

MCSG LB Minutes 4/28

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Meeting begins 19:00

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| 00 | IC: Alright everyone lets get started, this is our last meeting so lets make it a good one. First we have a presentation by the Student Employment Advisory committee. |
| 01 | SEAC: Hello everyone. We want to start with the increased minimum wage and how it affect financial aid. Coming up every job will be paying \$9/hr. regardless of position. We spread information about this change to employers on campus so they are aware of what is happening. There will still be tiers with \$.25 separating each one. For 2015 -6 award amounts you can see the comparison between domestic and international student awards. For domestic students there will be a cap on the amount available. Also Jesse, the library manager, made an hourly calculation chart for this and next year for every student employee to see how much they need to work. If you're a student worker you should have gotten it last semester. We also discussed non-monetary incentives, one thing that was suggested was resume help. This is a way for students and employers to get together and see how student employment can help them later in their careers. We also worked on student worker appreciation week. In the past we incentivized students by sending a message to their SPOs but this year we did an email instead. We also set up whiteboards around campus for students to write thank-you notes for student employees. I took a few pictures of these boards, it seems like students really utilized them and had a great impact. Some of us walk from store to store and got discounts for student employees at a bunch of places around campus. That's it! |
| 09 | CD: Why is there a difference between domestic and international student awards? SEAC: Since int students have less opportunities to get grants then they are awarded more. JL: Its also related to state mandated rules. |
| 10 | IC: Now is library and media services presentation. LMS: The other rep couldn't come so its just me tonight. There have been 4 main projects. The first is updating the online system, the old one ended last year and we've been putting in more work since then. The actual system is working on a new interface for it to make it all available on the same page. Macalester is involved in beta testing for this program too. The second is the collection management project. Its cutting down on the huge collection that is unused on campus. Working with professors to find collections that are unused. Over 20000 have been removed. There are 20000 left to review. The books were donated to local and international libraries. The third project is the move of media services into the library. Its an ongoing process. It includes the new service desk, dvds, and multimedia stuff. The fourth one is about eBook use in the classroom. We've been looking at the advocacy rights for their use. The two quick projects we also been doing is collabing with sociology capstone work with some students. The capstone was presented recently. There is also a program this summer for high school girls engaging in technology-based STEM experiences. |
| 15 | IC: Any questions? DT: Congrats on all the work done. It's a great initiative. So you're talking about the process of moving the media into the library, is there a way for us to help out with that? |
| 16 | LMS: Having students on the committee would be great, I'm prompted often to quote what students feel about changes and can use your help to focus that. |
| 17 | IC: Now is printing waste reduction plan with Peace. PM: Early in the year Joan talked about this plan getting worked on, I was the student rep involved. I know we all need to print, the goal is to reduce printing waste. In order to do this we have a plan. We will represent real-time data and information to students while their printing. This includes installing Papercut on all the computers, it's a program that shows everyone their printing history. There are different tabs that shows you how much your behavior in printing has affected the environment. There is also a feature that shows the mean printed page numbers and counts down how much you print compared to everyone else. You can see the icon here. Here are some pictures of the interface. This will not introduce any new charges for your printing, its just so people can be aware. |
| 22 | SD: Is this a paid system? JM: Its already been paid for. CD: Are you working with the people who do the screens showing energy use in the dorms? PM: Not really JL: How are people going to know the printing is a suggestion and not a limit when it comes to the interface? PM: We hope to publicize it really well so everyone will know. We don't want anyone to feel limited, however we do want people to know how much they use. |
| 24 | IC: You should print something out and put it by the printers. JM: It's a whole media campaign too, its getting built into the sustainability campaign so it'll gather a lot of attention. |
| 26 | DT: Has there been any discussion for long-term changes to the policy toward printing? PM: Right now this is the plan... It's a measure put in place to see how Mac students will react to this. Some schools charge for pages and we don't want to do that. IC: We will now move on to our first old business piece, Will's bill. |
| 27 | WT: This is the bill we talked about last week. It's the accountability one which add new bylaws for MCSG execs. It is designed not to kick people off but instead create a system to stage a hearing for that member. If someone fails, particularly execs, to perform a duty they will be put in front of a hearing. From there the committee can decide to remove the member through various ways. I went through the bylaws and I assigned exec duties to make these duties clear. I brought a few friends as well so they can share their thoughts. I motion to approve bill 0009. RD: The guests can start us off. If you have something prepared... |
