

MCSG LB Minutes 4/14

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02	SN: Ok this is the budget for the spring semester as it stands. Currently total money is around 43k. This doesn't take into account springfest and other event we have planned, honestly it's a quite normal amount to have at the end of the year. IC: Moving along then to the presentation on new Kagin rules.
	JM: Kagins! So you all know we've been going to kagins this semester to get our impressions. We have a the following things that will standardize the process and have more accountability. We are going to limit the number of kagins, 2 a month, managed with staff. We have a grad assistant that will take the most and the rest of staff will help too. There will always be a staff member there so work with coordination. The other reason we limit is more collaboration between groups, more consistency, and we'll know how much money it'll take on average. There are some exceptions though, we would allow a third kagin if they can find a faculty or staff person to attend. We're placing them on fridays only, saturdays have mac at night which is coordinated by the grad student we hired. The next thing is sometimes orgs work with other schools, this came into play with Afrika and PFs. In the cases of people from outside the school who want to attend kagin, they will have to give a list beforehand of students. These students will also require a student id and that in order to insure accountability. Sometimes hosts have more than one PFs, the PFs can come in but they will have to be paired with their host. On the months that we have big events we'll I count that as a kagin. We hope to pick those dates out next week and advertise to orgs. Then we can put out a list in the fall for kagin slots. We'll also have a limit on which org can take up spaces.
11	IC: My first concern was about having the rule of no kagin with mac at nights. Sometimes having both at the same night is beneficial, kagin and mac at night can be alternatives for people who either do or don't want to drink. Also by counting founders day and winter ball is restricting even more so. I would be in favor as not counting that a kagins.
13	JG: it shouldn't be a requirement for PFs who want to go to kagin to have their host. Also what are your conversations with the security? AH: How do orgs get kagins? A couple org leaders are concerned about that. The other thing is what about friends and siblings, do they have to register?
	JM: For lans question, the limitation isn't about the type of event but also a staffing issue. I can't have one person covering both things. That's why I included the caveat of finding your own staff person as an option. Also about the security, they are from off campus. If there is a complaint about the security then let the staff person know or us, we'll I get in contact with their employers. The PFs, the reason why we want them with their hosts is because technically the rule is one to one. I don't want one person bringing in six PFs. I thought there was only one host to one PF but that's not the case. Either way I don't want a different standard for Mac students than PFs. Aris question was about signing kagins, it'll probably be on a first come first serve basis, if you think there is a better way of ranking it then let me know. We can't really determine it any other way.
18	AB: What we could do is at the beginning of the year what the most important things are to determine how the staff is placed. JM: So should we dole out kagins this semester or this semester? It'll be a bumpy start but I think doing it by semester would help adapt better. CD: Are you counting springfest and winterball? JM: Winter ball and founders day as it is covered by our staff. If somebody found somebody else to cover it then that's fine. RD: So if I host a dance event then I'll be required to have staff, would that be a kagin? JM: Yes, or if someone wanted a 10k dance then that would still count.
23	SN: So if an org can find a staff then they could have as many kagins as they want? And what training would that entail? JM: They'd have to meet with us first and have a conversation, they should get that training.
24	LW: Direct question, how do you define a dance and where does your policy fall? JM: Some orgs have a cultural thing which is just dancing/social event. It still requires security and participation of staff. I'll work more on the definition. IC: thanks. Next is social responsibility committee
26	Sam and Fasheen: The SRC is an advisory committee that takes students ideas for social change, review them, and propose them to the board and the president. Two student reps, 2 from BoT, 2 from staff, 2 from faculty. We've been working mostly on fossil free mac. The proposal is asking to pull investments from the top 200 oil and coal companies based on carbon reserves. This is a big issue and an important decision. David put together a long report about this issue. The SRC has met a few times to deliberate this measure. We're coming close to making an official recommendation. We also have to talk to students and get their opinions. I think we'd be happy to take questions or things you'd like to see brought up in the future.
