

February 16, 2008

MAPCS Governing Board Meeting

Convened at 1:56pm

Budget:

There are 4 schools that have not paid dues, St. Thomas, St. John's, Macalester, and Carleton.

Budget stands at \$2000 for the rest of the year. Today's meeting will cost about \$300.

We have talked about making dues due in April or sometime in the summer. President is able to plan a President's Retreat and not go in the budget if this is played out this way. Downside is trying to figure out this year about schools paying twice in one year. This leaves a question of rollover, should we do this? This is up for discussion. This plays a huge roll into the Spring Retreat.

Discussion on this:

- Having some rollover is beneficial so we have the money if something comes up (discretionary), but we shouldn't have too much, don't want to make the dues more than they have to be
- Not the best to run the budget down to zero and has an effect on where we have retreats and what we do at the meetings
- Question was asked, what do you expect to left after this years expenses? It's hard with transportation because we are going so far away; we are providing transportation from St. Paul up to Concordia Morehead. We should have somewhere around \$500 to rollover for next year. We cannot go in the hole again, so we have to prevent that.
- The amount that is put into dues now is significantly less than what it has been in the past years and rollover was not something that needed to be worried about. They are a little higher this year than they were last year.
- Is \$500 enough? Think will be okay because we have some dues that aren't in yet, about \$600. This should take care of the issue then because this money will not be spent.

Bylaws:

Article 6, Section 1: Was changed that the secretary is included in the Executive Officers. Tony made the motion that the change will occur. Billy seconded it. It was voted on and approved.

Article 9, Section 2: The President-Elect duties have been updated to include helping plan and facilitate the April Meeting. Tony made the motion and Karl seconded it. It was voted on and approved.

Article 2, Section 2: This was a wording change to include “voting” before members. Tyler moved to approve and Tony seconded it. It was voted on and approved.

Article 4, Section 3: There is an exclusion of the Chair of the Council of Presidents to not be able to vote. Tyler proposed this amendment. There was a motion by Maggie and it was seconded by Billy, voted and approved.

Article 4, Section 8: The word voting was added and a board member in absence cannot delegate their voting power. Motioned by Zach and seconded by Zack. It was voted on and approved.

Article 5, Section 1: No president can appoint a substitute in their position even if unable to come to the meeting. There were some clarification questions asked.

Discussion:

- There was some discussion had about whether or not we should do this because presidents can't necessarily always make the meetings. Not all schools set up their boards to work this way. It provides for some schools to not have their vote then. Also the schools that don't have a president cannot vote in the President Elect election.
- Carlos wants to make a friendly amendment to: The Student Government President of each member institution shall comprise the Council of Presidents. “A president may appoint a substitute to the Council if unable to attend a meeting. The substitute must be approved by the Council before they are able to exercise voting power.

The question was called and it was voted on and approved.

Article 5, Section 2: it should say council instead of board member throughout. It was motioned by Zack and seconded by Tony. It was voted on and approved.

Article 5, Section 3: It was motioned by Zach and seconded by Carlos. It was voted on and was approved.

Article 10, Section 2 and 4, with Article 4, Section 7 are being grouped together.

Appointed should be changed to voting members in Article 4, Section 7. It was motioned and approved.

Article 3, Section 4: The budget is to be voted on and approved in April instead of September. It was motioned by Carlos and seconded by Billy. It was voted on and approved.

Article 4, Section 2: Dues are due by the end of September (fall retreat MAPCS latest) Schools that have their dues paid will have the power of vote up to the maximum of 2 votes. There was a motion by Tony to amend "...due by the Fall Leadership Retreat. The only exception will be if an institutional funding structure does not permit payment on this timeline and that institution has worked out a payment schedule with the MAPCS president. This was voted on and approved.

Article 4, Section 3: Executive Board should be changed to Governing Board.

Article 12, Section 1, Section 2, and Section 3: Section 2, typo on "to". Zack gave a break down on what changes were made and the justification for it. Zack added a Section 4: "A comparison of the operating budget and the actual operation expenses will be created by the outgoing President and distributed to members of Student Governments at least 2 weeks prior to the April MAPCS meeting. This will serve as a final audit for the year being finished and as a reference for creating the new operating budget."

Carlos motioned to approve and Vincent seconded it. It was voted on and approved.

Article 9, Section 4: The Council of Presidents may choose to temporarily redistribute the duties of the Executive Officers by a majority vote. Any redistribution must be limited to a specified time frame.

Governing Board was adjourned at 2:56pm

Respectfully submitted by Carla Shutrop, Vice President of Finance, Gustavus Student Senate