

# MCSG Minutes 3/24

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Meeting begins 19:00

00	IC: We have a lot of speakers tonight, the first guest is the LCB
	JZ: I'm on the LCB, these are some fellow boardmembers. We had an awesome event before spring break. It was a great turnout. Some background to what we do, we bring lectures to campus. We coordinate larger events and talk to other groups on campus about bringing things to campus. We're feeling good about our last event, this was our first year and I'll be introducing a bill to tweak the charter. We found out this year the things that work and what don't. We're hear now because you invited us in. We love to hear it now if there are any questions.
	IC: After the big events, what do we do with the rollover?
04	RD: First of all, sorry I couldn't make the event, congrats. I know this is the first year for you guys so congrats on the first year too. To lan's point, I would like there to be no rollover. At least this year, I think we should move those funds. Also we can look at what the role of the LCB is after the speakers have been brought in. Orgs that want speakers should go through their funding and additional allocations. We were talking last year that the LCB shouldn't focus on coordination, I think the money should roll back.
	JZ: IN response, in our bylaws the rollover goes back at the end of the year. One thing we like, since we do two events per year, this programming makes sense But we also want to have some flexibility in using our funds. To create strict parameters on what we can do is not good for the LCB. I think we can do a lot of good for campus. The coordination side is about working with orgs and faculty to not get overlap on campus.
07	WT: I think coordination is important word in the name. The LCB, with some tweaking, would offerus the opportunity to sythsize our funding and work with acedemic departments. Profs that want to create prgorams for everyone could benefit this. Whether or not there is a single student in charge of this the coordination aspect of the LCB should be kept in.
	IC: I would ideally see the LCB keeping the money locking it up, I want the money to go in to the funding for add allocations. Just so if there isn't a demand for a speaker, things can still get done. Both speakers and other org activities can come up.
	RD: The history of the LCB: We're interpreting the C in LCB differently, when this group was made it was referring to findinga system to not having things overlap on campus. Example of two big speakers coming on the same day. The bylaws of this group is just so all the perspectives of the departments on campus are there when speakers come to campus. Money should come in to operating, the LCB is made just for speakers not for handling requests. I understand we're talking about coordination but the LCB is not under our regulation.
	IC: These changes are being introduced?
	JZ: Yeah, the highlighted ones are the changes. I'll introduce it next week. Ok, a couple points. A collaborative aspect is in our bylaws, we're supposed to talkmto seservations and other groups to figure things out. We talk to our friends, faculty, in order to put on better events. That's why the selection process exists. And, it would be something that would benefit if the bylaws were clarified. Why we would like to keep the money is because we want to bring money in. Add allocations are limited to orgs, we're excited about working with departments to bring in big speakers. This allows us towork with non-org groups and have bigger attendance. I think clarifications should take place, but... From a programming standpoint making the date as restrictive is not helpful.
	RD: Point of information, the bylaws only set out requirements about what they need to do to host their own events, not giveout money to others.
16	WT: I think we're talking about intentions, if it's not in the words then you can't make rules that don't follow the language. Since the LCB has this opportunity to branch out and find a new way of benefiting the campus.
	JL: I want to return to lan's point, I think that it allows flexibility. The add allocations and the community chest are available for all students on campus. I see Jolena how you want to get flexibility then lan's suggestion is the most flexiblie. If you wanted to get mor emoney after the second speaker then they can apply to get more. We don't want to have money tied up inthe LCB when the add all runs out. If the LCB can keep the connections to faculty then they can also access the money through the add allocations.
	IC: James nailed it, I have no issue having the LCB having a coordination role, I don't want money to be tied up. If someonehas an idea for a lecture, they can talk to you but go through us for the money.
	Suresh: I wanted to touch on how the LCB is a great resource for bringing speakers. For orgs to come to us without experienceto bring speakers they're a great group to come to. If there is wiggle room for bringing speakers in, such as paying speakers money after the event takes place.
21	RD: When we talk about why we have the LCB it was to bring big speakers to campus. I don't think there is a need to centralize it. People can still approach the LCB for help but money is still being held up. The bigger problem is tying up money in orgs but there is not an easy solution for that. There are a lot of speakers already.
