

Weyerhaeuser Boardroom

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MACALESTER COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Legislative Body Meeting Agenda

Land Acknowledgment ~ *Ryan Connor* ~ 2 minutes

- Macalester is on land of the Dakota nation, people, and ancestors.

Ryan Connor: Before we get started with the welcome and introductions I just want to say welcome back and to the new people, welcome to your first LB Meeting. So Joel?

Welcome & Introductions ~ *Joel Sadofsky* ~ 10 minutes

- Joel Sadofsky: Thank you all for being here. Just a quick procedural note, these tabletop mics don't work if your mouth is too close to the mic.
 - Welcome to MCSG. Who is here for their first LB meeting?
 - [Two people raise their hands.]
 - Ok, we're going to quickly go around and do intros so people know who we are.
- Joel Sadofsky: So, name, pronouns, position on MCSG, where you call home, and your priority for upcoming year but not too much detail because we only have 10 minutes for all of us. I'll start.
 - My name is Joel, he/they, am President of MCSG, and am from Eugene, Oregon. My priorities are receiving the spoils of working hard to make MCSG something worth doing, being in, and doing good work. There are a ton of new first years running so I really want to focus on bringing in new people.

- Luke Evans: My name is Luke, I'm the FAC chair, use he/him pronouns, from Plymouth, MN, and my goal for this year is to spend money responsibly.
- Sean Maxfield: My name is Sean, use he/him pronouns, from Washington DC, SOC chair, my goal for this year is to charter new orgs.
- Emi Menk: Hi, Emi, she/her pronouns, I serve as the advisor for Communications and Engagement committee, AAC, elections committee, and cabinet and I will act as the lead advisor because Laurie is not here right now. I grew up around southern Minnesota, northern Utah, and Washington. I want to help support people in whatever capacity people need.
- Garrett Meier: Hi, everyone. I am the new coordinator for student orgs and I advise FAC and SOC. I use he/him pronouns. My first priority is getting to know everyone as well as supporting and learning since I am new so just excited to be here.
- David Christenfeld: My name is David, I'm a sophomore class rep, I used he/him pronouns and am from outside of Boston. My biggest priority this year is getting chicken tenders back on meal swipe.
- Marina Moberg: Hi, my name is Marina Moberg, I use she/her pronouns, I'm from Rochester, MN, and I'm a junior class rep. My priority this year is keeping junior class more connected since people are living off campus and switching in and out of study abroad.
- Tor Olsson: Hey guys, my name is Tor, I use he/him, I'm a senior, and I'm from North Hampton, Massachusetts. My priority this year is going to be encouraging the BOT to share more information about their meetings, what they're talking about, their budget, and work study.
- Jordan Galloway: Jordan, he/him, I'm the Athletics & Recreation liaison, from Portland, Oregon, just getting folks more comfortable in the LC and also this year I want to focus more on club sports.
- Cooper Glick: Hello, my name is Cooper, I use they/she pronouns, I am a senior class rep and am originally from New York City. This year I want to continue to put pressure on admin to call off questions on Palestine and all the work people have been doing on that. Additionally, I want to put more pressure to not have buildings named after Nazi sympathizers.
- Elizabeth Ekstrand: Hi, my name is Elizabeth and I use she/her pronouns. I am a senior class rep from Chapel Hill, North Carolina

and I think in terms of priority this year I found out I'm on AAC so I'm excited to do more with Mac Books. I'm also looking to help leave a positive legacy and make sure lower class years feel empowered to get engaged when we're gone.

- Philomena Shuffelton-Sobe: Hi, I'm Philomena, I use she/her pronouns, I'm cabinet chair. I'm from Chicago. My priority this year is to create a good community within the cabinet and also help cabinet liaisons work with departments but also work with other committees on MCSG.
- Catherine Kane: Hi, my name is Catherine, I use she/her pronouns and I'm from northern Virginia. I'm serving this year as the Health and Wellness liaison. My goal this year is to continue the really good work by the inaugural Health and Wellness liaison and continue the connections between the Hamre Center and MCSG. Really excited to be her.
- Thea Trelstad Pi-Sunyer: Hi, I'm Thea, I use she/her pronouns, I'm a sophomore, I'm the secretary and treasurer of MCSG. I'm new to this so this year I really want to focus on learning everything and getting everything figured out and taking all your guys' notes down.
- Else Gerber: Hi, my name's Else, I use she/her pronouns, I'm from Seattle. I'm the chief of staff so I'm the point of contact if you guys have things to bring up.
- Mathilda Barr: Hi, I'm Mathilda. I use she/her pronouns. I'm the media and outreach coordinator so I post things on instagram, and publicize/advertise any events, initiatives, announcements that you guys have. There'll be a link in every agenda so you can fill out. I'm from LA.
- Tristan Niedzielski: Hi, my name is Tristan, I use they/them pronouns, from Massachusetts. I'm the FAC chair and I want to focus on supporting the Mac for Palestine proposal and also on harm reduction policies across campus.
- Aditya Choubal: What's up, guys my name is Aditya, I'm from Houston, TX. I use he/him pronouns, and I'm a sophomore rep, and my priority is to represent the sophomore class to the best of my ability.
- AnLian Krishnamurthy: Hi, my name is AnLian, from California, class of '27 rep, and my goal this year is chartering new orgs and finding a way to make that more efficient.

