

Settling In

Land Acknowledgment (We are on Indigenous land)

Chartering a New Org

See the charter here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DYo6_Yz9XA9FHnQJu7LHVXVlgphUKBOCfODZjZSE/Dsc/edit?usp=sharing

Eliora

- Macalester film club is an exciting new org
- SOC passed their charter with statement of purpose, Title IX clause, non-discrimination

Rebecca

- Difference between this org and MacPics?

Eliora

- Main focus is film and cinematography
- Similar concept but fundamentally different in SOC's opinion

Joel

- MacPics is not active as they have been asking to join throughout the year and received no response

Ayana

- If there is a similar org, would procedure be to make new org adopt the charter of the old club?

Eliora

- New org focused of videography
- In SOC's opinion they are fundamentally different orgs

Bobbie

- Wouldn't it be better to wait until a representative from the org is here? Better to have them talk about the transition?

Eliora

- In no way related to Mac Pics they are separate orgs with separate purposes
- Not related
- No underlying linkage here
- One focuses on videos the other on photography
 - Some overlap with equipment

Joel

- Thinks charter makes it clear that it's also about photography but focus on videography
- Thinks they are different enough

Mariah

- Vote to approve charter
- Yes: 19

- No: 0
- Abstentions: 1
- Passed!

Voting on the Financial Code

See the code here:

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

Rebecca

- Doesnt see any revisions or suggestions from the LB

Jordanella

- Community chest rolls over from fall to spring? Is this true for other funds in section 5?

Rebecca

- Yes

Jordanella

- Where did additional funding for macweekly come from?

Rebecca

- Prices increase every year with printing service

Jordanella

- Is money taken from somewhere else?

Rebecca

- Comes from the total bc an off the top expense

Jordanella

- Does it change the money someone else could get?

Rebecca

- Leftover is operating fund
- But others rollover and are pretty healthy

Jordanella

- Possible to request money from the travel fund before a new academic year

Rebecca

- No

Sheida

- Are there talks about emergency funds for summer or summer funds for housing?
- Has been an issue since last year
- Any talks happening or starting to happen in FAC about that?

Rebecca

- We haven't talked about that
- Emergency fund is separate from MCSG
- In 2019-2020 allocated additional money to emergency fund because there were no events

- Constricted to student activities bc using the fee

Shreya

- Emergency aid fund funded by the college
- MCSG gave a chunk but fund is supported by college

Jordanella

- IIC has reached out to SSRC about community chest funding but they can't according to Andy

Rebecca

- Can't fund through FAC because not a chartered student org
- Income and equality is not open to everyone you have to apply

Jordanella

- Is the committee part of MCSG?

Andy

- Most recent information said commission came out of MCSG bill in 2015
- MCSG creation

Jordanella

- If SSRC wanted to donate community chest money would that need to be written in financial code?
- We have \$2,000 extra a year

Rebecca

- Surplus funding from community chest stays in surplus and reallocated into other things
- Prohibits donations bc about student orgs
- Can fund events with fundraising but not fundraising itself

Bobbie

- NYT subscription per person who uses it or student enroll?

Rebecca

- Excellent question
- Caught her attention first year
- Asked Margaret who said they get an invoice depending on enrollment
- Something she personally has mixed feelings about
- Something that is popular and has been done in a while
- Connect with Margaret or Laurie in the fall

Andy

- Online subscription for four years now
- Prior 50 copies were delivered every year to campus
- Popular program
- If MCSG is concerned about cost it's worthy to consider
- Not sure if there are courses that rely on that
 - AAC might want to get into that conversation

Bobbie

- Maybe there's a different way maybe not
- Why do some organizations like WMCN and PB get off the top funding and not MCSG?

Rebecca

- MCSG budget fluctuates from year to year so not as predictable
- WMCN and EMS need everything at the beginning of the year
- MCSG can function like other orgs with planning a budget and asking for additional allocations
- Not as routine and reliably spent so doesn't make sense to make an off the top expense

Anna

- In 2020 money given to emergency fund, why was that if FAC can't donate money?

Rebecca

- Not sure if code was different at that time
- Donations to external organizations are specified
- Was not on the FAC first year, shreya might be able to answer

Shreya

- Wrote a bill that circumvented financial code
- Bill said due to emergency and financial barriers, financial code is moot
- Bill allowed transfer of money in that circumstance
- Yearly basis wouldn't make sense to happen but made it happen because of dire circumstances

Anna

- Did they say we can't do that in other years?
- There's value in seeing how we can include in the financial code giving money to student organizations
- Student activities are included in emergency fund not just having fun

Shreya

- Emergency aid fund was for anyone to get anything
 - Since then changed to more dire circumstances need
- Last she heard, they weren't hurting for money
- Should be docs in the drive explaining rationale for emergency fund things

Anna

- Is there a portion that explains how money is given to class groups or just money given to MCSG to allocate?