	NE: I'm worried that the LCB will bring smaller speakers instead of opeing in up the money. I think its nice to have people to go to when you want to bring in speakers, but if we give too much flexibility from the beginning then the focus will move away from big speakers to just speakers in general.
23	JZ: Bringin high-profile speakers is in our bylaws. Our accountability is to the LB, so if we don't do that then there is that problem. We'reconcerned about money being locked up in budgeting, frnackly I think we're trying to use the money locked up by the LCB as a solution to this bigger problem, our time could be better spent solving that. A lot of times we don't have the full cost for the speaker until after the event. I don't see freeing up this money as a good solution for time-sensitive issues.
	IC: We have a new guest so I'm going to exhaust the speakers list.
26	WT: Are the people on the LB to work as a commission to work on the LCB to figure this out?
	AB: What does that mean?
	WT: LB members working with the LCB to solve a solution. I move to form a commision to work for the next two weeks with the LCB on a legislative rules or guideleines for eftover funding for the LCB.
27	RD: They're bringing a bill, they are people interested in what they have to say, we can amend. I don't think we need a commision.
	JL: I agree only if we all comment of the thing before hand.
	IC: I m2q to approve this commission
	4 for, 19 against, 0 abstain
	Richard: Alright, if our job isn't to hand out money then I fail to see how taking money away money stops that. I don't see as well how taking away flexibility for funding helps at all. The bedrock of LCB is two big speakers. I think that imagining a world without this flexibility can instead be seen as a way to have more in depth events when our funding disappears when the money vanishes after the speaker is gone. Keeping the money as a long-running thing will augment every other orgs ability to have interesting speakers.
	LW: Couple thoughts, conversation about experience with speakers, second semester is where they hit their stride. I don't think that we can say that the LCB is the best at saying where money needs to go. The comments about connections, this is dangerous, this is a small campus and the LCB won't hit everyone on campus. The LB has the bigger opportunity. The money left over is not much for a big speaker, but for an org to bring a small speaker would make a big difference. Even if the LCB can't use it other orgs can.
34	CP: I agree with the perspective that the C in LCB is more for programming and not for financial concerns. I think the principle itself dictates the money should return to the communal area.
	RD: The side of this we're not talking about is the job of the LB, we run the wild west of the funding world. Money being locked up is only a problem for this year, I don't want the LCB to have rollover. I don't think we should take this as a job for the LCB to get speakers. The LB fulfills needs for speakers as well, we don't need more places to get money.
36	JZ: I'm working on a bill on this for next week, again I have no problem putting in something that rolls the money into the pot. Logistically, this generalized rule doesn't make sense. We should look more at money being held up in in orgs instead.
	IC: A guest from educational policy and governance.
	Erica: EPAG, we meet every week. Ari can jump in. The process is really slow. Major things we have been working on is concentration policy, degree requirements. We're wokring on the same thing as last semester, we're looking at why students get a concentration and what they get out of it. We're thinking about having a total project for each concentration. Also with the internationalism requirement, we're trying to see what we can get out of international requirements. I would be more in favor of a transnational perspective. We don't know what exactly goes on in concentration, a line for hire. EPAG gives their thoughts on that. Ari?
41	AH: The internationalism requirement, 70% of students didn't fit half of the requirements for understanding transnationalism. The areas of studies for culture and laguage needs to have learning goals. Concentrations, the college is starting to see concentrations as not resource neutral. We want to end concentrations that aren't successful.
	CP: Explain how the process of how courses are decided to be cross-listed, and concentrations are made interdisciplinary?
43	Erica: The first question is a registrar question. Fields that show a lot of student interests is usually the one that gets the concentration.
	AH: The fear that is involved is how departments need to share budgeting with concentrations.
45	WT: I think the IGC is working on this too.
	DT: Research has been done in how concentrations are successful or not?
	AH: It was for the internationalism requirement. There is a 5 year review process for concentrations, the only concentrationthat has been terminated has asked to be.
	DY: How many concentrations?
	AH: 8 or 9.
46	IC: Thank you for coming in. The conduct board is here now.
	Sia & Wendy: We're the student reps on the conduct board, whenever a student gets into an alteration then we make the students undergo a process so they learn what their behavior can do. It helps them learn about the things that their actions cause. Whenever there is a hearing we're part of this process. I've only been on two hearings, the challenge is getting schedules together.
