

MCSG Minutes 3/31

Tuesday, March 31, 2015
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Meeting begins 19:00

00	IC: Do not write on our new folders, we want to use them in the future. Next is Cole with the NYT update.
	CW: We had out meeting with Mr. Wade, Tejas will speak more.
	TS: We had a skype talk, he showed us around the digital version and the different options. We thought the physical copy is a great resource, however the online version is very interesting as it has archives going back hundreds of years.
	CW: We thought our best next steps would be working on popularizing the academic passes while keeping our current subscription. In addition, I have a box of stuff here that will help. I'm going to pass around some pens, they say "NYT.com/passes". So, I hope everyone takes this as an opportunity to spread the word to the student body about these passes. There is other stuff in here too, I'll think later about how we can use them. Lucy asked about the crossword, the online passes give the same access as the website.
04	IC: Next is Cole with the representative bill.
	CW: This is for a student to sit on the board of the union park district council, nobody tried to change anything so I move to approve this bill, bill #6.
	WT: m2q
	RB: I object
	IC: We will not end discussion.
06	RB: I just want to know if we can get anybody to do this.
	JL: If we advertise it well, then yes. If not, we'll probably get like 2 people.
	AH: I think the future execs will have problems filling this position. Is there a limit on this bill?
	RD: If we put a time limit on it then the quality will suffer. I'm just concerned about student interest.
	CW: This has come up before, this bill is the means to fill in the position. The lack of applicants, I think, is a separate question.
	SN: What happens if we don't get a applicant?
08	WT: I can do it next year if no one wants to.
	RD: What we normally do is resend out the application, it usually works. This position is a real goodwill project, it might be less appealing to people.
	IC: I agree with rothin but we shouldn't not have a position that we think is good just because we're afraid that nobody will fill it.
	JK: We have a guest coming in soon, keep that in mind.
	WT: It could be a good thing for poli sci majors who want to get in to community work.
	KF: m2q
	24 for, 0 opp, 0 abstain
11	IC: ok, shall we continue? Is fresh concepts here? Not yet. DO we have time to move on?
	SM: This here is our resolution for our summer internship opportunities, we've talked about this a lot before. This is the introduction.
	WT: I didn't know majors were required.
	SM: Poli sci requires an internship, environmental studies. Some others too.
	JZ: Progress is going on, ask me or Steph if you have any questions.
	CD: Is there going to be a specific committee who decides who gets the internships?
	JZ: It'll be handled by the staff, also by the internship office.
	AB: It's a very limited amount of funding for this office but the base work is already there.
14	SLK: We're continuing to work on the mental health zine, the cover is getting worked on too. I'll pass around what we've got so far.
	JK: This is mike, he's with fresh concepts. He's here to talk about his budget for this year. Tess if you can pull up the budget?
	Mike: Thanks for letting me come in. Our budget is pretty high, the first item is auditions, flyers and pizza. This is important to have us pick the new faces, we target freshmen and sophomores. It's a pretty popular group so we need publicity. Next is our fall workshop, we don't have a coach so we usually bring in somebody to teach. You'll also see a spring workshops, its good to have both these for students abroad. Next is family fest, it's a large event. We had a lot of people show up so it's a big thing for us and the campus. We also bring in comedy groups from Chicago and the like. We also have a show on here, its coming up pretty soon. We have to share costumes and props but we also need to have that flexibility for our own requirements.
	WT: Two questions, are your workshops open to all students?
	Mike: Not traditionally.
	WT: Are these just presentations for orgs that aren't being approved?
20	JK: These are orgs that have requested over \$4000. We'll vote on this next week. Next group comes in t 7:45.
	RD: Why are we waiting to vote? Wouldn't this be easier to have this as an allocation?
	JK: He came in because of scheduling.
	RD: We're trying to talk through budgets right?
	IC: What... that amount was \$6000, is that how much you're recommending?
	JK: No.
	IC: Its weird we're getting this information while you've already decided.
	JL: well its in our bylaws. We shouldn't tell them at this meeting what we're cutting.
	RD: Do the other orgs know what they're getting? I would like us to conclude our budget rather than having things hold the budget ransom.
	JK: Moving forward, how do you want to do this? Should I say how much I approve them for before we talk?
23	PM: I'm seeing this more like an appeal process. Are they coming in to ask for more?
	KF: The orgs that are coming in next week will be aware of what is being cut. I would like to see what the budget vs approved amount come out as, like peace said I think an appeal process would be easier.
	IC: I think its critical we don't announce the req amount at this meeting, it'll be bad. Does every one agree?
25	JM: They're not supposed to appeal until after the budget is approved. When they're coming in they should expect this process to be an appeal.