| 31 | IC: I think a lot of this stuff is already in the bylaws... Section three is great but it doesn't belong in the bylaws. Referring in the bylaws to other bylaws is funny to me, but I want to cut down on the bylaws. The judicial council idea for accountability is interesting to me as well. We already have things in place for this. Any LB member can make a motion to remove somebody. If I don't do an obligation you don't need a bylaw to refer them to the judicial council. To me this is a lot of redundancy and unnecessary additions. WT: The reason I did this originally is so people know what their responsible for. It sets a legal precedent for holding people accountable for certain sections of the bylaws. Yes, any LB member can take action. Its not transparent enough yes, I wanted to bring the JC in because they're outside of the LB. It will be harder for someone inside the committee to take someone out of the LB. The JC is an outside observer that can help with intra-government oversight. |
| 36 | JL: By saying a roman numeral for referring sections to bylaws, if bylaws are reorganized then you might lose the place. |
| 37 | HT: Does this make the JC responsible for watching us? WT: Ideally yes. AB: Two things, the part of the beginning, I really don't think its needed that we mention transition documents in the bylaws. We should allow for flexibility for these communications. Also I know you think an outside group is good, I think having people in the LB holding people accountable allows for a lot more nuance. Sometimes mistakes happen and its easier to understand this if you're inside the group. |
| 39 | JG: I think we should all be experts in the bylaws. Its our bylaws. We should also cut down on the bylaws. RD: To Hannah's point, this doesn't make people read the bylaws more which is the problem. I think the idea of the JC as an oversight committee is not reflective of their real responsibilities. My experience with them has been negative. They need to make judgements yes but their appointed by the Dean and won't have a good impact on the actual problem. WT: I agree we should be experts, but the thing is we're not. When I was on the EPC I forgot to send the ballots two days early to student away. I think these bylaws aren't meaner, they codify a path to take to make us more accountable. IC: We've had this for a while and we have guests so we should continue. JL: M2Q. |
| 42 | IC: This bill is an amendment and it needs 2/3rds to pass. 3 for, 20 opposed, 0 abstain |
| 43 | IC: Thanks everyone for coming in to support Will's Bill. SD: We have three reps from the National Society for Leadership and Success. |
| 44 | NSLS: We're here because we want to start a new chapter on campus. I'll go through the program real quick and then go through the funding structure. This program has been around for 15 years and had chapters all over the nation. We are open to the entire student body so you don't you need to be a member to engage in our programs. There are benefits of being a member including scholarships. Each year the national office invites 6 speakers to come in and give different aspects. Next year we plan on inviting guest speakers to speak to campus about leadership. We will host workshops for students but some of them will be exclusive for members. We have been working closely with the national office about this. Lets talk about funding. There is a fee for members that will go direct to the local chapter. The fee is a due each year though. The first year is free, the second and third years will be tiered into pillars. We are going to host a lot of fundraising events too. The fee students pay will be for them to access the website and other benefits. We can also apply for grants from the national office. |
| 50 | SD: Before we do questions, the SOC met with the NSLS. None of us recommended this for the LB. Because it is the last meeting we'd have to suspend the bylaws and charter their org today which takes 2/3rds. IC: We'll take some questions then move to suspend if someone wants to. |
| 52 | JZ: What's the added value that this group will bring? What's the difference between with this group and the career development center. NSLS: I'm part of a lot of activates on campus, we got this question at the SOC meeting too. I must say being a part of a group does not mean you'll become a leader in the group. You also won't necessarily learn the right skills for leaderships. Looking around I see all of you who have tried hard to be leaders and focus you're leadership skills. This will create a space for leaders to learn. I've had experience with actual leadership classes too, there is a big difference between being in a club and developing exact skills. There are plenty of ways to access this sure, but many people don't know where to get it. For kids who are looking specifically for leadership courses then this is the place to go. |
| 55 | JZ: My concern is that there is already a leadership program in place from the student activities. I'm concerned with the membership fee and having a barrier between people who can get to this. Some thing you need to pay to be a part of to get a benefit makes me uncomfortable. NSLS: This fee is for the extra benefits yes, but the core is available to every student. You have the choice to get the extra benefits. Over the weekend we gathered 50 signatures from students. If you don't try it you never know. Our first year is free and so we don't need the MCSG to give us money. I say that we should try it out for a semester and see who has shown interest. IC: I think we should move to suspend the bylaws to consider this charter. |