30	LW: How will you make the recommendation communicated? SRC: It'll be formatted for distribution NE: Did you talk to the investment committee? SRC: Yeah the chief has been coming to all our meetings and helped with the data. NE: How much of our investment is in fossil fuels? SRC: We don't have direct holdings but invest in mutual funds. A lot of the exposure isn't in the top 200. IC: Thanks for coming. Next up is resolution 00003.
32	JZ: As you've seen in the daily piper the form went out for internship funding. This is our follow-up resolution that underlines why we value this. In order to keep moving forward. I motion to approve resolution 00003. IC: Discussion is not on the resolution. JK: M2q
34	23 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain JZ: Next steps is 10 internships this summer. That application process is happening now. Were talking with donors, getting a fund set up, basically trying to ensure this fund will continue in the future.
35	SD: Will funding be based on need? JZ: You can look at the application, it's a preliminary found that will help determine the future of the program. It isn't solely need-based but need is factored into the equation. I understand that a holistic picture will be taken. IC: I suggest since we already voted then ask questions after. Bill 0007 is next CW: This is the student rep responsibilities bill. We rectified our conversation based off of the feedback we got last week. We're trying to make clear our formalized language. Yeah, any questions? CD: We took out some parts but kept in the requirement to meet at the beginning of the semester.
39	LW: Have you added a mechanism for enforcement? CW: No. I move to approve this bill, 0007. WT: When we talk about my bill then we'll talk about a mechanism. 20 for, 5 opposed
41	JZ: Now for the LCB bill. IC: I'll consider this the introduction. RD: I think we should suspend the bylaws and vote for this. WT: We shouldn't suspend the bylaws, we shouldn't make it a habit. Its not completely done and we haven't had time to give feedback. I don't think we should suspend the bylaws nor change them cavalierly.
43	JK: I am going to disagree, I think we should vote today. The end waits for no one and orgs need money. JG: I second Jennie, the LCB had no clear direction and I think we've discussed it long enough. JZ: We've talked about these changes a couple weeks ago, it's the same thing we talked about last time with one addition. I don't think we have set a precedent for suspending bylaws and don't have time in the year to do it. IC: I motion to suspend the bylaws and vote on the document. WT: You can't do that. IC: I wrote myself down earlier. RD: And he totally can. IC: All those in favor of suspending the bylaws 17 for, 7 against, 0 abstain
47	JK: I motion to approve this bill. IC: Now discussion is just on this bill. AH: If we're voting on the idealology and not the language.
48	JZ: Blue is addition, yellow is change/cut. There's also a numbering issue, there it is. I'll go through the changes really quick. We're not going to be a handout to orgs but instead a collaborator. Previously we were supposed to report every month but we changed that.

	RD: I don't agree with a lot of the language in this bill. The progress reports should be about the event you're hosting. I don't agree that the LCB should be able to collab with other groups on campus. I think LCB should spent their money on speakers and put the rest of the money to the LCB.
	JZ: Collaboration can be very impactful to campus. Our job is to bring big speakers, to eliminate the ability to collaborate would make things much more complicated.
52	NE: In point C, what does impossible events without LCB funding mean? JZ: It functions as a whole, we don't want to give money to people who have money. We don't want to take away from the Cchest . We want to put in guidelines for how we collaborate.
	WT: This is why I didn't want us to suspend the bylaws. I think we need to maintain this bill because we can't legislate on intention. The LCB has the word coordination in its name. This means the LCB should have the power on campus to make these events happen. If we change that language then we're changing the nature of the LCB, on intention and not language. The language needs to be the check. We should restrict the ability of the LB to judicate on the LCB. IC: We don't have time to keep this us, keep it brief.
56	CP: I think the student activity fee should be allocated by elected members and not selected individuals. I think it should roll over back. RD: I agree with will that there is a broader debate, the emergency of the situation comes from this year. I would rather remove all language in this bill. As an emergency protocol we should roll the money back this year. There is a lot of things we can keep discussing. Instead we should talk about moving the money. JM: Coordination is huge for bringing high level speakers. They're not trying to be a funding body but instead have the option to allocate money with cooperation from other pools. Both Jim, I, and Suresh has talked about it. IC: The amendment Rothin was discussing cannot be done as it changes the intent of the bill.
