

Theater and Dance 205

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MACALESTER COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Legislative Body Meeting Agenda

Land Acknowledgment ~ *Ryan Connor* ~ 2 minutes

- Ryan: We would like to acknowledge that Macalester College and the College Archives are located on the traditional, ancestral and contemporary lands of the Waŋpékhute band of Dakhóta Oyáte, the Dakota nation. We make this acknowledgement to respect and affirm the sovereignty of the Dakota people, ancestors and descendants, and to respect the land itself. We recognize that this acknowledgment is but a first step in recognizing and dismantling aggressive and persistent policies of settler colonialism that continue to oppress to this day. These are the contexts in which the archives functions to this day. The work of acknowledgement must be paired with active practices like the amplification of Indigenous voices and land repatriation in order to be substantive and meaningful. With thanks to Jennings Mergenthal, Class of 2021, for their time and effort in crafting this land acknowledgement.

Election of Speaker ~ *Ryan Connor* ~ 10 minutes

- Ryan: We're going to be starting with speaker elections. Else will send out the ballot in a moment. Then each nominee will take 2 minutes for opening statements and just a reminder exec members cannot vote. It'll just be opening statements, no questions. David, if you're ready, you can come up here and get started.
- Statement - David Christenfeld (2 mins)

- David: Thank you all for being here even though you're contractually obligated to be. I want to start with what I think this job is. First, we need someone who is comfortable with and has experience with public speaking to a group this large and can make everybody's voice is being heard. Second we need someone who can represent what you guys believe at the exec board meetings each week. Third, we need someone to keep us running on time since we only have 1 hour each week. As a club leader with Ping Pong Club, I've had countless opportunities to speak to groups this large whether that be introducing people to the club or laying down rules about the environment and the game. Similarly, although in a smaller group, I've been a member of FAC and have been defending additional allocations. Also, I think representing everyone's views to exec board, although I've only been on MCSG for this year, I think from what I've learned so far, what I've picked up on from FAC and what we talked about this weekend I think I understand the direction this body is going in as a group dedicated for project completion and campus wide visibility for all of our decisions. I think it's super important for everybody's voice to be heard. I think we've done a good job with this but there is room to grow. Thank you for your time.
- Statement - Tor Olsson (2 mins)
 - Hey guys, as you know my name is Tor, I use he/him pronouns, and I'm a senior class rep. I'm running for speaker of LB because I want to foster a fun, inclusive, strong community which can address real student concerns both thoughtfully and efficiently. To be honest, I believe the speaker's mission is less about governance and more about community building. That means showing up as ourselves and being responsive for our needs, whether it's pushing for more transparency between the Board of Trustees, SLT, and the student body, uplifting student voices so the Mac for Palestine proposers are heard and understood by students and admin alike. Advocating for student orgs and ensuring a transparent budgeting process. Supporting student workers and making sure all students feel heard and welcomed in topics like sustainability, mental health and wellness in the classroom, campus culture. What I, and all of you, want is real and meaningful change to make Mac a community where we all feel heard and welcomed. Let's work together to make that happen. Thank you so much.
- Statement - Cem Ozil (2 mins)

- Hi everyone, I'm Cem, I'm a first year, and a new class rep, and I use any pronouns. For the job of speaker, I believe I am definitely qualified as someone who's supposed to be maintaining time management and order in this legislative body. For 3 years I've been doing Model UN in high school and was in charge of chairing lots of committees which has the same job description as speaker of giving out times and organizing the entire body. Aside from that, I also want to assure everyone that the overall goals of LB that were explicitly said in the retreat that people can come towards me and tell me personally are all met and advocated for in the exec board and BOT. With that, I know that as a first year it seems like I don't have much experience, but I feel confident that I can perform these tasks in a timely and efficient manner. I ask you to also put your confidence in me. Thank you.
- Statement - Liv Peterson (2 mins)
 - Hi, everyone. My name is Liv, I use she/her, and I'm a sophomore class rep. As speaker, it's crucial to assure LB meetings run smoothly which requires level headedness, attention to detail, and strong time management skills. I bring these qualities to the table as demonstrated through my experience as Mac GPT leadership and pioneering the position of SOC chair liaison to FAC. I'm eager to further my involvement in MCSG, expand my understanding of the inner workings, and bridge the gap between class reps and the exec board. I have the confidence and calm authority to preside over meetings effectively and make sure everyone's voices are heard and decisions are made thoughtfully. I am committed to fostering a welcoming and collaborative environment. I want to be a visible and approachable leader. I aim to create a space where collaboration thrives and our work is reaching the interest of the student body while ensuring that LB operates efficiently and transparently. As your speaker, I'm dedicated to providing an environment where the MCSG community can have a meaningful impact. Thank you.
- Ryan: The ballots should've been sent so we're going to take some time to let you guys vote. It will close at the end of the additional allocation requests.
 - It is ranked choice so if you have any questions, Emi is here to help.