49	PM: What is your role in the hearing?
	SIA: We take part, if the board felt the most appropriate sanction is probation then we have to all agree. If the student hasmany conduct hearings then we evaluate that and discuss what is the right action. Its mostly we recommend the correct action to take.
	Wendy: The purpose of having students on the board is so there is a student opinion and perspective.
51	KF: What is the process for being appointed?
	SIA: Students apply, MCSG appoints.

	DT: Are students able to defend themselves?
52	SIA: Students can bring someone to help, they can also call on witnesses. DT: Is it possible to bring staff? SIA: The board is students faculty and staff, an email is sent out and then people respond with their best time. The last hearing had no students involved since it was at a not convenient time.
53	IC: What is the ratio of members of the board? SIA: We've had four faculty and two students in the past on the board. Sam: What is the philosophy of sanctions? Is there a punitive approach? Wendy: Educational, its not a punishment. Its more so that peace and justice is restored. They have to learn to prevent this from happening.
54	RD: We have campus committees that is appointed by exec board every year. Each of these committees need to come in and present once a year. It is our job to know what these people do already. If you want to know more, look them up on the MCSG website or the student handbook. We should focus our questions on how they're doing, not what they're doing. RB: How can people get involved in this?
56	RD: Basically the appointment is just for the exec board. JL: The application is pretty substantial. We can share past apps so we can see what it's like. The execs nominate and the LB confirms.
57	CW: Earlier this year we've inquired about a digital access to the NYT subscription. I had a conversation with the NYT, I learned that our current subscription is 125 paper copies online. Anyone with the a mac email can get 24 hour access, and 125 can do that at once. We can publicize that too. We can do the same price with only online copies for everyone. Just so you know this is what we have. If you want to spend time on getting this subscription completed, raise your hand. I can take three.
00	JL: What verification did you have to do to get verification details? AB: Reexplain how we can read online.
01	CW: We have 125 passes, anyone with a mac email can sign on to the NYT pass page and sign up for 24 hour access. LW: Are crosswords available? NE: This Thursday you aren't deciding the new subscription right? CW: Nope, we're just looking at the option. AB: I don't remember but I thought the NYT and the Star Trib money is coming from different pots. IC: I think the MCSG pays for the NYT.
03	CD: How much do we spend on the NYT? JL: Its around 40,000. Or 20,000 a semester. One time we got a star trib bill in the mail for MCSG, did we pay that? JK: Do I pay anything? >Laughter ensues< JK: We have a meeting coming up on Thursday. There are a lot of add allocations coming in. Budgeting is coming in, if the org didn't come in to the workshop then they can't budget. MPH emailed me that they are serving as a proxy to get funding for girls soccer, I don't like that. And we do pay bills. IC: We're on a tight schedule, SSRC?
06	AB: Cchest update, michelle is working with a publisher, for the SAF, feedback is coming in to guide discussion. It should take about a week to get that completed. If you are interested let us know. SLK: We're happy with the submissions for the Zine. Another notification is going out about that. SM: We submitted an allocation for the submission. JZ: We met with the provost about internship funding, she assured me that she would talk to the registrar and allows us to put her name on the resolution. There will be permanent funding for internships next year.
09	Sam: Last week I ran over the changes on the charter for MacPIRG. The biggest change is clarifying the relationship between the state organization with our org. Also the budgeting process.
10	JL: I move to approve this chapter. RB: I thought MPIRG wasn't able to budget like other orgs? Sam: The reason that came up is because there is a bylaw rule that money can't be donated to charities. This is an exchange not a donation. RD: Good question, if the way in which the budget is presented then it will happen. The money can go to the state org but only under certain conditions. RB: I'm just concerned about the future, I don't want to see this budget as a donation and not an exchange. RD: There is no agreement on that yet, the point of MPIRG not having a contract is relevant now since they will be under the scrutiny that each org will have each semester. JL: This just impacts the funding mostly. Before the charter said they couldn't apply for funding.
14	IC: M2Q 23 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstain JK: Budgets are due this Friday. IC: My understanding is everyone that is nominated for educator of the year is told to go, regardless of knowing who will win. I don't think this large group should know.
