

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS MEETING
STATE CONVENTION 4/28/19**

Present:

Shreya Murthy	'18-'19 MASCL President
Christina Yee	'18-'19 MASCL Vice President
Jason Zou	'18-'19 MASCL Treasurer
Jonathan Yuan	'18-'19 MASCL Secretary-Historian
Andrew Machkasov	'18-'19 MASCL Parliamentarian
Ting Wei Li	'18-'19 MASCL Webmaster
Greta Gaffin	'18-'19 MASCL MAL
Francesca Fontin	'18-'19 SCL Advisor
Ina Beinborn	'18-'19 MASCL Member
Kathleen Schipelliti	'18-'19 MASCL Secondary Member
Janice Bautista	'18-'19 MASCL Member
Dalena Nguyen	'18-'19 MASCL Member
Michael Gao	'18-'19 MASCL Member
Gabriel Molina	'18-'19 MASCL Secondary Member
Hilary Cheney	'18-'19 MASCL Secondary Member
Matthew Chan	'18-'19 MASCL Tertiary Member

10:23 - The meeting is started.

10:24 - Andrew proposes to skip to the introduction/reading of the text of the entire section of which only a part of the section is being amended. Greta motions to do this, Ina seconds, and the motion passes.

10:25 - Andrew explains an amendment to change the wording of the creed to “fosters brotherhood”, not fosters friendship, to concur with NSCL creed. There are also proofreading changes in section 2 to aid in improving grammar and punctuation.

10:26 - An amendment is read to allow us to alter the logo of the SCL at any point, so long as it has the name and a relation to Classics. Andrew also proposes a change that without dues, a member cannot run or participate in elections, since before there was nothing that stopped them from doing so.

10:27 - Andrew brings up the idea of chapters in SCL: usually MASCL does not have chapters,, but if a student group wants to affiliate with us, we will allow for them to do that and provide the support necessary.

10:28 - Francesca clarifies that sometimes there is one person who runs but doesn't pay dues. She asks to to add an exemption clause in case of certain scenarios. Greta suggests to include it as is so long as students are held accountable for paying money, so that a way to ensure the payment is allowed. She proposes to set a date at which they need to fulfill an IOU, ex. by transitional meeting. Perhaps this can be amended in the by-laws for next year.

10:29 - In Article 3 Section 2, Andrew proposes to add “Historian” to the Secretary duty in the constitution to fit the office of Secretary-Historian that currently exists, and to add Parliamentarian to the list of officers. In Section 3A, he wishes to change to wording to reflect that you don't have to study Classics to be a member in the SCL or an officer. In Section 3B, he proposes to remove the limitation of not running multiple times, because it has happened in the past and works well so long as the person is capable of carrying out their duties.

10:33 - Andrew proposes to change his/her to their in several places of the Constitution to be more inclusive. In the Executive Board section, he proposes to remove a specific number of elected positions out because it may change. He also proposes to add in "ex-officio," by virtue of their position, to the advisor role, in order that the Advisor be a nonvoting member of the board.

10:35 - Andrew proposes to allow transitional meeting to be open, not closed because we want to be inclusive, and to add in a sentence about officers attending meetings through online means. Now, most MASCL meetings are only online through Skype or other software. The board proposes to strike out the "although it should not be encouraged," as it seems a little subjective with an issue that has been done very much in the past by most of the board.

10:38 - Francesca clarifies that if someone able to attend in person meetings, then they should be there unless location/other issues arise.

10:38 - In Section 6, Andrew proposes to remove "League" because it's vague and confusing in this context.

10:38 - In Article 4 Section 1, Andrew proposes to add clarifying details about the constitutional amendments meeting, specifically about having a minimum of a simple majority of SC: members for the meeting to be able to put on. This may need to be clarified more in the future.

10:41 - Shreya moves to ratify all amendments discussed. Greta seconds, and everyone concurs, and, in the opinion of the Parliamentarian, the motion passes.

10:42 - Moving onto the Bylaws, in Article 1 Section 1, Andrew proposes that we must have a legitimate reason to evoke the charter of a chapter of MASCL. This language will allow it so that charters are only revoked under extreme and necessary circumstances, not on a whim, and with the consent of the Advisor. Also, he proposes to clarify chapters are universities, since there are no SCL chapters affiliated with high schools or middle schools.