FAC Additional Allocation Requests ~ Luke Evans ~ 5 minutes


- [Macalester First Aid](#)

- Luke: This is the request from Mac First Aid for \$4437.45. This is a slightly different amount from the original request where they wanted to ask for \$4497.55 because they were asking for ride share money. We were able to take that off because in the financial code we don't approve that. Does anyone have any questions? They are going to a conference in Pittsburgh, they're sending all new people than who they've sent before. They're going to be able to gain skills in EMT and first aid to enrich the college's emergency medical services.
 - Marina: Is there a cost to attend the conference?
 - Luke: This is just the cost for the travel. If they were requesting registration funding that would come again before us through operating.
 - Sean: This is not their official training?
 - Luke: Correct, their official training is in January over J-Term. This would serve just as an educational experience.
 - David: A piece of context, the First Aid person explained they need continuous education hours and they don't get enough on Mac's campus. If they don't have the qualifications it's an extra \$6,000 to re-complete their hours.
 - Philomena: Is this something they go to every year?
 - Luke: Yes.
- Luke: Is there a motion to vote on this request?
 - Katherine: Motion to approve \$4437.45 from the travel fund for Macalester First Aid.
 - FOR: 19
 - AGAINST: 0
 - ABSTAIN: 1
- Ryan: 19 for, 1 abstention, the motion passes. Now we're moving on to org charters from Sean.
- Sean: Is there anyone here to rep neurobiology because we'll have you go first.

SOC Org Charters ~ *Sean Maxfield* ~ 12 minutes


- [Charter Cheat Sheet Link](#)
 - Sean: We have 2 clubs to get chartered who made it through the SOC vote. If you go on the agenda there's a charter reading cheat sheet. When we're looking at a club, if you could look at their charter, the rep will talk for 2 mins then we'll have 3.5 minutes for questions.
- **☰ NEUROBIOLOGY Charter FINAL**

- Neurobiology Club Rep: Hi, my name is Peta, I use he/him pronouns. The purpose of this club is to provide opportunities to meet other students in research and similar interests to pursue careers in this field. We know that Mac offers a lot of support within the neuroscience and bio fields for premed students but there's not as much support for people who want to go to grad school. We want to bring it all together and be a guide to show people who to go to depending on what you're interested in. Also, as seniors we have more experience in research and presenting at conferences so it would be easier for us to teach members how to do these things rather than professors who don't really have time. We'll also have speakers, Mac alum, other professors, and grad students. There's plenty of med school things but not grad school things.
 - Cem: Where and when will it be held?
 - Peta: In OLRI because there's lots of open classroom spaces, Ellen said there's availability and it will be held every other week.
 - Lina: How many people do you think will be in the club?
 - Peta: So far we have 12 people but we haven't promoted it that much. Every year there's more and more neuro and bio majors, so I'm sure it won't be an issue.
 - Samantha: What would a regular meeting look like?
 - Peta: It would depend on a week to week and when conferences are. In the fall there's more conferences. We have FSN in 2 weeks, then there's Mid Brains which is the Midwest conference and there's another one in Wisconsin, too. Initially it would be more organized around conferences and shared experiences. Then we would go more into development and grad school apps when it's closer to those dates.
 - Sean: Who's your advisor?
 - Peta: Our advisor is Dr. Phillip Rivera. Really sweet, really helpful, really knowledgeable. He finished his masters in chemistry then got a doctorate in neuroscience and immunology and then got a postdoc too. All the professors are very open to the idea and friendly about helping us out.
 - Laurice: Do you have any idea how you're going to be financing these programs and conferences?

