

Harmon Room - Library

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MACALESTER COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Legislative Body Meeting Minutes

Land Acknowledgment (We are on Indigenous land) ~ *Austin Wu* ~ 2 minutes

Austin Wu, LB Speaker

- First agenda item is one of the committees, right Ryan?
- Cool we have Hamre Student Advisory Board

Campus Committee Presentations ~ *Ryan Connor* ~ 5 minutes

- Hamre Student Advisory Board: Alison Harris, Sabine Sullivan

Sabine

- she/her, sophomore

Alison: also sophomore, she/her

- Other two members Malia and Ko are not here
- We're both on the Hamre Student Advisory Board
- Met once each semester
- Talked about discussing changes we would like to see from Hamre Center
- Transparency about services offered, better communication
- Ideas about posting on instagram about what they offer and what they don't offer
- More clarity
- Second meeting talked about the new curriculum Hamre is offering in the fall
- VAR: validate, appreciate, reaffirm
- Department of Justice grant Hamre got for \$300,000
- Interviewing candidates for project managing now
- Interviewing some this week
- More next week

Eric Yu

- What will grant be used for?

Sabine

- Preventing, supporting victims of sexual assault
- Project manager will work with Title IX

Tristan Niedzielski, 2025 Rep

- Is the new person a replacement?

Sabine

- New position

Tristan

- Is the other person staying here?

Sabine

- Not sure what other person

Austin

- Any other questions? Thanks for coming

Committee Updates ~ *Committee Members* ~ 3 minutes

Austin

- Let's speed through some committee updates

AAC

- Joel is chewing food

FAC: Heaji Kang, FAC Chair

- We had our last meeting on Wednesday, yeah

SOC: Eric Yu, SOC Chair

- We had lunch

SSRC: Mathilda Barr, MCSG Vice President and SSRC Chair

- We ended the semester with a brunch event with new cabinet, talked about the transition

Austin

- [screen turned off] Sorry about that brief interruption
- Okay Joel are you done chewing

Joel Sadofsky, AAC Chair

- After some chats with our advisorial team of Laurie Adamson and Ann Minnick and my Snapchat AI, we are not having a vote on the amendment to the GSAT program today
- Going to try promoting it next semester, I will be in contact with the new AAC chair
- We will talk about opportunities to expand it
- OSLE desk campus partners annoyed about doing things really last minute

- Last week we passed the LB resolution and I submitted to Senior Leadership Team
- Got a nice reply
- Had some talks about it in EPAG, brought it to EPAG
- Faculty very on-board with pushing for a way to argue against an automatic textbook billing system although that will likely be after something is piloted in 2024-2025
- We will have automatic billing program not next year but the year after
- And then after that we will see

Cabinet Updates ~ *Cabinet Members* ~ 3 minutes

Ghaicha Aboubacar Ahe, Diversity and Inclusion Officer

- No update, still meeting with people through the end of the year, hope to be working on things next year even though not part of MCSG

Sofia Vaz, Community Engagement Officer

- Had SLT event which some of you were at, really successful, thinking of doing in fall of next year
- I also won't be returning
- So whoever that is, do it in the fall
- We're thinking maybe after orientation week
- Newsletter, too, Bobbie
- I can read lips

SSRC Survey Results ~ *Mathilda Barr* ~ 10 minutes

Austin

- Mathilda take us away

Mathilda

- Can you all hear me if I sit here because I don't want to stand up
- SSRC sent out the annual survey about a week and a half ago
- Had incentives this time, gave away a bluetooth speaker
- I have to get a random raffle app
- I haven't done the random raffle [to announce the winner]
- I just wanted to go over some of the questions we asked, responses, how we can generalize to MCSG's engagement to parts of the student body
- How it applies to next year
- Some limitations
- 344 students participated, over 100 more than last year
- Shoutout to Andy and the speaker
- Students interested in a lot more casual interaction with MCSG

- Attitudes from respondents are shifting toward more positive outlook about MCSG
- Got good feedback about the transition, restructure this year
- Some positive comments
- Next year very critical to continue to build relationships with the student body
- Most respondents were in 2025 because we're always the best at things
- Next slide
- This is a very confusing graph, least helpful question honestly
- I take full responsibility for that being framed in a confusing way
- "Next semester, the SSRC is transitioning to become a Cabinet of issue-based liaisons, mainly focusing in the following areas of campus life and student experience. Which of the following areas of issue-based work do you identify as a high priority for MCSG?- check all that apply"
 - Question was worded before we had specific names for the positions
- If want to start out with doing events to engage with liaisons, people were really interested in all the liaison areas
- Athletics and recreation got the least checked boxes but not really a reflection on anything
- Every other graph was very confusing
- We asked "Q2 - If you have a question or concern on campus do you know how to approach MCSG and who to raise your questions to?"
- yes, no, or not really but could figure it out
 - Third was most common answer
- This represents a general trend of really building up our engagement
- This is also a very confusing graph
- I apologize I can't give a better visualization
- Sliding scale with 1 being never heard of this-5 being frequent and active participation/engagement with the resource
- What we need to publicize more as we go into this next school year