- Mac Weekly: Hi, we're the Mac Weekly. I'm Anya and this is Molly and we'll have people in here each week so the student body can know all the good work you guys do. Let us know if you have any questions.
- Sylvia Coyle: Hi, I'm Sylvia, I use she/her pronouns, I'm a senior class rep, and I'm from Cincinnati. This year I'm excited to see MCSG grow and letting the student body know what MCSG is up to.
- Mena Feleke: Hello, my name is Mena, I use she/her pronouns, I'm from Shoreview, MN, and I'm the CEC chair. My first goal is bridging the gap between the student body and MCSG and getting groups that have been left out in the past more involved.
- Liv Peterson: Hi, my name is Liv, I use she/her pronouns, I'm a sophomore class rep and one of my priorities this year is to help make the finances and why we do budget cuts more transparent.
- Joel Sadofsky: Ok, well it's great to see everybody again, let's move to the procedural overview.
- Ryan Connor: Real quick, let me do my introduction. I'm Ryan, I use he/him pronouns, I'm from South Carolina, and one of my biggest goals is to help first years figure out what they want to do this year.

Procedural Overview ~ *Ryan Connor* ~ 10 minutes

- Ryan Connor: We will have a couple meetings before our retreat where we'll be going over this more in depth.
- Session overview:
 - Ryan Connor: Going over the role of what this body is, Robert's rule of order, sum up the general procedural matters, how we handle bills and resolutions, and taking questions.
 - How we handle bills resolutions
 - Who's who
 - President, vice president, committees, chairs, cabinet, speaker of the house - which until we elect one in 2 weeks I will be the speaker and we'll go over that process in a few minutes.
 - Focus on respect for each other, keep in mind that we all have best intent
 - Robert's rules of order we follow this pretty loosely
 - Tristan Niedzielski: Didn't we choose to move away from Robert's Rules of Order like two years ago?
 - Joel Sadofsky: Yes, but it still applies.

- Ryan Connor: Ok, well this is the wrong slide.
 - Ryan Connor: When we are speaking in a discussion, like Tristan did, just raise your placard and the speaker will call on you so that everyone will get a chance to speak.
- So the agenda is set by the Exec board prior to the LB meetings. If you have anything you'd like to add to the agenda just email Else and we'll try to put it on there for you.
 - The speaker will be facilitating discussion, just raise your placard and when we vote you will also be raising your placard.
- Quorum must have $\frac{2}{3}$ members present, this is very important. If you can't come you must let someone know. Let Else know, let someone on exec know, let one of your chairs know.
 - We'll go over rules of attendance at the retreat with Else in more detail.
- With making motions, be specific, be clearly stated.
 - If we have to cut the debate off, the speaker will cut it off and say we'll open for a motion.
 - Any voting member can make a motion, not an appointed member.
- Any member of the LB is strongly encouraged to make edits to bylaws, bills.
 - It's important that people add to these because we don't want it to be just 4 people who are making the edits.
 - Later in the month we'll go over the edits or comments and going to vote on every one. Please take the time, we want to hear from everyone.
- Voting again, only if you were elected. If there was a campaign in your name you can vote, staff members, outside guests cannot.
 - Simple majority - 50% +1, yes, no, abstain, we do simple majority for most things.
 - Sometimes we do $\frac{2}{3}$ and we will talk more about this in retreat.
- Follow what the speaker is telling you, we have strict time purposes.
 - Any questions? Will be going over this much more in depth with first year reps so this is just a general overview.

Speaker Information ~ *Ryan Connor* ~ 5 minutes

- Ryan Connor: This is the selection process. I am the interim speaker until we get an elected speaker.

- We will wait until first year reps are here so if you know anyone or yourself put your name on this doc and we'll have an anonymous vote in LB.
 - Probably will be a google form.
- Liaisons and exec board cannot nominate but class reps can.
- Going to move to bylaws and election code. Joel?