00	RD: Is there something that reads that way? IC: Its in Roberts Rules of Order. It changes the intent of the bill.
01	SLK: We should bring an official amendment. You should change some other parts of this bill because of some inconsistencies.
02	JZ: PB is not elected. Its not that big of a deal for collaboration, we're blowing this out of proportion. The only events that are collaborating are the ones that reflect our mission. We already suspended the bylaws so lets vote on this.
03	RD: Move to question IC: Alright, all those is favor 12 for, 12 against, 0 abstain IC: The motion fails because of a tie. There is a motion...
05	WT: Can I bring it back by asking for a roll call vote? I motion to reconsider. IC: Ok, lets vote on voting. 17 for, 7 against, 0 abstain
06	IC: Alright we're back to reconsider. M2q 13 for, 11 against, 0 abstain JL: Its an amendment to amend the bylaws, it needs 2/3rds. IC: I'm going to do a revote.
08	JZ: What was the exact wording to suspend the bylaws? It was for the purpose of voting IC: Ok, I'm redoing the question 16 for, 8 against, 0 abstain IC: Bill passes. We have guests... CD: I motion to suspend the bylaws in order to extend the meeting by 30 mins JK: m2q 16 for, 6 against, 2 abstain IC: We have suspended the bylaws. Now Mac marital arts is here.
12	MMA: Marital arts club, we've had a large growth of students. Sparring is now happening. With that, we need more protective gear. Helmets, the ones we have get knocked off. Gloves, important for protections. Chest pads, we have one pad. Feet pads, its important for protection. Shin pads, they break easily. We went through our gear and found a lot of it is broken. Mats, we use the same mats that have been used for a decade. They are decrypt. The most important thing is safety. We do a lot of grappling and not striking. The other issue is space, these mats don't cover the whole floor. Mat space is an issue when we have only 8 mats. Next is instructors. We took a few students to our jujitsu conference. We expected the class to grow in jujitsu, the fact we have a lot of focus in that class propels us to get a trainer who has more experience. We had an estimate for an instructor for one a week, you can see it here. JM: Do you currently have your students sign waivers? MMA: The club has been changing quite a bit, we have a lot more new people. We're in talks with other orgs to work on our system. IC: Thanks for coming in. Sitting at Mac is here now.
18	SAM: We're Macalester's only meditation group. We do thrice weekly meditations. It's a mix of secular meditations and Buddhist ideas. We've been an org for years but have never budgeted before, so we're not sure... IC: This is a presentation not an appeal. I would recommend just talking about what you're budgeting for. SAM: Ok, we have some chant books with Buddhist chants. We bought a new candle. A Buddha for the altar and plants to have. We want to do 4 retreats this coming year. For on campus retreats, food and lodging are each 300\$ and transport is 0\$. Off campus is a bit more, \$2700 for the whole thing. KF: Money for lodging on campus?
22	SAM: Our on campus retreat was in the church across the street... We're not sure yet is the basic answer. KF: Then what can it potentially be? SAM: A donation to the Plymouth church for example. There is a huge interest for meditation, we think having meditation for beginners workshop would be helpful. We need publicity supplies and some speakers. Richard Davidson would be one thing, KP Hong, and Mark Anderson, our instructor, knows a bunch of people. We have the most sign-ups for any other religious group. We hope this budget will help keep our interest and really make this group something special. SN: How many go to your retreats? SAM: About a dozen. CD: For the retreat, how did you get money? SAM: It was through the travel grant, we approved it but needed more. We got money also through a donation basis. That about it, we know it's a large budget but we hope it will help our org grow. IC: You can come back next week and appeal. Thanks for coming.
27	JK: That concludes org presentations for big budgets. Those that have had budgets over 4000 and who haven't presented will not be getting funding. SAM we approved \$0. They placed it in the additional allocation box instead. MMA we approved 3640, we want them to work with the LC for mats and provide better quotes for the instructor. They also didn't use checkbook.