- Peta: The neuroscience program has a grant that offers around \$350. For FSN, we've already scheduled a few of us to go. We could get \$350 and the application was only \$150 so then we'd have costs of going to the conference which we would need help with. For example, next year the conference is in San Diego and obviously a ticket there is more expensive than going to Wisconsin.
 - Cooper: Motion to approve charter for the Neurobiology Club.
 - Ryan: Second? Alright.
 - FOR: 20
 - AGAINST: 0
 - ABSTAIN: 0
 - Ryan: The charter passes with 20 for.
-  The Macalester Urbanists: Charter. Version 1; 9/11/2024
 - Sean: The Mac Urbanists leaders couldn't make it so I'm going to be reading their charter. This is Timoteé and Everett speaking through me.
 - The Macalester Urbanists have 2 main goals - being a social and advocacy space for Mac students interested in urban design. We aim to examine the built environment and see how its characteristics address different issues. These can be examined through economic, geographic, political, environmental, international lenses. Our conclusions make us interested in transportation, housing, and land use problems. We could take on a project about Snelling Ave, where we would create a student led committee to address problems like pedestrian dangers. We might come to the conclusion that lanes could be smaller so cars are incentivized to drive slower. We could engage in advocacy by meeting with state reps because Snelling is a state owned road. The heart of our club is our committees. Last semester we had 3 committees. For reference, this club has been informal for about a year and has members. I-94 was a committee, Reconnect Rondo and Twin Cities Boulevard, Zoning Committee, and Tactical Urbanism Committee. Each committee is run by 1 or 2 leads. Timo and I are here for structural support so please reach out for additional info.
 - Sean: Any questions?
 - Elizabeth: What is the current membership and people who are in it?



- Sean: As of Sept. 26, they have 47 members and there's a Google Sheet that's linked. We're in the process with meeting individually with every member but these are people who have expressed interest in the club and with whom we've engaged. They do have a bunch of members and they held meetings last semester.
- Emi: Taking a look through their charter, have they spoken to anyone about external funding?
 - Sean: I think they mentioned that they might host joint events with the Geography department but I think when they say "gain money" that mean money they would request from FAC. They didn't mention any specific events for funding with the exception of conferences which they may go to. They wanted to become an org instead of staying informal was for transportation and going to the club fair.
- Cem: Will all of the plans be within the Twin Cities or will they go to other cities in Minnesota or other states?
 - Sean: I don't have an answer for that but they did mention they may look at urbanist issues in other places but for the time being they'll only focus on MSP.
- Chloe: Of the people who signed up, what is year level distribution?
 - Sean: I do not, but I can get you an answer.
- Ryan: There's no more time for questions, but is there a motion?
 - Cem: Motion to approve charter,
 - Ryan: Second? Ok, all for?
 - FOR: 18
 - AGAINST: 0
 - ABSTAIN: 3
- Ryan: This charter passes with 18 votes.

Retreat Recap ~ *Ryan Connor* ~ 8 minutes

-  **LB FALL 2024 EXPECTATIONS AND GOALS**
- Ryan: Thank you to everyone who was able to come. We'll be going over some of the expectations and goals we set at the retreat working from large group goals to individual committees.
 - Ryan: Some of our large group expectations are working on conflict together, assuming positive intent, and looking at representation of individual class reps and how we can take our role seriously, showing

up to events, and representing Macalester. Does anybody have anything to add to these goals or anything they want to make sure is clear for the rest of the upcoming year? K, perfect. Here are the three largest, more broad goals. Those are increasing student body awareness, engagement, and participation, support for student movements and initiatives, and making accessibility in spaces like improving student services and making sure services are accessible. So we also have individual sets of committee goals which were shared with committee chairs and will be shared at your next committee meetings. When we come back as a group, we can use these goals as a framework for committee updates, with liaisons as well. The larger list of expectations are up in the MCSG office on the wall. The biggest one for me is assuming positive intent. The whole point is that we're representing the student body and everyone has different interests, and that's the main point of MCSG.

Bylaw Edits ~ *Joel Sadofsky* ~ 8 minutes

-  TO EDIT MCSG Bylaws 2024-2025
-  TO EDIT MCSG Election Code 2024-2025
- Joel: Sorry I was late, I was at the BOT Academic Affairs meeting with Tristan and Laurie. We wanted to have some time to go through the process and actual documents and process of amending bylaws and amendment code. We want to get everyone up to speed and also marking them up, reading them, and discussing them.
 - Joel: According to the bylaws, we need to either amend or vote to give ourselves an extension by the 4th week, which is next week. According to the election code, we need to amend or give ourselves an extension by the 5th meeting of LB. It's nice to have these things done and to have people's eyes on them so, we'll take the next chunk of time to look over them in groups. This is a time we're all together and then we can go over everything and Ryan will bring us back together when we're out of time.
- Ryan: So just a reminder, we're working in small groups and if there are any changes or suggestions, just write them in there we can talk about them and then we will be voting on them next week.