Bylaws and Election Code Updates ~ *Joel Sadofsky & Ryan Connor* ~ 15 minutes

- [Bylaws](#) to edit
 - Joel Sadofsky: Constitution in MCSG also exists and is worth reading. Bylaws are the primary long form government specific governing document that dictate the work we do which are set and amended by us.
 - For bylaws we are supposed to do this by the fourth meeting of the fall semester, we can grant ourselves an extension but this is a really good chance to look through everything in there, think about what makes sense, what doesn't, add things, remove things.
 - In the past, we've shared a doc with everyone and everyone has commenting/suggesting powers.
 - As the whole LB we can look through this, work on it, over the next couple of meetings we'll talk about some of the specific edits people have made and refine language.
 - Will have ideally one final meeting to finalize edits, at the end if all goes well we will pass the bylaws with 2/3 majority vote.
- [Election Code](#) to edit
 - Joel Sadofsky: The election code is the governing document for our elections. It says things like how many days you need between opening and closing filing.
 - I'm sure anyone who was voted into MCSG is deeply familiar with the voting bylaws.
 - I ask that we put some energy over the next weeks to look through these documents, editing, having conversations. If you're looking to fill your committee time, this is something we can do.
 - Ryan Connor: There are some edits made in the bylaws as well, talk about it in your committees as a group, you can also bring questions to

LB. This is a cooperative process, so let's just get as many people involved as we can.

SOC “Library” ~ Sean Maxfield ~ 7 minutes

☐ SOC Checkout

- Sean Maxfield: SOC this year has a new program that will help clubs and save MCSG money.
 - Three problems
 - Problem 1: FAC approves requests for items that could be shared pretty frequently.
 - Ex: We rent a bouncy house 3 times a year, why don't we own a bouncy house?
 - Problem 2: Orgs have limited budget space
 - 48% budget cut, would be better if orgs didn't have to request money for things they know they could have access to.
 - Problem 3: Takes the same amount of time, 2 weeks ahead, to get very small items as it would to get larger items.
 - If there was a way where if you need a speaker you can check that out the same day.
 - Solution:
 - Within FAC meetings, certain items will be identified and purchased for the org and FAC will take custody of the items in a shared space where orgs can rent them out.
 - Two types of items:
 - Items that are rented, that could be purchased and orgs can share.
 - Limited use items that might already be purchased and can be shared.
 - Goal is a super quick checkout system where orgs can request items in a short time span instead of 2 weeks out.
 - Quick group activity:
 - Slide says name pending because I'm thinking we want a cool name. So we're gonna talk about a name and 2-3 check out items that this can start with. Group of people next to you talk about it for the next three minutes.
- Catherine Kane: Can you explain the difference between the rented thing and the limited? The two types of things?

- Sean Maxfield: Yes, so a limited use item might be a speaker. Let's say an org only has 2 events per year and they are buying a speaker but know they'll only use it twice a year. This is an example of something that could be shared but it's already being purchased.
 - The only reason the other one says rented is for example a bouncy house is rented but it could be purchased. Just items that could be shared.
- Catherine Kane: Thank you.
- People turn to talk to their partners about name ideas for the next three minutes.
- Sean Maxfield: Coming back, does any group want to start with their incredible name? Name idea and item ideas.
 - Cooper Glick: We have a few ideas, my personal favorite is the goody box.
 - Elizabeth Ekstrand: We were thinking of names similar to the DRC since this seems similar to the DRC so maybe the CRC? But then we thought that maybe people will be asking for student workers.
 - Catherine Kane: For items, thinking about those big water jugs. Curious to see what clubs are constantly buying.
 - Tristan Niedzielski: Thinking specifically about items, one idea was to go back to the budget spreadsheets and collect info from the last 3 years.
 - Sort it out pinning down most common purchases and these are the things that we should prioritize.
 - Could send out a google doc to student orgs and ask "Hey if we did this what are some things you would want?"
 - Would also get more feedback from student orgs
 - David Christenfeld: For the name - SOC grab and go, it's catchy. For an item I was thinking of a cooler. One of those big coolers.
 - Marina Moberg: A lot of cultural orgs cook a lot so maybe some more basic, good quality, cooking sheets.
 - Sometimes dorms have random things like muffin tins but basic resources like oven mitts, where if orgs need to cook at their house and not a dorm having a centralized shared item might be useful.
 - Certainly something someone would want but not necessarily want to buy for themselves or their club.

