

MCSG Meeting Minutes

10/6/2015

Attendees

Blaise Yokoyama, Carl Liu, Peace Madimutsa, Dan Yee, Harrisonford Fauni, Suveer Daswani, Andrea Grimaldi, Nikhita Jain, Taneeya Rele, Cami Garcia-Flahaut, Caroline Duncombe, Jensen Vu, Johannes Davies, Jolena Zabel, Aarohi Narain, Cole Ware, Merrit Stüven, Jack McCarthy, Saakshi Daswani, Colin Casey, Alina Luke, Marco Hernandez, Joan Maze, Luke Bower, Jim Hoppe, Chris Pieper, Ian Calaway

- 7:00 Luke Welcome back, sorry I missed last week.
SSRC-
- Jolena Community chest request- guests
- Sophia Hill She her hers, favorite candy= jolly ranchers
- Jenny Hunke she/her/hers crackle
- Jolena Request for over \$500, so SSRC brings it before MCSG- \$1,917- recommended to give full amount
- Jenny Hunke We're proposing an event on campus- Asian Americans for collective liberation, building solidarity with black liberation
Bringing conversations around Asian American identity- what that looks like in the twin cities, history
More interactive, discussion based, art based, with important things from community members
Open to all students no matter how they identify- not just Asian American. We're hoping that all students can come and learn from this event.
Requesting money primarily for speakers- will be there for the entire three hours, not just while they're speaking
The other part is the art component
- Sophia Hopefully the event will start at 5, when food happens. Several introductory activities to break the ice- jenga - write on blocks. Another is a history walk- different parts of Asian american history on the walls and floor. Also we'll have several large posters around kagin with discussion questions- how have you identified with your asian american identity- what does it mean, etc. These will be compiled and talked about more in small discussion circles and bigger group discussion
Later, David will present. Also a large group story share will happen- share how people have experienced their asian american identity. Then a dance performance- an expression of what it means to embody your identity, white supremacy etc. Then we'll break into groups and discuss what has happened up until now, share stories, discuss posters. Marcus Young will present on his work in St Paul as an Asian American artist.
- Jolena Move to approve community chest request for the full amount
- Harrisonford This project is really important to me because Asian American issues aren't really talked about. I'm wondering about the time constraint for each speaker- will it be enough for people to take in and soak in the information that they need. Looks like there's only 30-40 minutes per speaker, how well does that translate into people being able to take it in?
- Sophia What's important is that the speakers are there for the entire event & validating our identity. It depends how you look at it- even if you're speaking for a long time what you're saying might not sink in, but if it's powerful even a short speech might work
- Jenny We were also talking about having another space after the event with more discussion.
- Sophia We envision it as an ongoing process where people can talk about something as important as what is your identity in america

Ian I think the list looks really great, you can have speakers that speak for 20-30 min and done very well. I'm worried though that you're trying to accomplish all these activities between 5:30 and 6:10- I don't think you can do all that in 40 minutes. Think about how you want to space out all that time

Luke How did you get to the \$450 number for speakers- was that a number you came up with or they did?

Jenny We originally said 500 were told it was too much- when we approached them we didn't promise them any amount of money. We want to compensate the prep time, not just the time they were physically with us.

Harrisonford Since there are so many things going on- I was thinking if we separate the event into two days so that more people have more chances to attend one specific day and still get the chance to explore the asian identity. Since there are two performers, each day could be similar in terms of art and activism. I'm thinking some people might not be able to attend one day.

Sophia It's difficult because we have this space for this amount of time, these people have busy schedules. We might have to ask for more money if we did that because two performers, two amounts of time

Jolena Important for us to think about that we're not the planners- we're just the ones who support the idea. Many comments have been around specifics of the agenda, think about the extent to which those comments would affect the final vote.

