

MCSG Minutes 10/28

Attendees

Konnor F	Steph M	Cole W	Ari H	Michelle K
Heather J	Abaki B	Rick B	Aman I	Alexx H
Akila C	Jennie K	James L	Peace M	Seth L-K
Caroline D	Chris P	Suveer D	Tejas S	Jenny G
Diego T	Sana N	Biftu T	Nandita E	Sean D

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>meeting begins 19:05<

:05 KF: Alright first lets get some announcements out of the way

JL: for SOC, I've got some details on the upcoming MPRIG referendum. Yesterday was the beginning of the opt-out process. Every year \$16 from each students activity fee goes towards the MPRIG fund, or instead to the op fund. Today they plan on hosting a Q&A about MPRIG. The form itself is a bit confusing, as yes means you will not pay by opting out and no means you won't opt out. We would like to see a good turnout this year so get the word out. EPC says bylaws mean we can't take a stance either way, in accordance with campaign rules. No announcements or formal advocacy until Nov 10<sup>th</sup>.

:09 CD: What about raising voter awareness?

JL: That's fine, but don't take a position either way until next week.

AB: What will people be voting on?

JL: It's a referendum to decide whether we make a new contract with MPRIG for next year. If the ref passes we get a new contract.

:11 AH: Whens the deadline for opting out?

JL: Saturday I believe. We hold on to the list, submit from check.

KF: Alrighty, Jennie you have 5 minutes to update before our next guest.

JK: Quick update, FAC tabled a JSPRG request, denied one from mac pics and mac martial arts because they were late. We approved \$80 for Hip Hop for Hope for Habitat for Humanity. The first meeting is Sunday! Ok, now my guest is here. The outing club is back with a request for \$5120.

:15 OC: Hello my name is Nicola and I'm the treasurer for the outing club. We're here so you guys can approve our budget for the year.

JK: we were concerned about some stuff initially but we worked most of it out.

JL: Your budget includes travel money but you already get funding from the travel grant. I thought you can't double dip for travel funds.

:16 JH: Some grants from the travel grant are split/ us

OC: The travel grant denied food requests in the past, we want low operating fees.

JL: Are there travel grant stuff in our bylaws?

JH: The bill passed for the TG.

:17 JK: I move to approve.

2<sup>nd</sup> jenny

JL: We should all know that we're allowing TG & FAC to be contributing to the outing club travel fund. It's a double dip.

:18 CW: I M2Q

**Motion passes 23 for 1 op 1 ab**

:19 CP: Left budget was for food... Is that different for bylaws limiting %10 of total budget?

JK: We're looking into it.

AB: SSRC no updates. T shirts should be this week.

AH: Are they long sleeves?

AB: Short and they're probably grey. I haven't decided yet. It'll be a neutral color.

:22 JK: Are the shirts not made in a sweatshop?  
AB: I picked the cheapest option. Its from the same place as last year.  
SN: Whats our budget for shirts? Are they cheaper online?  
AB: We have \$300 to spend. Getting them online would be a lot more expensive.  
SD: Can we increase the budget?

:23 AB: I don't think so.  
JH: I control the budget. How much more do you want?  
RB: I think we should decrease the budget. Why do we even have them? Also who is paying for them?  
JH: It was traditionally only for the exec board, they all got sweatshirts. We use them to identify ourselves at big events and other official functions.

:25 JL: I just looked it up, they are made sweatshop free.  
RB: Maybe next year we can do screen printing at the art building instead.

:26 JK: Mac care submitted their budget for a workshop. They will be discussing food oppression and other topics. The request is \$612. I move to approve this allocation.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sean  
RB: What is the \$500 part for?  
JK: They plan on bringing in a speaker  
JL: This is a group from last year we supported, I think we should give them the money.  
JK: Oh and the proposed date is wrong, that one is from last year.

:28 RB: This speaker is really good so the money is going to be well spent.  
JK: M2Q

#### **Motion for allocation passes 25 for 0 op 0 ab**

JH: I have some information on the light walk going on soon. We need some student volunteers to walk around campus and identify problem spots. The SSRC will pick a night. Also the next meeting of the smoking ban committee is tomorrow. We'll begin drafting a proposal. Ok, lets talk about the student who passed away. Its not often this happens, but when it does it's a tragedy. I want to hear your input, what has been its impact on campus and what are your thoughts/suggestions.