29	CW: What's happening with orgs and their appeals? IC: We'll vote on the budget now and hear appeals coming up. AB: I think if you guys can send out a missal about the appeals process that would be great for those orgs who don't know what's going on. JG: Did you look at SAM's budget? JK: No, we didn't see it because of where it was placed. AB: It seemed last week that people were confused about consent. I motion to reconsider motion 0002.
32	JL: If we want to reconsider that should be fine but Lamont should be here. AB: I purposely didn't invite him because the presence of the person in question of the bill sways our opinions.
33	RD: Think about what passing a resolution means. A resolution, like a lot of things, become bigger than the author. I think we should reconsider, we're muddying consent. Any situation that allows for public nudity that is triggering shouldn't be supported by us.
35	IC: Not inviting Lamont is against what we stand for. We shouldn't not invite people because we might hurt their feelings. It's not transparent, I'm uncomfortable with it. JL: I was an author on this because if anyone wants a resolution passed they need help. Ian, it's an us problem not a problem disrespecting Lamont. Consent, the way it was written states that guidelines for consent follow guidelines of the college. The language... IC: The motion to reconsider on the table, not the bill

	JL: if you can show me the line of where consent is being muddled then I want to see.
37	DT: I do think that our opinions can be swayed. We don't want to be mean but I don't think we should allow our personal situation to encounter what we vote on. We don't have time to vote and go back on this next week. What would Lamont act like if he heard. IC: We could approve to open up discussion and then table it. RD: I move to question IC: Any objections? I understand the intent behind a hasty action. 10 for, 14 against, 0 abstain IC: Does not pass. Now Will will present b0009
40	WT: This first bill is in regards to transparency. We need to create a timeline. This bill will make a few things required of the staff to have a more stable timeline. Some of this stuff may seem unnecessary. If we don't have a physical copy to show, think about how hard it is for non-MCSG members to find this stuff. This is a really simple yet powerful move to get our transparency out there. IC: My only thing is that this becomes active next year. I don't think we should have more responsibilities for the staff at the end of the year.
44	WT: We're missing a bill online. I worry we're going to lose a bill in the future. JL: We didn't lose it we skipped it. The CoS last semester didn't keep things orderly. If we reconsider 0002 we could write to skip it or considerate.
45	NE: I think the binder idea is a great idea. When it comes to the resolution then I would suggest the reconsidered title on t here as well.
46	DT: I think the mac weekly is a great tool for conversation, have you talked to them? WT: Yeah I've been talking with Joe, this is the language that the Mac weekly approves. Tess: I think that Mac weekly should also show up.
47	WT: Next is b0010. We need to talk about accountability. This follows the constitution. I've noticed that we haven't always fulfilled all of our jobs. Some of the stuff we've missed is out of our control. We have had mess -ups all over the place. This bill defines a way for execs to look at the bylaws and make a timeline for responsibility. I went through h and applied a responsibility to each member. It also includes a method of following up on the rules, bringing negligent people before a hearing at the Judicial council. They can't kick people off but they can propose the idea to the LB. They can also keep some leeway.
51	IC: I like some of this some I don't. We should talk to will bout this over the week. RD: There is a lot in there. Will do you want to bring this to the next LB? JL: When it comes to... I'll ask you later.
52	AB: SSRC is next. We got 2 cchest requests. One was for an event for next year so we didn't approve it. The other one was for \$480 and we approved it, but I'm not sure if we should now...
53	RD: I told the guy behind the request to talk to FAC. NE: I think their speaker is coming now. AB: As I mentioned last week we're having a follow-up to the sexual assault forum we held. This one is all discussion based, still on the same four topics we mentioned earlier.
55	DY: The American sniper screening was not approved since we don't have the money. Geo club asked for 0\$, they had back up money. They needed to let us know before they transferred the money. JL: First, this geo club thing is for the department. I think we shouldn't allow an org to purchase any outside this except for the outing club. The club shouldn't do something like this since we give outing club a lot of money.
