Bobbie use he/him pronouns, junior studying is, outgoing president yay good luck
mariah
Most commonly used emoji is the shrug
Emi menk she/her
Advise fac, millennial and crying/laughing and skull and crossbones
Mena
she/her sophomore poli scie and econ, incoming 2025 rep, most ocmmonly use
emoji is cat heart eyes
Lesean use he/him pronouns
Incoming communications and engagement chair
The two eyes that are looking
Tristan they them sophomore wgss psych double major class of 2025 rep, fall aac
chair
Mushroom emoji
Alexis she/her 2025 class rep econa nd poli sci major cat kissing emoji
Ikran she/her jr american studies major outgoing 2024 class rep, light red heart
Chaicha, she/her econ major outgoing diversity/inclusion officer
Most common emoji is eye roll emoji
Minor she/her sophomore german and es and food and ag
Sustainability and infrastructure, shrugging emoji
Bobbie
It's by far the best