

MCSG Minutes 9/16/2014

Attendees

James Lindgren	Sara Naz	Peace Madimutsa	Jennie Kim
Michelle Kiang	Steph Martinez	Abaki Beck	Seth L.K.
Aman Imani	Ari Hymoff	Jenny Grischuk	Rothin Datta
Alexx Harley	AkilaCopeland	Heather Johansen	Nandita Elijah
Rick Beckel	Cole Wise	Komar Fleming	Biftu Takele

Non-elected attendees

Jim Hoppe Joan ____

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>meeting start time 19:10<

:10 Lecture Coordination Board Update
 Annie & Cole

 Annie: this year and last year we selected speakers to speak to the Macalester student body and community, we've been listening to recommendations to whom we should invite to speak

 Cole: we received a budget from MCSG and the speakers we've been considering are well within our budget

 Annie: We've found it important with the midterms coming up to invite both a political speaker and a representative one... Chimanda Ngozi Adichie

:15 Annie: feedback is appreciated

 Alexx: Chimamanda would be a great follow up to the assigned reading

 Jennie: I agree and there was a roundtable recently about diversity and she was brought up a few times

:18 Sana: Good job, it would be good if we could tie this to a department

:19 Cole: If we take a poll how many would we sample/ how could we do it for next year?

 Rothin: If it's a question of logistics we should figure that out

:21 Sana: Rothin is now going to discuss the omnibus bill

 Rothin: We didn't receive that many comments I assume that's because it was so good, Ari did have a question on whether we should switch staff meetings from monthly to weekly, other rec were-

 James: electing new speaker, should we do it now or I think we should wait for first year elections

:23 Ari: where do we put our capital?

 James: we clarified the language to strike more of a catalogue, we want to know what exists and who wants it

:24 Peace: what are the org previliges and probations like? How do we enforce something like this

:25 James: org status overhaul is underway, we have focus groups meeting to figure out what works and what doesn't

:26 Rothin: we should change name of org thing to something else, but anyway lets move to approve this thing

 Sana: Move to approve Omnibus bill 001

 ->seconded by Jennie

 Sana: move to discussion

 Jenny: Move to question

:27 **Motion passes: 20 for, 0 against, 0 abstain**

 Rothin: Alright heres an update on the MacGroveland Council, they won't be available for a while but we could have someone come in to listen to our meeting and give feedback

:28 Cole: how about October sometime?

Rothin: good idea, I'll talk to them. Lets go to a broader discussion to figure out what we can do to improve things on campus and invest in things...

:29 Rothin: there was a break-in in Kirk a bit ago, what can we do to improve campus security

:30 Biftu: We could have safes in every hall office that people could put their important stuff in
Alexx: that won't work, the answer isn't something communal but more awareness

:32 Aman: I second that

:33 Ari: something in dorms should work but a communal safe won't

:34 Nandita: the ISB could keep them safe

Sana: and the SSRC could work more with campus security

:35 Rothin: lockboxes are a logistical issue and we could manage that except it'll be expensive, also safety on campus is a broader issue

:36 Joan: I propose getting some lockboxes for rooms, we can come back to that

:37 Sana: lets move along, whats the SOC update

:38 James: 5 orgs have been reactivated, there are 6 more that have begun the process to get back on track, 9 orgs have made no contact and 7 more that are pretty much gone. We should think about ways to help and streamline the process

:40 Jim: If they don't pay they won't play. Simple

:41 Rothin: How many have money in their accounts that aren't active

James: Not a lot

:42 Sana: Mac Cricket was at the fair did they do the thing?

James: Most clubs were at the fair so they got the email to set up their table but aren't responding to the other emails, they didn't care enough to go to SOLO

:44 Alexx: Sanctions would work James I second that

Jennie: Lets move on to FAC, we're doing ok, the art history club want some more funding, we also need to approve at large members

:46 Rothin: lets wait a week on that for the first years

:49 Jenny: how many applications did you get for the positions?

Jennie: Somewhere in the teens, I don't recall

Sana: alright, I move to approve Jennies at large members of the FAC

->sec by Rothin

Sana: move to question

Motion passes: 20 for, 0 against, 0 abstain

:51 Sana: next is the PB update, this week we have the twins game and the zoo. The redskins are playing them so some people find that racially offensive. I think we should organize a bus to send students to protest the game and make buttons

:54 Alexx: Do we have to wear the buttons? And how are we gonna do the other bus?

:55 Jim: we can offer bus tickets

Rothin: again this requires logistical thinking. And how do we pick movies for the PB?