16	AH: I'm not telling. There were good choices. So. Alumni fair. JK: Could you give us three possible people? AH: No. Thursday, 6:30 to 8. Should be fun, join the FB page. There will be apps and the possibility for drinks if you are of age. WT: We have a good group of alumni, advertise mostly to upperclassmen. I'm really enjoying the emails I'm getting.
19	LW: What is this again? AH: It's a way for juniors and seniors to talk to alumni in different majors to see how they are after Mac. Its an open space. CW: There is a really cool group of alumni coming, chiefs of staff, teachers, advertisers, engineering, doctors. IC: Motion to sing happy birthday to Rothin. M2Q 16 for, 5 opp, 1 abstain IC: We have a new guest.
22	JL: we met oliver last week, I move to approve contact bridge club. WT: m2q 22 for, 2 opp, 0 abstain AB: We talked with the faculty with Ari about concerns with the faculty handbook and gender inclusivity. One person expressed concern to language classrooms with gendered pronouns.
26	AH: After the meeting I got feedback that people were relatively engaged with the handbook edits. I think it's a good sign. LW: What did the languages say? AB: There was little discussion. Someone responded but it wasn't related. I know the french department has been talking about teaching the right language. IC: out next guest is here. Lamont & Maritz: We're here to introduce a resolution for amending the college handbook.
28	Lamont: I'm working to remove the indecent exposure from the handbook. Basically this extends from my own concerns but also the vague language of the handbook. I find this out of place since it is the only statute that we cite from minnesota law.
30	WT: Have you talked to the president or the other staff? Lamont: I met with the Dean of Students. I met with him twice, the first time he seemed helpful but the second time he told me that he couldn't help.
31	RD: My question is to the state statute, isn't all minnesota laws followed? JL: We have an interesting position as a private institution. We don't call the police for alcohol violations for example. We have the choice to penalize things, however if a police officer is nearby they have the option to charge someone. KF: Should this go through, is this the only reference to indecent exposure? JL: It would no longer be a violation of college policy. If a police officer found someone guilty of a violation they can still charge. This only affects the college rules.
34	JZ: I haven't heard of this until now, I didn't know this was enforced. RD: People can still call the cops right? JL: Yes. If someone saw someone violating indecent exposure then the police can enter a building. For example the other streaking we see on campus, the police can only get involved if they cross the street.

36	AB: If the "whereas" with heteronormativity, wouldn't it actually... this makes it seem like... I don't know... I think it should read more that hypersexualized policies uphold negative influences.
37	SD: Has there been student support? Lamont: It involves what I did on Feb 24th at Café Mac, people often gave me the impression that clothes were optional. That's what got me involved in looking into the handbook. LW: Could you come up with language for policy regarding it rather than removing it?
39	Lamont: I don't think that I am in a place to do this, even working with Jim Hoppe to reserve a space to express myself would not allow me to spontaneously express myself. KF: What this would do is a good thing, what I'm worried about is putting the discrimination on individuals to call the cops in order to get things done. It is possible for the discrimination to still exist depending on situations. Having an alternative in order to prevent personal prejudices would be better. RD: Instead of having us approve of this quickly, I think we should get student feedback to inform our decisions. Sometimes MCSG resolutions are taken to mean things they don't.
43	WT: Four weeks ago you published an op-ed right? You've been taking steps to broach the issue. CD: Is there a way to get the information out, what about a follow up op-ed? IC: this will be coming back next week. Thanks for coming in.
45	CW: Some background, earlier this semester we talked about the MacGroveland council and our relations with it. A lot of students live on the Union Park community as well. I stumbled across their board page, they have an open position to be on the board for a mac student. It turns out we used to have people on that board, people I talked to on the board we're interested in having that position filled. So, I came up with the idea to fill that position through appointment with the campus committees process. This is the introduction to this bill that will make that happen.
47	AH: Could we get someone to run for this and fill it year after year? CW: That is definitely a concern, I think there could be interest and we could create a process to make that happen. TS: I have a sign up sheet for tabling for voting. I would appreciate everyone who is not running to sign up, if you are running then you can't table. IC: Anything else we want to discuss? CD: Where is the forum tomorrow? 150 Olin Rice. IC: Lets do announcements.

Meeting ends 20:57