	RD: The point of having orgs come in doesn't make sense if they don't know they're getting less than that. We're not telling them that we think their reasons for the budget are legitimate.
	JK: What do we do today? Think about that. Would everyone think it's a good idea to be able to look at the spreadsheet? Also pass the Oreos.
	JM: The reason that they also come in is because the FAC is recommending a budget. You as the LB can approve them for more is the FAC cuts more than you think should be. That's why its good to hear their reasoning, you all can reverse what the FAC did.
28	CW: I've had conversations with outing club about their budget, I misunderstood the procedure so they might already know their recommendation.
	RD: We can make orgs appeal once we pass a budget. If they come in to appeal then we should be able to hear that. Approving a budget after hearing all these orgs is redundant. We should be able to give orgs what they need without an appeals process. Today is a bad situation, we shouldn't place the burden on the orgs to convince us.
	SM: Can you tell us now what you've approved?
	JK: I can do that when it come to my turn.
30	IC: Sexual assault forum?
	AB: It's next Tuesday, yay. You should all know the format. We've gone over the suggested topics, the four things we have are reporting, Kagin, resources, and social events. We wanted student led groups with a mod. SSRC are modding each small groups. We have volunteers coming in to help with the forum. Next weeks meeting will solidify the topics, not to dictate conversation, but to facilitate it better. I sent out the sign up sheet for people who signed up to volunteer, if you didn't get it and want to help then let me know. Any questions?
	WT: How long is this event?
	AB: An hour and a half, it might go over though.

	JZ: The survey is still relevant so feel free to share it.
34	AB: It'll be in the daily piper too. Invite people to the FB event. For cchest stuff, one update to the wazina event. They asked for money to pay for all the meals the speaker will eat as well as a meal to share with students, we approved the latter but not the former. One group asked for some money to help fund a class project. The third thing was over \$500 so we'll talk about this. We've decided not to recommend it though. It was for 3600\$ and we had some concerns. We don't have the money to fund it anyways but also the timeline is happening quickly. We're concerned about publicity. We suggest to contact the alumni house for hotel payments, as well as cutting out the food from the request. Even then though we can pay for it.
	WT: Don't vote to fund this, I already told them not to come. This was a short timeline, I got in contact with the LCB 4 weeks ago, they took some time to get on it. The LCB rejected it and I was told by a friend but not a formal rejection. We're doing it next fall, it'll be one of the biggest things next fall. Navigating this funding experience has been really stressful for me, it shows our effect on how our directions and arguments in this meeting has on the people.
40	RD: I'm sorry to hear about how hard this was for you, the LCB has had a lot of problems this semester. I didn't know you hadn't gotten the funding, I would have told you to get to the cchest earlier. I recognize that some of our rules can be bureaucratic and bad but that is where we all need to step up and be effective. I was talking with Abaki about the timeline but there were a lot of other factors in the mix.
	DT: How are you getting funding for the fall?
	WT: We'll think about that next week.
	IC: We have a new guest.
43	JK: Sorry to cut you off, WMCN submitted a request, we approved 2,308\$.
	Jacob: What's about to happen.. We're talking about microphone processors and program delay... the ascap fee is something we've had since 2011 that hasn't been dealt with. I wanted to put it under capital because its been around for a while.
	JK: Its up to you all to approve this but we have a recommendation.
	Jacob: There are two company's that represent artists that we play on the radio. This is one of the companies.
47	CD: I know from the meeting we were talking about how much money is left.
	JL: I move to amend the request for the full amount.
	RD: Do we have to amend to recommendation?
	IC: Jennie made the motion to approve her amount, James is amending the motion.
	JK: m2q
	IC: I object.
	13 for, 13 opp, 0 abstain
49	IC: We will return to discussion. How much is left in capital?
	JK: about \$9000.
	CW: I was just confused.
	PM: m2q the full amount.
	26 for, 0 opp, 0 abstain
51	JK: M2q to approved amended full amount
	26 for, 0 opp, 0 abstain
	Jacob: Cool, that makes our funding a lot less impressive. So now we... yeah... now we don't need to apply for a lot of fees I included in the budget. The biggest thing is the studio engineer salary and insurance. We would be dead in the water without our engineer. He's also one of the only consistent thing we have on the org. The insurance as well is important. I talked to my group about what we would need to improve our cast. New microphone booms and new stools would help as well. The new music we are given comes from big companies, we asked for money to get 20 new records in the studio to better represent what music is being distributed outside of big companies. Most djs play their music through an aux cord, we go through about 5 a year. 50\$ would be enough to get us through that. We have some fee for the website as well.