Ian Move to question

Luke All in favor of approving full amount

Motion passes 20-2-1

7:15 Luke Continuing to sustainability at Mac with Gordy & guests

Emily I'm Emily Sylvestre- sustainability student network coordinator

Gordy Sustainability across campus- idea to have a dialogue between MCSG, sustainability, students- any interested party would be able to come to sustainability student network meeting- really big body of knowledge across campus

Emily If a few lb members wanted to get together and come up with questions/concerns that you would want to be a priority and we could talk about that at our meeting and bring it back

Gordy Meeting would be October 18 12-1
Ian, Chris, Jensen, Andrea

7:19 Luke Moving on to SOC

Anna Students Today Leaders Forever- service organization, weekly meetings, bimonthly service projects in twin cities area. At least one would be with CEC. Spring break alternative 9 day spring break trip- service work in different city every day

Hannah Advised by someone in CEC, meeting with them throughout this week

Suveer SOC met with STLTF & discussed charter, asked questions- voted to recommend to LB. Introduction tonight, vote next Tuesday. I apologize for sending the charter late. If you have questions you can ask now or over email for the next week. Thanks for coming

Cole I think this is a great concept, I work in the CEC. In preparation for next week- I'd like to flesh out what that relationship looks like because there's a lot of overlap between your mission and the CEC

Anna We have a meeting set up with Consuela for tomorrow- we're going to get more information then. THEY seem excited to get that relationship set up

Hannah We were talking about possibly doing our own stuff but also serving as a gateway to the cec especially for first years and people who don't know the best ways to get involved with the CEC, are overwhelmed with the amount of options. We could funnel them into a more permanent CEC thing.

- Peace What is the scope of service projects you're thinking of- would members develop projects or would the CEC plan and work through the Org?
- Anna We want a mix of things- part of it is leadership for people who don't feel like they can do other leadership type activities. Some would be cec helping people figure out how to plan
- Hannah We want to take ideas that members have and then use CEC as a resource to help people make these connections
- Dan This looks like a wonderful opportunity. Did you still plan on having an advisor from the STLTF national chapter? And does any of the funding go to that?
- Anna No, they're an intern so they don't need funds.
- Suveer Can you elaborate on the spring break trip?
- Anna It would be a nine day trip- cost is \$ would be asking for money for grants for students who can't afford the price. Would leave the friday of spring break, returning saturday. Taking a coach bus, every night stop in a new city, spend 24 hours doing work, getting tours, evening would be reflections.
- Hannah CEC seemed supportive of more spring break alternative options- working closely with Eily
- 7:26 Luke Omnibus bill
- Ian Omnibus bill- exciting to go through it, there's a lot of changes- just to give a quick reminder of the omnibus bill- it's a reaffirmation of the bylaws- change things that are inconsistent, make it more clear, reflect what we actually do. One big change is we've split the bylaws into a variety of sections/different policies. Core bylaws pertain exactly to MCSG and our duties, then there's media policy- rules pertain to student orgs & student media. Also LCB policy- lectures coordination board policy, and election code. Past two or three weeks it's been open. Want to direct your attention- two changes to bylaws that happened at the end of last spring semester that didn't make it into the bylaws, which isn't good- and we need to make sure we're good about that in the future.
- Student Athletics Advisory Committee- we haven't changed anything in terms of those bylaws. Other thing is we also discovered that the EPC changes from last year didn't go into these bylaws, so I went in and put them in. Changed one that says the EPC only has to come into these meetings as they see fit, and I changed it to once a semester because I think it's important for one of them to come in and tell us what's going on- like campus committee reps do. There is one amendment that I'm going to make now cause I just thought of it.
- So first I'll move to approve the omnibus bill
- Amendment to add to the last section-
- Bylaws and other mcsG policy including the election code, the student organization/media policy, and the LCB policy .
- Johannes Move to question
- Luke all in favor to approve the amendment- 23/0/0
- Discussion of omnibus
- Caroline SAAC section says they must come to the meeting once a month- I think that's excessive. Maybe once a semester
- Ian I think the reason - we have campus committee people come in once a semester- i think the benefit of that overall is I don't remember the statistic in terms of what percentage of Macalester is varsity athletes, I think that's not represented on MCSG. I think it's important to have them represented
- Carl As part of SAAC, I think once a month is pretty necessary
- Suveer Just to clarify- SAAC is receiving MCSG funding

Ian SAAC has been absorbed into MCSG- in the future when we're making our own budget, we'll include their budget

Caroline Does that mean that they'll be budgeting through us through mcsg as an organization or their own budget?

Ian They'll be submitting something to mcsg president elect that says this is what we need. Usually \$300-400. Similar to how aac has a budget that is a sub budget of mcsg budget- will function just like that

Johannes You just said saac is like any other mcsg committee- does that mean their president needs to show up to every meeting?