10:43 - With nominations, Andrew proposes to highlight the requirement that you have to be at Convention, as well as the fact that a current officer can't nominate a candidate for a position. Finally, he proposes to change the number of minutes for speeches from 4 to 1.

10:45 - Voting and counting votes is clarified with an amendment for secret ballots, either through closing eyes or making an online poll, though a poll could be tricky with future WiFi issues in the school.

10:46 - In Subsection B, Andrew proposes an amendment that states if a position is contested by multiple people, the advisor will count votes instead of the president. He also clarifies that a vote no confidence is an option, and that a vote of simple majority of no confidence would create a state of emergency immediately.

10:47 - He also proposes that if there are more than two candidates, with no majority, the top 2 will have a second round election, and if no one has a majority after that, it turns into a State of Emergency.

10:49 - When discussing the idea of President impeachment, it is agreed that it is only an issue if the impeachment of the President happens at convention, since that is when duties are different from the Vice President.

10:49 - Section 5 adds an impeachment clause that states that the board can impeach with a majority vote if they believe a member is not upholding their duty correctly; during the meeting, the board will discuss and the officer can defend. If impeached, the officer cannot run at the following election.

10:50 - With regards to term of office, Andrew proposes to postpone the official transition until the transitional meeting, in order to give time to prepare and to encourage the new officers to

ensure they're up to speed about the responsibilities. Shreya and Francesca say that maybe people can give some stuff over immediately at Convention (such as the Website or President documents) and to leave States as inauguration into office, since many duties need to be done immediately after States, such as add in new SCLers or updating the website. The transition meeting also may take months to happen, and Boston Elite is a very short time after States and needs to begin being planned. The board agrees that keeping States as transition may make people more prepared if they have their duties set, such as test-writing or specific officer duties. The duties won't be transitioned immediately but the term of office should still begin at Convention, while the previous board will continue to guide and advise until the transition meeting.

10:55 - Andrew proposes an amendment about clarifying good standing, especially as it relates to dues. He also proposes to clarify the duties of the Advisor, and to strike out membership promotion and alumni relations for president, because it hasn't been done all that much. If we had local chapters, the president could be the point person for helping them maintain themselves, but we don't have chapters so that may or may not be removed from the Constitution.

10:58 - With regards to the duties of VP, the board agrees that "assisting the president" is vague, as everyone on the board assists everyone else other than specific duties. Andrew also proposes to strike out the specific language of events SCL is in charge of at convention because we don't determine what happens at convention. Francesca agrees but proposes to leave in TE for VP duties since that will always be necessary and an SCL duty. Andrew also struck out duties E and F because those now fall under Parliamentarian.

10:59 - For Secretary-Historian, Andrew proposes to add a few duties to reflect both offices it contains. He proposes a discussion about social media, and the board decides that that should be in the hands of the Webmaster.

11:00 - With regards to Treasurer, Andrew proposes an amendment to make sure financial records are following procedure. He also removes the chapters clause because the now falls under the Parliamentarian.

11:01 - For Editor, we haven't had the newsletter that for a long time, for at least 15 years. However, the board agrees that in case we want to have our own publication instead of the Forum Factorum, we would give ourselves the freedom to create a publication, so as to not limit ourselves.

11:02 - For Webmaster, Andrew adds an amendment to clarify the duties of maintaining website and social media changes, as well as to maintain contacts, the website, etc. We want to modernize the duties to reflect more developed technology. Greta raises a concern about the changing of the URL, but deleting the clause with that provision would give more freedom if anything goes wrong, so that the Webmaster can perform their duties to the best of their ability.

11:03 - For Parliamentarian, the amendments were passed at the last meeting when the office was created. It is agreed to approve the duties of the Parliamentarian to preside over nominations and election of officers.

11:07 - There is also an issue with the Members at Large clause, which somehow got deleted. It is clarified that they have duties and should be represented in the Constitution, which should include a MAL section in the new constitution.

11:09 - It is proposed that we cannot explicitly favor MAL for individuals outside of the state, but the office serves as a good option for these individuals since they may not be able to stay as involved.

11:11 - Shreya moves to accept the amendments to the bylaws, Greta seconds, and in the motion of the Parliamentarian, the motion passes. The meeting is adjourned.