

MCSG Meeting Minutes

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Attendees Blaise Yokoyama, Joan Maze, Dan Yee, Harrisonford Fauni, Suveer Daswani, Johannes Davies, Andrea Grimaldi, Chris Pieper, Jensen Vu, Gordy Moore, Marco Hernandez, Cole Ware, Merrit Stüven, Cami Garcia-Flahaut, Jolena Zabel, Taneeya Rele, Saakshi Daswani, Jim Hoppe, Nita Chai, Aarohi Narain, Jack McCarthy, Samuel Doten, Peace Madimutsa, Jeffrey Lyman, Caroline Duncombe, Colin Casey, Ian Calaway, Luke Bower, Alina Luke

7:01 Luke Welcome back to another meeting of MCSG. First order of business.

Ian I just want to greet our new MCSG members- introduce yourselves- name PGPs and why joined MCSG

Nita, she her hers, senior, I've always wanted to be in MCSG since I was a wee first year. Didn't want to campaign. I asked some friends to write me in. I love the campus and all the people here, I'll do my best to represent my class and make sure voices are heard

I'm Jeffrey Lyman, senior, he him his, compsci major russian minor. Joined MCSG cause I'm in a lot of orgs and I know dealing with MCSG is one of the trickiest parts of running an org and wanted to make that easier. Also thought it would be a terrible thing if the senior class went underrepresented

This is the first time we've had every seat filled

First order of business SOC- rising minds at mac

Suveer Last week we introduced the charter rising minds at mac. Hopefully you've gotten a chance to go over it, send comments. I make a motion to approve and ratify rising minds at mac's charter

A way to connect january Guatemala trip to the group at macalester. Wanted to be more connected and visible on campus, accessible for anyone who wants to get involved. Work on development in twin cities, latin american politics, especially in Guatemala. Rising Minds has 3 main programming over the past few years- youth, health & nutrition, development. We've thought about the ways each of these can be incorporated in the twin cities. A couple years ago there was a huge project w/ local nonprofit to collect bottles and other trash stuffed inside. Created a greenhouse with natural materials and these bottles as bricks. Development isn't an international concept in itself and there's lots of room for development initiatives in the twin cities.

Emma

Ian Can you talk about how you want to expand *& not just do just the trip?

One main goal is this concept of a transference project- want to make it something not just from Guatemala trip, but taking it from projects here in the twin cities- want to have open conversations about development. Want to have forums, panels, documentaries. People can come to these things and bring their on the ground experience as something to talk about but don't have it be the main focus. This is about many more people on this campus than just those who are going on the trip.

Emma

Peace Given that you're an org, I foresee a lot of demand because it is interesting. Is there any limit to the trip in terms of members? Will you be able to have everyone go on the trip?

Involvement in org has no limit. Involvement in terms of the trip is limited in terms of homestays and the organization. We have a high cap number of 18-19 students- we've never had that kind of problem before. Don't want any other part of the organization to have that kind of a limit at all.

Emma

Jensen Remind everyone that Rising Minds has a lot of volunteers, adds a lot of value

Ian What are you expecting for your budget every year? Esp student activity fee/mcsg to contribute to

It would be cool to have guest speakers- maybe one event a semester. Not expecting MCSG to do any sort of funding in terms of the actual price of the Guatemala trip - that will be fundraising stuff. Otherwise, helping us with recruitment, table tents- those kinds of resources to connect to community, have access to spaces.

Emma

Aarohi Last time you talked a little about connecting with people and existing institutions on campus

Obvious one is Mac development group. Have already been working with them, they've helped us reserve rooms, etc. Want to continue collaborating with them and not leech off them. They have access to a lot of non profits etc. We can help them to be an example of a sustainable development initiative, which they don't have at the moment. Beyond that we've had meetings with the CEC in the past few months. Paul helped us coordinate other meetings with international center. Have also talked to many hispanic studies professors who are backing us and interested in the organization as well.

Emma
Jensen Move to question
24-0-0
Motion passes

7:13 Luke Ballroom dance at Mac

Suveer Last tuesday we had Akilah representing ballroom dance at mac, we have the entire team here tonight
Today we'll be voting on the charter- motion to approve and ratify the charter
I know that ballroom dance org was here before- went away due to inability to find instructors- do you have established connections with instructors in the twin cities?