Ian I meant with respect to budgeting. Otherwise no. I think there's a clause that there's always a member of MCSG that's invited there or vice versa- I can't remember

Jack I made a comment on this about the job description for the sustainability office coordinator- wanted to check the status

Ian If I didn't put a star by it it means I didn't add it- I talked to Gordy about it- want to make sure we don't make any huge changes to that position until gordy has a chance to understand it more. There's a lot of vagueness and that's intentional, so we want people to be flexible. Gordy and I came to the conclusion that next spring after he's done this he can deeply-very deeply reflect on what should be changed then.

Suveer Move to question

Luke All in favor- 23/0/0
PB

Blaise This past Saturday we had our collaboration with ma @ night for mean girls- I wasn't there but we had like 80 people- trivia, screening, food, snacks.
Coming up this Friday- petting zoo- Old Main Lawn
Saturday October 10- screening of inside out at 8pm
Monday October 12- publicity for Winter Ball- doing clues/riddles to release location/theme
Apple picking is confirmed for Saturday October 17
Fall concert- November 2 - Monday
Hypnotist - November 4

Gordy What happens with the leftover food for these events?

Blaise Estimations for food is often guesswork- sometimes events are under attended and we end up with some food leftover- usually it goes to whoever's in the area. Bring them back to cc for PB meetings

Jolena Winter ball- there's never leftovers from Winter Ball- we can't afford enough food. Because it's a venue they use all non disposable dinnerware. Medium cooperative about napkins.

Harrisonford Will there be prizes for getting puzzles right for the winter ball

Blaise no. We haven't created the riddles yet- coming friday the 16th

Suveer What's up with valley scare?

Blaise Probably too expensive for us this year- we thought about taking students to the soap factory but also probably too expensive
Still not sure about budget

7:45 Luke Ian- suspension of election code

Ian We just passed the election code and now we're going to suspend it- Rachel Banen has resigned. She informed us this weekend. Normally we'd have to have two elections in the row. I'm going to motion to suspend the bylaws in order to make the current election period count for two class of 2016 positions and to allow filing to be suspended to Saturday night at 11:59 pm

Johannes Move to question

Luke All in favor - 23/0/0
Motion passes- we are free- no rules!

Luke Committee updates

Jolena SSRC - what we voted to approve

Merrit We approved a really cool community chest request which is for an alley cat, which is a bike race- there are stops and people do different stuff. Called the WTF- women/trans/femme alley cat- specifically for people who identify as this because women/trans/femme identifying people are traditionally excluded from bike spaces

Jolena two hundred some dollars, we passed it
Today was the deadline for survey questions, but I've received survey questions from two people, so I'm assuming I'll get more. Any questions about the survey

Luke Describe what kind of questions you're looking for quickly

Jolena MCSG wide survey- submit things you think are important- I have a couple from Ian & Caroline. Also Gordy. If you have a question that doesn't fall under the parameters of your committee, that's okay too. Put some thought into the questions and the wording.

Dan We have the MCSG review coming up- we're being reviewed people from outside and inside Macalester- way to help maintain the integrity of mcsg- has needed to happen for a long time, never happened. Ian/Suveer submitted a request for additional allocations for this since budget has been allocated for other things. Requested \$1500. FAC recommended \$1400 total, full \$1300 and \$100 for food- \$200 for pizza seemed excessive for one night. Move to approve

Harrisonford Move to question

Merrit Objection

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Merrit This is a great thing for us to be spending money on but I wanted to be aware of not prioritizing our things over others'. We rejected a large sum last week.

Peace Move to question
Approved- 20/1/2

Ian Reminder not to move to question right away- sometimes it's good to make sure we get questions answered. Wait for a second before you move to question. You can't take back a move to question. Usually I say I was going to move to question....

Dan Yearly budget request from the climbing club-

Colin They're scheduled to be here at 8

Dan Quiz bowl \$230 to send 2 teams to quiz bowl tournament- approved
Denied Europa \$100 for pretzels for an event that wasn't well publicized for the rest of campus- we recommended that they use their flexi fund or other money for events that hadn't happened yet
Climbing club- asked for \$2700 for entry fees- yearly budget for entire year \$5 for 20 people every week. Weren't given a budget for this for last year because of an agreement with someone who's no longer here

Izzy He him his- buzzcut = favorite texture

Paige Moody She her hers- rabbit

Dan FAC recommends approving them for full amount \$2700 for entire year

Ian One of the most organized groups on campus and it's not their fault whatsoever that they have to deal with this. As one of the the largest/most successful orgs on campus

Suveer Move to question
23/0/0- passes

Dan Now that we've approved those 2 requests- 15,9xx dollars left

Caroline Reserve fund?