	JL: The LB might benefit for you sharing your vision of what WMCN will be in the future.
	Jacob: So WMCN has a legal and moral obligation to provide better programming than now. We have about 3 1/2 miles of radius, we make a great internet radio station but not a real community radio station. We ask what does Mac have to offer, we're trying to schedule shows now with orgs and groups. The DJs we have now are just students who play their music and don't do much for the community or consistency.
	JK: Out next guest is the mac weekly.
59	Joe: We requested about 13,000\$, we're going to be printing 28 issues which is two more than we did this year. I know there have been talk about printing costs and environmental impacts, the current printer we have is the cheapest but we're cutting back 100 copies a week for sustainability reasons. In order to have less extra copies we're moving the paper around to more trafficked areas. We're printing with a company we've worked with for years. The budget we anticipated, we looked about what our page numbers will be.
	IC: Any questions?
	RD: How do you make these payments?
	Joe: we pay them week by week.
	JM: Yeah that's right, we're trying to get a monthly invoice.
	IC: I think its great to see that you guys have made efforts to change their sustainability impact. Thanks for coming in.
03	JK: Next up is outing club.
	Outing club: I know we're applying for more money than we did last year. The last year's group only budgeted for the wilderness first aid class. We do a lot more than just that, so this year we had to apply for a bunch of add allocation requests. This year the leadership has tried to replace broken equipment, we're also looking for new outdoor opportunities, we want to collab with the outing club and mac bike, this year we've experimented with lessening the student payments. The outing club of Macalester is pretty cheap compared to what other schools get. We're not asking for too much.
	CD: What new gear are you getting?
06	OC: The gear should last about 10 years but we don't have enough gear as it is. We would be replacing tents, stoves, pads, sleeping bags, etc.
	WT: How much did they request? How much is under capital?
08	JK: about 13k...
	OC: I think we requested the most for gear.
	IC: We've got more guests, mac slams is here.
	MS: We are a really well attended org, we have 8 slams a year bringing in the best poets. We're asking for a small honorarium for all the speakers we bring in. We also asking for some money for our coach. We also have an expanding partnership with Button poetry, once the lighting is figured out in Dupre we could get filming. We also put a lot of effort into bringing in diverse poets to the slams, we invite people from other colleges, we have a 4x4 every year. We want to make this art accessible for people, a lot of the speakers to workshops the next day as well.
	PM: How do you negotiate for the honorarium and what happens when you have two speakers?
13	MS: I usually ask for what their typical allocation is and try to barter them down. Two poets usually means their on tour together anyways.
	JG: Is Andrea Gibson able to be bartered with?
	MS: It hasn't happened yet but she's always on my list.
	IC: MORE GUESTS! Macfeast is here.
15	JL: This is an introduction of this charter, we can ask them any questions before next weeks voting.
	MF: We all went to a food justice conference and agreed that bon app can work with the student body in deciding what is served. We've been meeting since December. We have regular interest in this topic so we all thought we should have a space for discussion about food justice and sustainability. We thought this org could host discussions and have talks about this, as well as having students come in and present their own projects. We've been working on the real food challenge, this says 30% of food on campus should be sustainable. Having a student org who helps make this happen is much more sustainable. Food recovery network is a project to take food off the lines in café mac and distributing it to charities around the cities. These two projects are going on and any people don't know about them. Having this org will help make this known. We love to take some questions.
20	RB: The student position with bon app, will it be continued or replaced?
	MF: I think it would be more of a transfer of responsibility, the position would still exist but would be integrated with this group.
21	JG: We had some changes in the charter, would you explain that please
	MF: Yeah we removed any member removal clauses, and the advisor clause was edited as well. We haven't nailed down an advisor. Lastly, in duties for officers... There would be three officers, one is a lead facilitator, cofacilitators, we want the leadership to be spread out. There would be a budget coordinator as well. And a project leader for the big projects we have going on. If we split off in our weekly meetings then those leaders would help dictate that.
	IC: This is just the introduction. If there are private questions then ask via email, we have a lot on the agenda.
	RD: How is your relationship with MULCH?
25	MF: We have a lot of the same ideas, we got together with MULCH in December and found that they had a different idea for sustainability. I had a back and forth with James about MULCH, we brought the printout with us. One of

	the things we really want to do is get students involved with what they are eating. I think that the broad scope we have is worthy of our own projects. MULCH is much more about production rather than consumption.
	AB: There used to be an org called food roods.
	MF: Yeah that group helped get the commitment passed but I don't think they were an org. One of the main people in that org has been meeting with us to help, but since it wasn't chartered then we can't pick it up again.