Jeffrey Same instructor who does the social dance classes here at mac. She's excellent and has already agreed and has been teaching the lessons. We also have connections with instructors at the university of minnesota for people who want to potentially compete

Akilah

Ian You have pretty large meetings already- what's the average turnout
Dip with midterms but previously 30-40

Suveer Idea about collaboration with different dance groups in the twin cities/at mac?
We have already been talking with swing dance club and mac tango-1 lots of overlap in membership- talked about having dance parties with all different music. Maybe at end of spring doing some sort of showcase, organizing trips within the twin cities. Also been in touch with the U of M. Some going this saturday .Been in touch with cinema ballroom across the street. Some whispers of stuff between Mac St kate's and St Thomas

Akilah

Johannes Move to question
23/1/0
Motion passes

Ian I'm just happy because now there's not as many Kagins there's more dance opportunities
Apple picking on Saturday went well. Full bus of 47 people. I heard it was great. Two week window where there's a fall festival and this week was inside that. We have been finalizing the details about the fall concert that will happen November 2. Pretty sure it will be in the Loch. New space. That following Wednesday- november 4- the hypnotist will come at 9pm that night

Blaise

Gordy If anybody was at the sustainability student network meeting could say what was discussed
Really interesting- there were people from the different offices related to sustainability- was very informative for everyone. Was refreshing for them to hear our perspective. We were asked different ways MCSG can help them be more successful. Taking it away from the stereotype of what sustainability should be. Interesting first conversation.

Andrea

Jack Thanks for coming, we really appreciate it- talking to Emily Sylvestre, she really appreciated having you all there

Different collab things between sustainability & mcsgr. One thing we're talking about is making Macalester a bee friendly campus. I just learned we still spray roundup on our lawns- would be interesting to explore alternatives to that. Tuesday I'm going to be talking to Jack and Sam about the possibility of an MCSG resolution about sustainable investing. Going to do daily piper sustainability officer tip of the week for every friday. GOing to be working for the Mac weekly to write articles from my perspective. Talking About sustainable printing initiative and a conscious attitude about that. More about the dishware program - just made a new form. Working with winter bike storage program- originally funded through community chest, talking to david Wheaton about better long term funding. This is the third year. Also talking about continuous improvements with bike share. And mailing services has been receptive to gathering magazines that students who graduated still have subscriptions to so large pile of magazines- we were talking about having them as bathroom reading material.

Gordy

Caroline Also in health and wellness center there are a lot of magazines that are outdated. also in ice baths.

Gordy Mailing services has lots of ideas.

Jack When you're done can you talk about the power dialogue event?

Chris I would add we talked about putting a binder with moodle handouts for certain classes in the library- to gather them for students so people can use those rather than printing.

Gordy I'm also actively working with reslife to talk about dirty trainings- compost/recycling/waste/sustainability training. We developed a survey talking to people who are involved with it. Got a good number of responses, figuring out ways to improve it. Next semester there will be a reslife monthly board about sustainability. Would be good to get perspectives/recommendations from a wide variety of people. Next monday there will be a "Power dialogue" - talking about the clean power act

Jack So it's about Obama's clean power plan announced over the summer- increased regulation to decrease greenhouse gas emissions. Director of sustainability at bard is coming Monday 12-1 in Harmon room. He'll be talking about clean power plan, how students can get involved in policy change. Conversations about the energy sector, climate change. Encourage you all as reps to come.

7:31 Johannes Approved MacFeast- \$371/\$400 for film rights. After approving the 2 orgs today we have \$14,243.17 left. Let's be conscious of that

Colin What's the rate we're going at?

Ian We're okay right now- and spring semester we'll get 6 to 10 thousand more. We're doing fine

Harrisonford SSRC- Talking with voices on mental health about a community forum on mental health policy- how would that function- student or panel based? Settled on idea of panels able to help out students but will mostly be a student conversations about experiences in mental health. With resources to help communicate well. Finalized MCSG survey. Thanks to everyone who submitted questions. Not every question went into the finalized version. Supposed to just get a pulse of the students and there were a lot of questions that were specific to certain committees- should committees do surveys targeted to a specific audience? We expect to have some statistical analysis of MCSG survey before thanksgiving. Hopefully it will be out by the beginning of november. Lots of little projects that we're interested in. We'll be doing stuff soon.