- Also a three wheeled wagon to cart things around, nice to just grab things that way and be able to bring them up the stairs.
- Sean Maxfield: Anybody else?
- Joel Sadofsky: We also talked about little, portable wagons, popcorn machine and a mobile sauna would be fun to have.
 - Laughs laughs laughs
 - Multiple asks of “Whos gonna keep that clean?”
- Jordan Galloway: I have an idea for a name, the “SOC Locker”. Also thinking of tablecloths because nobody likes a naked table, no offense to these tables.
 - Also where would you guys put all of this stuff?
 - Sean Maxfield: Storage is pending.
 - Jordan Galloway: Could consider DRC because they have cameras and speakers that orgs need to check out. Could direct orgs to DRC for that and then they could go to the SOC locker.
- Ryan Connor: Thanks guys, for some good ideas.

Committee Updates ~ *Committee Chairs* ~ 3 minutes

- Ryan Connor: Committe chairs go around saying one or two things about the last week. Had our first exec meeting already but in the future we’re going to want to hear from some members as well. Who wants to go first?
 - Tristan Niedzielski: AAC has not met yet as we are waiting for our first years.
 - EPAG did have first meeting have a bunch of departmental reviews which is exciting to look into departments to see where the college is moving.
 - Also reviewing the FAC recommendation of the Mac for Palestine proposal which will be an intense and interesting conversation to say the least. Hopefully it will have a positive result.
 - Clarify procedure for this is that EPAG gives recommendation to the full faculty and then the full faculty will be making a final note on that which is part of the conversation so you can talk to me about that. But it will be a faculty vote.
- Mena Feleke: CEC had its first meeting on Wednesday.
 - Talked about a semester overview and as you guys know there is an election coming up starting tomorrow.
 - Going to be doing chalking outside the CC, LC, Kagin and tabling on the Monday right before the election closes.

- Luke Evans: FAC met on Tuesday and allocated a bunch of money to a bunch of orgs requesting interesting things.
 - Next week there will be 2 different proposals that'll be presented in front of LB, both from Climate Club that we'll need to vote on because they're over the \$4000 limit.
 - FAC meetings will continue to be on Tuesdays 11:30-12:30. Lots of allocations to go which is expected at the beginning of the year and we'll likely be presenting more things in the near future in front of LB as the requests get larger.
- Sean Maxfield: SOC talked to 3 different prospective orgs - Neurobiology Club, Scots in the Cities Volunteering club, and Macalester Urbanists club.
 - We gave them edits to their charter and they're editing their charter now and hopefully we can get them in front of LB soon.
- Philomena Shuffelton-Sobe: Cabinet is meeting tomorrow. We are very, very excited to have three more liaisons to be elected.

Announcements ~ 3 minutes

- [Mac Books](#) ~ *Tristan Niedzielski*
 - Tristan Niedzielski: Mac books launched over the summer to mixed reactions and mixed results over the last few weeks.
 - I want to ask that if you have any info that you've gathered from your convos, good or bad please let me know, in person or email because I want to hear what people feel about it.
 - Final reminder that Friday is the last day to opt-out of Mac Books.
- Attendance and name placards ~ *Else Gerber*
 - Else Gerber: Just a reminder that meetings start at noon, please try to get here a couple minutes early and at the end of the meeting you can place placards on this table. [small table in the corner]
 - Ryan Connor: Again, send any attendance related emails to Else.
- Involvement Fair ~ *Ryan Connor*
 - Ryan Connor: The Involvement Fair is at 4:30pm-6pm today on the Great Lawn.
 - MCSG has a table, it's the second one.
 - If you have time to come out and introduce yourselves to people and if you have time to help set up, take down that would be great if you could do that.
- Elections ~ *Ryan*
 - Ryan Connor: Candidate forums opened last night, tons of first years runnings and those forums and the voting will be sent out tomorrow

[Friday September 13th] at 1pm and will close on Monday [September 16th] at 1pm.

- Hopefully we will be all good to go on Thursday with all the new reps and liaisons coming in.
- Over the weekend encourage people to vote. We have a really large first year turnout so, let's encourage to keep that ball rolling especially after people are elected.
- Retreat (save the date!) ~ *Ryan*
 - Ryan Connor: The retreat is September 21-22, it is an overnight retreat so let us know about any issues you have about this now.
 - Will be leaving at 9:30am on Saturday so make sure you're bringing snacks and stuff, you should bring clothes for the next day, sleeping things.
 - Some outdoor activities but not very intense, bring some athletic shoes if you would feel more comfortable.
 - Maybe walking around and some games but not super strenuous, and will be done by 8pm.
 - With that before we break, I wanna say I'm glad we got through this today, but expect the next couple meetings to go right up until 1. Besides that I think we're good. So we can adjourn.