:32 CW: I've heard a few reports from various people, those who went to the service found it to be very positive. I've also heard displeasure over the way it was handled, about the emails. Theres been a lot of speculation on what happened since not much info has been released.

:34 DT: Cole summed it up pretty well. This is a delicate issue and its important for Mac students to know what is going on. We can compare this to car accidents, lets get it out in the open and talk about it to prevent similar things.

:36 JH: Thanks for your input. Its hard to combine a fast response and also having all the right details. The community should know what happened but the familys privacy also needs to be respected. Their privacy is more key than students knowing details, there has to be a need for patience in these cases. We've discussed adding a line about people being afraid for their own lives but didn't want to cause panic. The family has been open and willing to talk about it. I'm not sure what the right way is to bring up this issue. Theres a lot of deliberation that goes on in the background.

:40 AI: I haven't heard any details. I think an email message for clarity would help.

:41 DT: In that sense we should use this to address a bigger issue

JL: I have two things. When the SA office is open for people who are upset you should include names of the employees so its less impersonal. Also the email sent to parents had some gender impersonal language in it. Did the faculty get a separate email?

:43 JH: No.

SD: Are the parents ok? Are they looking in to the issue?

JH: I can't answer that question. Send me an email if you're concerned. There's always a lot of different opinions on how this kind of thing should be handled.

:45 JL: Ok, so after the last meeting I realized how many new charters are starting to come in so I thought I should give an overview of how the charter process works. They must fit a set of requirements to be a new org including having a unique purpose and must be able to distinguish themselves from other orgs. There has to be at least 10 signatures on the charter. Leadership must come from fair elections. They also must meet the deadlines. Getting chartered means they can use campus space and the Macalester name. Also they can request funds from the FAC. Some other groups get special funding and funding from other areas, like club sports or the psych club. It also gives them access to the college justice process and a lawyer. That's a bit looser of an area. Budgeting has much stricter laws. The orgs also must meet with me a few times and with the LB at least twice. Any questions?

:52 CD: Are the budgets from new orgs different than established ones?

JL: Yes, during their first year they can't set an overall budget. If there are parts to that process you want to change than we can do that, but that needs to be later. This is the information that everyone can see and use.

:54 AH: The introductions are for a reason, let's use that.

:55 DT: If we approve a charter do we give them money?

JL: \$200. OK now M&C is back again.

M&C: Thanks for having us back. We really want to become an org and we were surprised by the level of criticism that you put out. It did help us work on a better charter though so thanks for that. We generalized a lot more areas to allow for flexibility. We also have a mission now. We believe Mac and Cheese should be chartered. It's unique. We've been through all the procedures. We have 23 signatures and community support. It's inclusive, with clear leadership roles. The SOC can edit our charter. We're not asking for money, we're asking for a chance. We've included a transparent money clause. And we also have an adviser, people seem really excited about this org.

:01 JL: I move to approve the charter for M&C  
2<sup>nd</sup> chris

JK: I'll give the FAC perspective, we're glad you realize this doesn't mean money in the bank.

M&C: We just want the opportunity.

PM: I think you guys did a great job on working on the charter.

:03 JK: I M2Q

### **Motion to charter passes 25 for 0 op 0 ab**

:04 SN: Great, now for PB updates, no events for this week or last week. Samosa making workshop is next week. There will be a movie and stuff as well. Now for our PB budget presentation. We've laid it all out here for you guys, as you can see we have different budgets for different things. Some receipts have yet to be added but most of it is there. We still have a few big events coming up, so we may or may not have money left over. Right now our budget is looking at \$1000 left over.

:11 JL: Can we publish any of this? Like to budget sheet here?

SN: Yeah if you want. We haven't put it on the website.

JL: We'll put all the other org budgets up later, so it'd be nice to have everything there.

:12 HJ: How do we handle rollover? We had 10k all over the summer.

SN: We actually need the rollover, we use the money to plan events on campus during the summer. Also we use it for welcome week.

SD: Are there Halloween events on there as well?

SN: The campus pays for those.

:14 JK: Can the PB budget sync with ours?

JL: It's not fully done yet. We've worked on it over the summer.

SN: That's a cool idea though, we can submit it to everyone's calendar.

:15 AI: What about real expense?

SN: That's just to compare what we planned on spending to what we actually spent.

:17 AH: Ok now for a quick AAC update, we sent out the textbook reserve email to various departments, next week we should have them all sent out.

Various announcements

>Meeting ends 20:27<