:56 Sana: we get a pamphlet from the movie company we work with, we look at trailers and rank them

:57 Rothin: maybe there is a way for us to ask the student body

Sana: we do it over the summer so not many people check their email, its worth a shot though

:58 Abaki: back to the twins game, does enough interest to protect exist to validate getting another bus to do that? Also the American indian assoc is staging a protest we could do it with them

Sana: alright keep us informed. Back to movies

:59 Rick: I think it'll work

Joan: we should survey first to see who would want to go

Sana: we decide the entire year so it'll be a lot

Joan: it shouldn't cost any more to change movies if we want to do that too

20:00 Sana: ok

Aman: I was the coordinator of this board, yes we choose movies and we get a package for the whole year, usually only a few are good and most are bad. Maybe if we showed less movies but mostly good ones would encourage attendance

:02 Jim: anybody could pick them, if the movies we picked were less popular or foreign movies that would draw more attention

:03 Seth: how hard is it to get foreign movies?
Nandita: Maybe we could change times
Sana: perhaps. I remember the Oscars are on a Saturday

:04 Peace: we should organize a survey and get the student perspective
Sana: I would be on board for non mainstream movies

:05 Joan: how about a test group of 50 or so students and see how they respond
Sana: I think we already did this or have this already

:07 Rick: this is a great opportunity for us to work with orgs, we could really build a niche

:08 Sana: had 2 of those last year

:09 Rothin: like a welcome week thing would work, if we screen popular movies that would help, we could do it outdoors
Konnor: what about TV shows?
Sana: we don't have that option but we've done something like that before with Friends

:10 Joan: we could have contests like dress up contests for movies like with rocky horror

:11 Alexx: Members could do this but we have to make it more well known

:12 James: lets make places for orgs to submit stuff to the PB
Sana: the PB collab form is launching next week. Now lets move on to the SSRC

:13 Abaki: MSCG mac@ night on oct 4, we need to get a theme
Heather: I saw a leak about that, it says we're having a blowout in the loch
James; that was probably a filler thing
Heather: Could we change that? Not many people saw it

:14 Biftu: Who coordinated that? We still have time to change it if we want

:15 James: Lets not get communication all screwed up
Abaki: It wasn't us who put it out but we'll think of something
Jennie: Lets do picnics and chai

:16 Abaki: Yeah I was thinking about a fall theme but lots of things are fall themed around that time
Rothin: I have a confession, the execs did get this email, we didn't advertise it but we got the email. Sorry guys

:17 Alexx: How about a spa day?

:18 Jim: I like balloons, we could have a "blow"out with a bunch of balloon themed activities. Call it "Bars and Blow"

:19 >laughter<
Biftu: I second that

:20 Sana: Do we have time to reserve another space? The loch is kind of small
Abaki: Yeah I think so
Joan: We should get the whole building if its available
Sana: What about games like field games, kind of like highlander games except earlier in the year

:21 Abaki: Balloon themed highlander games

:22 Sana: we just had one like that
Joan: lets get all of the CC

:23 Abaki: ok we'll work on that. Also we rewrote the diversity clause in the bylaws to include EPAG
:25 Jennie: what is EPAG?
Ari: It's the Education policy action group or something like that. Its policy stuff
Rick: what can we do to push this through and support it as a group
:26 Ari: time is money so lets do this quick
Rothin: do they vote for this now or push it to another session? Another student forum would
be helpful
:27 Joan: anything we can send out
Abaki: we wrote it on sat and sun so yeah we can get it out there
:29 Ari: alright in the AAC the new deadline is dec 5 to prevent mishaps and we've got a couple
other new things going on
:30 Rothin: lets have an open discussion about this. Rick brought up sustainability earlier and how
we can be involved. We own dishware but not enough to keep going during rush times
:32 Rick: its important for us to be accountable for green impacts like solar panels or that wind thing
:34 James: we can us the model commission for deadlines
:35 Jim: Theres an article in the constitution that pertains to this
Seth: I know Susanne Henson and shes in charge of a lot of sustainability stuff I can ask if she
wants to come in to a meeting sometime and talk
Rick: Good idea
:36 Rothin: we need to have someone do this, make a bill for sustainability. Any volunteers?
Biftu: what do we already do?
:37 Alexx: we have published updates on the status of environmental concerns; however we all can
take greater responsibility
:38 Rick: communication is really important to understand how we do this
:42 Rothin: would you mind leading the commission, Rick?
Rick: yeah lets do it
ROthin: any other volunteers?
->Jenny
Seth
James
Rick
Cole
:43 James: We need more things to feature on the current students page
:44 Sana: Time for updates with Jim, look in the folders we gave you
:45 Jim: Charter and other stuff is in those folders in case we need to look at them
Rothin: Folders will be at every meetins
:47 Jim: we need to approve these people I picked for the judicial council. This council resolves
disputes on MCSG and helps with adding bylaws. I'll invite them to come next week
:50 Rothin: Lets have some questions prepared so its not awkward
Jim: we can work to renominate too if you don't like them
:51 Jennie: I move to approve these guys for the Judicial Board
Cole: I move to question
Motion passes: 20 for, 0 against, 0 abstain
:52 Nandita: what about first years? When are they coming on board
Rothin: soon
:54 various personal announcements

>meeting ends 20:58<