Joan For unexpected expenses- supposed to stay there

Ian Good use of reserve fund- satellite for WMCN went down a few years ago- a huge chunk of money, wouldn't be able to get it back if we didn't have that money

Suveer Met with students today leaders forever- looked over charter, asked a few questions- discussed something to highlight organizations on campus, chartering process- a funny video- to achieve the goal of increasing communication. If anyone has an idea of a particular org you'd like us to highlight. ALSO talked about having an org spotlight maybe once a month in mac weekly or daily piper- we appreciate your feedback. Also spoke about dividing SOC into student org liaisons- first line of contact for student orgs.

8:04 Caroline AAC- lots of meetings with people in administration- changing support for English language learners- they're willing to do a pilot program- more one on one meetings with tutors throughout this semester and into next semester- people seem on board with it- have to wait to see who would be willing to try this out- figure out a way to check the effect. Also figure out a way to make it last, put it on the administration and not AAC

Saakshi decided in first few meetings that we would send study tips at least once a month in daily piper- remind students of resources they have- today was the first one. Mac Hacks- AAC study tips. Reminding students about the InterLibrary Loans. Reminding people that they can link microsoft to google docs- tips for students to better academic experiences at macalester

Caroline I think we'll put it on the AAC website, maybe make posters as well

8:07 Ian Meeting is almost done- we're efficient, which is fantastic!
Tess van Schepen for RPC

Chris Why is this now and not earlier?

Ian This has been a process- first it was Jolena, I've been trying to find someone for this position for 2-3 weeks, one of the most active committees on campus, but the meeting time is when classes are. It kept falling through.

Luke Move to approve
23/0/0 motion passes

Ian Review is coming - we're creating a self study document for MCSG, Sunday night deadline. Alina will be sending out a brief questionnaire about student gov't. What do you think of student gov in general, environment of meetings, committee meetings, is there anything that could change with leadership. Will of course - you can respond with whatever. It will be anonymous. We want really good, honest feedback. We'll put the more enlightening ones on our document so that they can see what we think of ourselves. It's important if we want to figure out how to improve it.

Jolena Remember community guidelines - maybe we can get them printed off, be mindful of who's speaking- we've been doing pretty well but we can always do better. Feel free to talk to us if you feel like it's not working

Caroline Bill that was passed last year about each class doing a networking event- if anyone's met or has ideas, share it?

Jensen Question about the topic- first year class is going to have a gathering. Does PB have an event that we could incorporate our meeting with so that we could have better attendance?

Blaise Not PB related, but Mac @ night is doing a craft night the saturday after october 17th- we're also planning on doing some sort of bonfire event sometime soonish. Hopefully end of this month or early next- before November ideally so it's not snowing

Jensen So we can talk to you about an event?

Luke Back to original question- junior class talked at retreat- since many juniors are off campus or abroad it's hard for them to get to know each other- discussions with nudl- hosting off campus junior dinners. There's still question about funding and how food would be prepared. They're thinking about becoming a student org

Chris Do you know who owns the fire pit and are we allowed to rent int?

Blaise There are a few that float around in res hal offices. any student can go and check it out. PB was talking about buying one for an event that we'd have every year or twice a year. Literally any student can check them out. nobody knows about this. SURPRISE!

Joan There is an approval process if you're gonna set a fire. There are fire codes and notification requirements, people on hand, fire extinguishers. We have a fire pit in the SORC

For class nights- we have transition programs- that would be a good way for you all to connect with folks and help get more people to those events- on Wednesdays

Taneeya Some people from class have said since the link is open for 24 hours they'd like a water fountain

Jolena Yep that's something I've always thought- no bathroom either. Needs to be more 24 hour study spaces, especially since other dorm study spaces have been converted to dorms

Chris AAC has also been talking about that

Caroline One of AAC's priorities this year

Ian Move to adjourn

22/0/1