Joel

- I like the data key

Mathilda

- It was a randomly generated qualtrics thing
- A lot of ppl surprisingly aware of at-large committee opportunities
- Same with appointments to campus committees, a lot of people interested in the work we do
- Not a lot of people aware of community chest fund
- Not a lot of people aware that LB is open to the public
- Objectively, only 100 people who voted in the restructuring thing earlier on

- Barriers to involvement with MCSG?
- Very broad question, going to interpret what we have
- 20.06% said yes there is a barrier, mix of hard/soft barriers like I have practice during that time
- A mix of responses, few specific barriers
- People who said yes we asked a follow up question
 - Time, classes, work main constraints for reasons they're not participating in things, involvement in changes we're trying to make
- Lack of compensation
- Unpaid labor
- Having to balance time commitments, things that are paid
- Few responses on confusion about how to be involved, a few people not sure about what the benefits of participation are
- Really pushing face-to-face social media connection
- Intimidation about first getting involved; coming to LB meetings
- Informal events, social media the favored ways to be involved with MCSG
- Last year everyone answered email, this year informal events are really popular
- Shows that some of the events we've been doing have really been reaching people
- Asked for additional ways MCSG can engage with the student body
- Representative of a few other responses, want to incorporate a crash course of MCSG into orientation
- Continue what we're doing, more informal events, bring on-the=fence people into the fold, do tabling
- Prioritizing student-to-student connection
- Just talking to people, casually informing people and making it something talked a lot more about in casual conversation
- Figuring out how to reach different groups of people where they're at
- Social media, email, Mac Daily updates especially about meeting minutes which I know we do
- More information, updates on what each role does, radio show and Coffee and Donuts
- Limitations to the survey, it was a good test for asking less questions and offering a reward
 - we get more responses
- Idea to use instagram polls to follow up with more specific things we saw in the survey, more social events, ask what events people want each month
- Statistical generalization
- Suggestion boxes, keep offering survey incentives

- I think the survey should be offered every other year

Austin

- Any questions?

Mathilda

- Please don't heckle me about the graphs

Announcements ~ 3 minutes

Austin

- Joel thank you for your announcement that you put in the meeting agenda in advance

Joel

- If you're crazy, everyone is crazy, we will do ramen and Redbull again, location/time TBD

Tristan

- Mac has fentanyl test strips back available for students
- As of last Friday
- On the same form, can find on Hamre center's instagram, hopefully will become more accessible over the summer
 - Accessible within dorms
- Great progress in more harm reduction on campus

Bobbie Pennington, MCSG President

- Yesterday, email went out from Mathilda and I about campus committees
- If you're not returning to MCSG, and would like to be part this is a good way to do it
- Application for Student Liaison to the Board will be out soon too

Paper Plate Awards ~ *Mathilda Barr* ~ 10 minutes

Mathilda

- All committee chairs please come to the front
- Since this is our last meeting of the year, we wanted to do something nice to honor everyone who has been here this year
- If you don't like yours your committee chair made it and not me
- Committee chair will read the award you got
- Let's go in alphabetical order

Joel

- Alexis who is not here
- I'll hold on for a minute
- Okay

Laurie Adamson, MCSG advisor

- If done with business...

Austin

- Motion to adjourn the meeting

Joel

- Second

Approve: 15

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion passes

Meeting is adjourned

Rest of the agenda:

Seniors/Non-Returners ~ *Bobbie Pennington* ~ 10 minutes

- Austin Wu
- Emmanuel Keppel
- Heaji Kang
- Bobbie Pennington
- Martin Bernsten
- Alexis Prathammanon
- Akshat Koirala
- Will Wentworth
- Ghaicha Aboubacar Ahe
- Ikran Noor
- Sofia Vaz
- Shaherazade Khan

Final Remarks ~ *Bobbie Pennington* ~ 5 minutes

Surprise & Picture ~ *Heaji Kang* ~ 5 minutes]