57	JG: I agree we shouldn't by for departments, outing club shouldn't limit what orgs want to buy. JM: Are you the head of the club? JL: This was coming from the treasurer. JM: Unless their charter says they can go over your head then that could be a violation.
59	RD: In response to Jenny, if we decided there was a need for tents then we should buy more. We shouldn't give specific groups certain things. If they want the tents they should get it from outing club.
00	JL: We've had a bad job this year of tackling capital. We need to have a space for everyone to access it. JG: Then we shouldn't cut money from outing club. If they are also providing for the rest of campus then their budget should be reflecting that. DY: Off kilter requested an allocation for sound recording. We recommended no funding for it. Its an event, not capital.
02	NE: I think when orgs make a mistake like this and put requests in the wrong category we should contact them and not just not fund them. JL: there is also a distinction here, technically the recording itself will last forever and the event is to make that happen. I think we should approve everything but the rental space. Creating a product that will last forever, that could be considered as capital. We separated studio time from rental.
05	JK: I move to approve \$825 for off-kilter, every but the studio rental space. JZ: I like this motion, we approved another group to do this so we should approve it for everyone else. The err is on us for helping get people money.
06	CD: If you're making a CD, is that a publication? RD: Can they come back for the other \$150 as a normal request? JK: Yes and we can approve it. PM: M2Q 23 for, 0 opp, 0 abstain DY: MacSUPER, we didn't have any money and the speaker is not coming. I make a motion to... IC: If we're... make the motion DY: I motion to approve \$0. JG: M2Q 22 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstain
09	IC: Now the moment we've all been waiting for. JK: Yes. Some amendments I'll make right now. Black History month and maseca... JL: Didn't maseca not go over 4000\$ JK: Ok so its just black history month. I move to approve the 2015 -2016 budget as it stands. NE: If we approve it and there are appeals, what happens? IC: What should happen tonight is we talk about this right now, make some changes, and anyone who wants to make that appeal can. We can then table it and talk about it tomorrow. SD: If it all comes to the 50% slash then it will apply to all the orgs? JK: We'll get to that. RD: Would be bad for consistency, its not a rule thing. We can cut each org individually if we want.
13	JM: The cut for an org can also be cut or appealed to by the org itself. We can make exceptions, we have that power in the case of needed operations. IC: I move to amend the budget to change the 50% cut to a 30% cut.
15	JW: Why? IC: It shows... I don't want to deal with as many add allocations next year. Block budgeting reduces that but I think we'll sti ll get a bunch more. It still sends the same message. Reducing the cut also shows that we take into account what people say. Maybe we are a little lenient to orgs, but we have a responsibility. RD: I think 50% cut makes a bigger difference. Currently our relationship is no respect for our rules and a missing 100,000 dollars. I think 50% is a good number. We need to make a statement and have orgs that spend their budget come back. AB: I also agree with the 50% cut. We have no idea if orgs will come back.
18	RB: I agree with Ian. I know that we need to hold people accountable, but orgs had no indication that their budgets will be slashed if they didn't follow the rules. NE: I think we should do a 30% cut, on MCSG we overestimate the knowledge of the processes that exist. We're here week after week and we assume everyone knows what we do. I also think punishment is not the best way to reinforce commitment. 30% is enough to ensure accountability. The rest of the org is dealing with the fallout. Even though checkbook is a big deal we overestimate the flow of knowledge. It shouldn't be such a big punishment. JL: Over the course of the cut orgs have come up and agreed that a cut was reasonable. We can talk our way in circles to have a forum... we need teeth. Shit sucks, but it allows us to keep track better of our money. Its already a privilege to orgs to how much money they get, they should just keep track of what it is. IC: An across the board cut happens. I looked at the numbers, the increase was about 16 -17k. It seems to me that the ones that are being cut are the small orgs that are more easily missed. We only need quorum to start the

meeting.
SDA: I move to table this amendment until next week. Scratch that, I change that to tabling the whole discussion.
WT: M2Q
16 for 0 opposed 0 abstain
IC: Lets not do announcements. Its been a long MCSG day. See you next week

Meeting ends 21:26