Rebecca

- MCSG set up annual budgetting and that's how the process works
- Technically only VP and president can do spending
- At the beginning of the year, other folks can be trained to make purchases
- MCSG handles that internally

Jordanella

- Class night usually done by PB at beginning of the year

Rebecca

- Additional allocations also work if budget runs out

Shreya

- Motion to approve the financial code

Mariah

- Vote to approve revisions to financial code
- Yes: 18
- No: 0
- Abstentions: 0

Board of Trustees Transparency Conversation Update

Shreya

- Tor, Amber, Brooke, Ayana, and Shreya met Friday and discussed issues with transparency
- Tor will be presenting at campus life board of trustees meeting for five minutes on transparency
- Revisions for board liaisons include literacy forums between new liaison and Kathryn

Tor

- Won't be voting on letter this school year
- Making a presentation at board meeting on the same topic to get it on board's mind to think about it over the summer

What is the Student Survey and Why is It Important?

Here is the link to the survey

https://macalesterassessment.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0HrCSw25o99SHpI

Jordanella

- Yearly survey done by SSRC to gather input about students
- Provides info for what to focus on for MCSG
- Includes compensation, mental health topics, etc
- Answer it and tell students to do so as well
- It's an opportunity to make your voices heard
- Next tuesday SSRC will present results

Shreya

- What is the breakdown of who has responded? How many of each class?

Jordanella

- Last time it had same trends as MCSG elections
- Fewer engagement from juniors and seniors, more from underclassmen
- Exact numbers will be presented next week

Committee and Cabinet Updates

Shreya

- Board of trustee liaison applications out tomorrow
 - One week to apply
- More intensive than campus committee applications
- Only rising seniors who are not part of MCSG can apply
- If you know anyone, encourage them to apply and start early
- Campus committee applications close on the 21st
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9jNcjTnN2xiJej5ojK33dz_PHNwxbLt0tG1yw8uHvDKxB7A/viewform
 - Lot being done by board of trustees governance committee
 - Those elected to be liaisons will have more to say

Ayana

- Today had Jean Pateman, new CEO shadow her
- Author in the senate for hunger free campus bill to extend to college campuses
 - Hopefully will get passed this year
- Met with Andy, Priya, and Jean for a social media meeting planning meeting for next year
 - Having liaisons from each committee and creating a calendar
- Met with MCSG orientation group brainstorming ideas for onboarding and retreat
 - Jean came with fresh ideas even considering she will be onboarding
- Strategic analysis and planning met with admissions office talking about mac and mac experience

Joel w/ AAC

- Final Finals Coffee and Donuts will be on Friday, April 29 at noon in front of the Campus Center

Eric

- SOC met with film charter
- Pushed some orgs to next semester

Jonah

- Finalizing the saga
- Met with DOS and meeting went well
- Things are looking up

Rebecca w/ FAC

- FAC meeting next week to reflect and think about next year
- Financial code is done

Jordanella

- Besides student survey, working with menstrual health products
- SSRC assigned to see if bathrooms have dispensers on campus
- Focus is academic buildings

Sheida

- Glad to hear SSRC is working on menstrual health
- Trying to meet with officials as diversity officer
- The summer situation is very bad for internationals
 - They don't have money to go anywhere or are denied housing
- Last year they said next year would be better and it doesn't look like it will be

Anna

- Can Shreya talk to Provost about registration issues with conflicting times?

Shreya

- Will bring it up

Heaji

- Thank you for bringing that up Sheida
- Even as a domestic student there are housing issues
- Discussed including language about upperclassmen housing on website with Kathryn
- Stuck looking for housing as a low income student and can't imagine struggle of international students

Anna

- Can we also invite Kyle Flowers to the next meeting?

Shreya

- Only knows the Provost
- As an RA could Anna connect us via email?

Anna

- Yes

Shreya

- Last MCSG meeting in person
- Wear a mask

Announcements

- Campus Committee applications are due April 21 at 5pm! All are welcome to apply using this link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9jNcjTnN2xiJej5ojK33dz_PHnwxBLt0tG1yw8uHvDKxB7A/viewform
- Semester Forum is Wednesday, April 27 from 5 - 6pm in the Loch