Merrit Mental health forum- NOvermber 10 4:45 - 6:15 pm Tuesday

Jolena Friday was the first event funded by community chest- Grrl Cat- was a good event, good turnout. Three cheers for community chest

Sam Next community chest event next tuesday from 6-8 in Kagin- Asian American power gathering- co sponsored by american studies, dml, and

Caroline Had coffee and donuts on Sunday- had two shifts set up- didn't need second shift- all food disappeared within the first 20 minutes. Had ~250 donuts

Chris Thanks pb for healthy snacks

Caroline 100-250 people

Other thing was the open textbook access forum- 3 mcsgr members.

Was super interesting. Got some background on what the open textbook movement is and the library's planning on how it will inform and encourage professors to incorporate these types of materials into courses. There are also professors interested in potentially authoring. Want us to help get the word out.

Cole

We're sending out a request to see if you would be willing to participate in the writing program in the max center. So far I've gotten 5 people who've shown interest. Also been brainstorming what we want to call the program

Caroline

Chris ACES- Academic Center for English Support

Suveer Had about 15-20 org leaders at the SOLO leadership styles event. There was some pizza

Also had members of the SOC

Speaking of MacFeast- collaboration with macfeast and empty bowls fundraiser. Instead of empty bowls chartering as a new org, got them to work with mac feast.

The last thing was the deadline to begin the chartering process for this semester is nov 1. We've had a lot because of that but won't have as many after Nov 1. 2-3 more will meet with me and then SOC. At least 2 more and that should be it for the semester, then fewer in the spring.

Luke I went to a couple meetings of the orgs I'm a liaison to.

Nita I was at the leadership event today. It was really cool, a lot of people would have liked to be there

Joan Suresh will come and do it for orgs

Suveer I want to welcome Jeffrey- he's going to be the new member of the SOC. We're the most organized committee on campus

Ian MCSG Review- next week- reflect on MCSG things, channel them.

Monday we'll feed them, they'll have a meeting with the Exec, then Tuesday is where everything happens- meet with each committee, relevant parties on campus.

Sam Curious if members of those committees are expected to be at the session times

Ian Yes, we talked about that last week. On Monday night, we're going to chalk everywhere and advertise that. I expect it to be pretty well-attended.

Luke Can you say what we're supposed to be at?

Ian Your committee meeting. Make sure you're all informed, make sure you read all the documents for next Tuesday's meeting because they'll come to that as well

Harrisonford Point of information- what should we study for so we're prepared?

If you haven't read the bylaws, especially the ones that pertain to the committee that you're on. Read the constitution as well. Also going to Mac Weekly .com and searching through things that have happened on MCSG.

Ian

Suveer There's a lunch mentioned - do we have to be there/?

Ian No

Cole Where are the updated bylaws

Ian Website

Luke Are you nervous

Ian No we're great

Fall break! We're halfway through!

Want to talk about MCSG expectations- have a lot of people coming very early, some still coming late. If you're missing meetings you need to be here. You were elected to represent people and you're silencing those voices if you're not here. Also if you're not talking that much, remember that you're representing people who aren't just you- even if you think a thought you have isn't valuable, people you represent might not think it isn't valuable. THought it was funny last week because people missed a democratic event for a democratic event. Also nudd came in on the radio show this week and that was fun. Also have to apologize cause I sent you an email asking you to go to green dot training and now I can't go cause I just found out I have to fly to dc. Sorry! Exciting cause lots of you signed up. Also we're definitely gonna get out of here before 8 which is maybe a record? Just want to thank you all. We're making good pace with everything.

Dan Since it is fall break, is the radio show happening this week?

Ian Yes- Blaise is in charge of it this week- reach out to him

Gordy Radio show is at 6pm?

Ian Yes. You get quite a few shout outs on it. Suveer always plays a song for you

Chris Sophomore night didn't happen cause still figuring out fire pit things so that will be postponed.

Harrisonford Since class of 2016 reps are complete let's meet up afterwards to talk about class things

Jensen Class of 2019- getting rec boxes in all freshman dorms. Also SOC was contacted by Sam

Harrisonford For SSRC- we just want to know if committees have different audiences that they want specific info from a specified target for a survey

Jolena Thinking that due to the nature of certain committees there might be a specific audience they might want to target rather than the whole student body.

Merrit Junior class night is hopefully 9 of november- macaroni with mcsg

Jolena Move to adjourn