	IC: Thanks for coming. We are moving on to the budget discussion...
	JK: Before that we have another guest! Thanks for coming, the Africa week additional allocation is in question. They requested funds for a speaker and some food for an event. I believe FAC recommended the full amount which is 3440\$.
30	NE: How much money is left in the add allocation fund?
	JM: About 3k. FAC recommended it all creating a 190\$ deficit.
	JK: I messed up, it was supposed to be 3040.
	WT: I move to amend the allocation to 3040\$.
	PM: I object.
	17 for, 9 against, 0 abstain
	PM: The reason I objected is because Africa just got in contact with these speakers, I move to amend to 2840\$.
	JK: I withdraw my motion.
34	PM: I motion to approve \$2840 for Africa.
	JG: What was the 100 that the FAC wanted to remove?
	JK: It was from the pizza thingy.
	JG: Is this number correct then? Ok.
	AH: If we fund this then this will be the last event we can fund right?
37	KF: Does this new number work with what you're requesting?
	A: Yes, it would work fine. One of the speakers dropped out yesterday, we're spending the most of our money on our main speaker. The extra 200 was for accommodation and transportation for the second speaker. We will also be able to provide food for this event as well.
	LW: If we approve this we will have \$390.
38	WT: We also have the reserve fund... no?
	JM: I don't know if we added enough money to the reserve fund. I can find out next meeting how much we have.
	JZ: Be mindful of our guidelines, secondly I was planning on introducing a bill from the LCB which will be coming up. I think this is the end of our budget so we might as well fund this group.
	DT: I move to question
41	24 for, 0 opp, 1 abstain
	JK: One more thing from FAC, Mac public health submitted a request and we recommended to fund \$0. There was no knowledge on the mac public health side for this lose the shoes as it was pretty much strong-armed by women's soccer. Also Lose the Shoes will be happening but not through our funding.
	IC: m2q
	25 for, 1 opp, 0 abstain
	JK: We also recommend \$0 for sitting at mac retreat.
44	PM: m2q
	25 for, 0 opp, 0 abstain
	RD: I know it's a travel grant thing but didn't they already have a retreat?
	IC: Now it's the budget time... right?
	JK: Yes, this past week the FAC convened to talk about budget. We are all better for the process. We decided that we needed to make orgs use checkbook. Any org that hasn't actively used their checkbook will get a 50% cut in their budget. We looked at each budget and made cuts accordingly. Anyone with a mac.edu link can look at it.
46	CW: How did you talk to orgs about using checkbook? Is this cut the best way to do this?
	JK: Everyone knows I love it. I mentioned it at the budgeting org presentation. I feel like we've mentioned the importance of it many times. It's a little inexcusable to not use it as a org leader. 50% is a nice round number so that's what we decided.
48	IC: I'm uncomfortable with this idea, it's a huge cut which is detrimental to all orgs.
	NE: I agree, I don't think its fair to orgs to impose this cut if the orgs didn't know about the consequence. If I would have know about this cut then I would have changed my behavior. Remember this cut is hurting the next years org leaders due to the actions of this years actions.
	JG: I also don't agree with the cut. Many of these orgs just can't operate without half of their budget.
	JK: We didn't have time to talk about this in full, we talked about having org leaders come in and prove they've been looking at their budgets.
51	RD: The reason we don't what money orgs have is because orgs don't use checkbook. There is no way to sanction these orgs because its their money. There is nothing that says they can't come back with an additional allocation. Its been clear to me when orgs make their budget there will be teeth at one end . There only way we know money is actually going to be spent is if orgs come in later.
53	IC: This is just the presentation of this introduction. The meeting will end if we go overtime.
	JL: One of our responsibilities as student gov is watching the student activity fee. 48% of the money we've allocated is lost. Orgs are not keeping track of where their money is going. We've told these orgs multiple times that checkbook is required. FAC chairs have mentioned it, the handbook mentions it, the website talks about it. We shouldn't excuse ignorance about this. I'm not saying people are spending money badly, we just want to know where the money is. For example the LCB conversation we had earlier mentioned money locked up in orgs, this is the only way we can ensure this will happen. Orgs can't continue to not follow the rules and expect to get more money.
	IC: We have 4 minutes left unless we suspend the bylaws.
	JH: Good job standing up.
57	DT: If this is going to happen every year then we should make it explicit for orgs.
	JK: These budgets can be looked at individually by the LB.
58	CD: I think this is a good idea if its going to be a continued thing. Maybe if we give orgs time to put their budget together then we can work on approving this budget.
	IC: It's 8:59 so this is over. Lets do announcements.

Meeting ends 20:00