[People discuss in groups]

- Ryan: We're going to wrap it up and move on. If you have more edits, feel free to make them in your free time and then we can vote on them.
 - [Speaker dies]

Speaker Election Results ~ *Ryan Connor* ~ 2 minutes

- Speaker keeps dying.
- Ryan: Ok, I'm gonna give it one more shot. Ok, at this point we're ready to announce the speaker election results. Just a reminder it's a secret ballot, so no info will be shared with anyone except me, Else, and Emi and we only look to make sure and verify the vote. We don't know how any individual voted. The winner of the speaker was Liv Peterson. So we'll connect more and talk about that later and next week you'll be taking over here. Now we're going to move onto committee updates and starting next week there will be no chairs talking, it'll be one of you guys.

Committee Updates ~ *Committee Chairs* ~ 3 minutes

- **Cabinet Updates** ~ *Cabinet Liaisons* ~ 3 minutes
 - Tristan: AAC is going to be meeting next week Monday from 12-1. We're working on getting the GSAC grant application out by the end of the month. We're also exploring other opportunities for the next semester and we'll be focusing on Mac Books and possibly reaching out to some administrators, as well.
 - Sean: SOC meets on Friday. This week was Liv's first week as FAC liaison so she sat in on the FAC meeting. There are two clubs whose charters we're going to send out edits for. The Mac Pre Medicine Association and we have more questions for them, and then the Go club. We're gonna do more on talking about their characters and then probably email vote on those clubs next week. There are 3 unchartered clubs that previously existed but fell out of charter because of lack of interest - Rocketry Club, Pool Club, and Entrepreneurship Club. Entrepreneurship Club and Rocketry Club have already sent me their new charters and we'll talk about whether SOC can vote on them or if they are different enough that they need to come in front of LB.
 - Mena: CEC met yesterday where we planned final SLT details which is next Tuesday and LB members can be there by 12pm. We started working on the September newsletter and we're calling it "Big 3 with MCSG" so it's 3 things to know about MCSG this month. We're also starting to plan legislation week so chairs should expect an email to start collaborating on that.
 - Luke: The big thing for FAC this week was this request. We also voted to reject a request and they appealed which will come in front of LB next week. This will look a bit different than other appeals we've

done in the past. I spoke to Badminton Club who we're looking to decrease their request. We voted to approve the At-Large members who will hopefully be joining us at the FAC meeting next Tuesday.

○ Ryan: Any liaison updates?

■ Catherine: I met with Tiger and Rachel of health promotion and I'm meeting with Reverend Kelly Stone of SRSL tomorrow. If people have questions about Hamre, Title IX, or SRSI please email me, would love to talk to you about it.

■ Laurice: As international student liaison, the ball is finally rolling. I had a meeting with ISP. We first talked about expectations, what my role looks like. The first issue I want to inform you about is FOMIS and FLAG, both programs once at Mac which gave international students a host family. For example, everybody is going to their domestic home, you would go to your host family for Thanksgiving. This project was scrapped over Covid and after that rebranded that as FLAG with just faculty. Right now there are 13 mentors and 37 people signed up. Pre-Covid there were over 200 interested so ISP wants to bring it back to its original state. We're starting to talk to student affairs, the body showing pushback around family liability. The second issue is entrepreneurship and international students. International students cannot engage around entrepreneurial activities. A problem is that an entrepreneurship class was offered and international students could not participate so we're working with ISP to create a document with regulations on how we can support international students who are entrepreneurs. Last thing, I got a feel of what the international student body looks like. The director of ISP let me know that 40-50% are Chinese nationals. This brought the question to me of how I am representing all of these people? This brought the idea of starting or forming some sort of international student advisory board with representatives from these nations.

■ Galjer: One thing as an RA, I've noticed that sex safety only has one big tote bag for each building. I brought this up to Tiger who's going to get me in contact with Hamre. I was able to host office hours from 4-5 on the second floor of the library and was able to talk to one student who had concerns about dining stuff.

- Kyrian: I was talking to Sam Taitel in the LSC and they're having a Kagin Renovation Committee and they're going to ask student input so they will be tabling on October 2 and 4.

Announcements ~ 2 minutes

- Meet the SLT ~ *Mena Feleke*
 - Tuesday October 1st
 - LB members please arrive at 11:30am
- Mathilda: If you're someone who's newly elected, please stop by me on the way out, I want to get your hometown.
- Joel: There's an update about the future of the C-House in today's Mac Daily. I would encourage all to read that and will be in the know about something that MCSG has been talking about for years.
- Galjer: Mac for Palestine is having a divestment rally from 4-5 by the flagpole and I think as reps it's important to show up.
- Ryan: We're good to adjourn, thank y'all.