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| | 0 for, 23 opposed, 0 abstain |
| 00 | IC: It fails. Come back next year though. Next up is the bill 0010 |
| | JL: This bill is a product of conversation happening with SAAC and MCSG bylaws. This bill, coupled with a motion later, reorganizes SAAC within student government. We had some discussions with it becoming a non-chartered org, etc. This is an introduction but I would like to approve it today. It transfers their charter org into the main system |
| | RD: Move to suspend the bylaws to vote on this bill |
| | 21 for, 2 opposed, 0 abstain |
| 04 | RB: Why is this change happening now? |
| | JL: Basically many sports teams need NCAA reps for their team to exist. During the audit we realized that SAAC wasn't fitting with the MCSG bylaws. We looked at the purpose of the org, its not just NCAA compliance but also integrating the student body and sports teams. The initial purpose of this document is to advocate for the entire student body and athletes as one. |
| | RD: I move to question. |
| 06 | IC: This needs 2/3rds to pass. |
| | 20 for, 3 opposed, 0 abstain |
| 07 | KF: What are the logistics for unchartering? |
| | JL: That'll come in a bit. |
| | IC: Now old business, the budget! |
| 08 | JK: The FAC met again and came back with a real number! I move to put the budget back on the table. |
| | IC: Ok... so what are the numbers on the table? |
| | JK: The operating fund, \$165975.48 plus more for capital, thus a total of \$177489.48 for orgs next year. The capital budget left over with be 7k about and will be rolled over to the next budget. |
| | JL: I have two motions to make. I move to amend SAACs budget to 0 as they are now part of student gov. |
| | IC: M2Q |
| 11 | 23 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain |
| | JL: Second motion, there are 5 orgs that didn't audit. They were told many times over the consequences. So, I move to amend the budget for art history club, maseca, the trads, and zaboomba. |
| | SN: As a future thing, advisors should be contacted too. That would make it easier for them to fix changes. |
| | JM: This is a direct question. What do student orgs need to do to unfreeze? And how is that different for those with no budget? |
| 14 | JL: Freezing is cutting access. The bylaws say if you don't audit then the org is unable to request money. To get out you need to complete the audit with Suveer. They will then request funding and apply after this. |
| 15 | AH: Storage, if orgs have storage and are frozen what happens? |
| | JL: I don't know. That can be for the facilities to decide. |
| | RD: Motion to amend the motion to add UU. |
| | IC: I M2Q |
| | 22 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain |
| | IC: Amendment passes. |
| | RD: If we don't do this we violate our bylaws. We can be referred to the judicial council. So lets pass it. |
| 17 | JG: M2Q |
| | 21 for, 1 opposed, 0 abstain |
| 18 | IC: Motion passes. Now the budget is back on the table. Jennie can you remind us of the numbers? |
| | JK: There are no changes to the capital. \$163,054 is on the table. |
| 19 | HT: What happened to Black History months budget? |
| | JK: They didn't come in to present |
| | KF: Move to approve the 2015-6 budget. |
| | 22 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain |
| 21 | IC: We have a few more things with the FAC... |
| | JL: There is still one more thing from me. |
| | LW: I move to uncharter SAAC. |
| | CW: M2Q |
| | 21 for, 1 opposed, 0 abstain |
| | JK: We got an additional allocation request from Scotch Tape. They want money for the mechanical permissions for some songs. I move to approve \$833.20. We have enough money, don't worry. |
| | JZ: M2Q |
| | 17 for, 3 opposed, 2 abstain |
| 24 | IC: That was the last motion we will pass (. Next are updates. I'm going to be... Chief of staff and secretary positions are up. |
| | AB: I thought this was on the agenda but SSRG got a cChest update on the model minority mutiny request for their panelists. We gave them \$100 extra for each of their speakers. We emailed them last Sunday and didn't get a reply. They ended up asking for another panelist and we approved it. I move to approve the cChest update for an additional \$800. |
| 27 | JM: When is this happening? I haven't heard anything about it... |
| | AB: I told them to contact you. |
| | JK: M2Q |
| | IC: I object. |
| | 7 for, 14 opposed, 0 abstain |
| | IC: What Joan just said troubles me. Also, we're just giving them an extra \$100? |
| | AB: We've done that with basically every other event... |
| | JM: If they don't talk to me before the end of the semester then their panelists won't get paid. |
| 29 | RD: I would be cool funding this, it would just suck if they didn't do the contract. What happens if they don't? |
| | JM: We'll have to see if the accounting office will go back into last years budget and pull from there. |
| | AB: We're blowing it out of proportion. They are experienced students and the funding was last0minute so I think that's the biggest reason. Why would they start a contract if they didn't have the money? |
| | HT: We already voted for it so this is just more money. |
| | IC: I move to question. |
| | 22 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain |
| 31 | IC: That's everything on the agenda. We'll do our final updates. |
| | RD: Senior reps are supposed to go to the first meeting of the new LB. Actually never mind. |

Meeting ends 20:45