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- I.** Roll Call
 - a. Schroeder called the meeting to order at 6:00pm; Sunderman called roll
 - b. Representatives Daniewicz, Johnson, Haile, and Fettig were late;
Representatives Bashir, Donovan and Xiong were absent
- II.** For Action: Approve Agenda
 - a. Fairbanks moved to approve the agenda; second by Wolf
 - b. Motion Passes
- III.** For Action: Approve Minutes
 - a. Fairbanks moved to approve the minutes; second by Wolf
 - b. Josette Croud was absent, will be amended in the minutes from last week
 - c. Motion Passes
- IV.** President's Remarks
 - a. Fairbanks would like to remind everyone that it is Mental Health Awareness Week. Please help clean up shoes after Forum.
 - b. Please sign up to table for Mental Health Awareness Week. Everyone should be actively participating during this week.
 - c. If you have ideas that you would like to contribute to campus, please notify someone on the Executive Committee
 - d. Please contact Emily Sunderman prior to Forum if absent
- V.** For Information: Campus Assembly *Presented by President Fairbanks*
 - a. The first Campus Assembly will be this Wednesday at 4:30.
 - b. If you will be absent, please contact Carrie Grussig and Emily Sunderman.
 - c. Fairbanks would like to encourage all Forum members to attend.
- VI.** For Information: Someplace Safe
 - a. Jason Hodson would like to invite all Forum members to volunteer at Someplace Safe Thrift Shop.
 - b. Hodson would like to see many organizations volunteer at the shop, and he is looking for an organization to table to volunteer around Halloween
 - c. Wolf would like to know more about tabling for Someplace Safe, and would like to look into having MCSA participate in tabling.

- VII.** For Information: Online Suggestion Box *Presented by Representative Jacobson*
- a. Representative Jacobson mentioned that there has been some discussion on the Morris Confessions page about MCSA.
 - b. Jacobson noted that one solution to this problem is creating a Google Form that would act as a virtual suggestion box.
 - c. This box would be completely confidential, however you do need a username and password to utilize this form
 - d. There would also be an option to request feedback on suggestions
 - e. Johnson questioned why asking if a student lives on or off campus was a question, Jacobson thinks it would be useful background info
 - f. Gandrud would like to see more clarification in which questions are required and optional
 - g. Goemann would like to know what the marketing plan is, Jacobson said that the link will be sent out via the Listserv and via social media
 - h. Stangel was wondering if this link could be posted on our official webpage, Jacobson said it is possible
- VIII.** For Information: Budget Update *Presented by Budget Manager Wealot*
- a. Wealot informed Forum that we are currently out of debt.
 - b. We will also be fundraising at Pizza Ranch, and we received 50 dollars for helping with Homecoming tailgating.
- IX.** For Action: Allocate \$40 to Little Free Library Project *Presented by Jacobson*
- a. Fairbanks moved to allocate 40 dollars; second by Daniewicz
 - b. Jacobson stated that the Little Free Library is a take a book and leave a book system.
 - c. This library would be located in Louie's and MCSA currently has the books and shelf
 - d. MCSA would like to register this library to receive additional resources and advertisement on the Little Free Library website
 - e. Fairbanks would love to allocate money to this project, she also mentioned that MCSA is looking at getting at books in Spanish

- f. Gandrud was wondering if the location would defer involvement with the community; Wolf stated that MCSA will be advertising within the community. Wolf thinks that the location is adequate for this shelf, noting that the community spends time in the Student Center for other events.
 - g. Motion Passes
- X.** For Action: Campus Relations Committee Chair By-Laws Amendment
Presented by Vice-President Sletten
- a. Fairbanks would like to move to table this item; second by Daniewicz
 - b. Motion Passes
- XI.** For Action: Election Guidelines Amendments *Presented by Representative Arnold*
- a. Arnold stated that these amendments add in that all candidates must meet with Election Commission. There are also strengthened rules regarding policy violations. Language has been clarified that any name removed from the ballot is subject to being removed from all offices, and the Appeals Committee is involved in this process
 - b. Baglio likes the idea of the amendments. However, he believes that meeting with the Commission may be confusing to students outside of MCSA, Baglio suggested possibly requiring candidates to have a meeting with Election Commission within first few weeks
 - c. Daniewicz likes this amendments, however he believes that this amendment should have been enclosed in the agenda
 - d. Fairbanks moved to amend that all candidates must meet within two weeks of campaign; second by Daniewicz
 - e. Arnold mentioned that there is already a set time to begin campaigning, but he would still like to see there be a short meeting initially.
 - f. Fairbanks is unclear as to how students outside of MCSA would be aware of this
 - g. Daniewicz noted that these amendments will be revisited again before the elections

- h. Baglio suggested that someone needs to strike the meeting prior to running as conversation continues
- i. Wolf mentioned that Dave Swenson met with all parties that were considering running, and Wolf believes that some sort of meeting will help clarify what election expectations are
- j. Wealot questioned how a candidate submits their name, Fairbanks noted that normally Election Commission is notified via word of mouth. Election Commission also sends out a Listserv email.
- k. Arnold noted that Petitions of Reason are due after the campaign begins, however Election Commission must be contacted via email that they are running
- l. Schroeder noted that some candidates had rules questions in the previous election and believes that the meeting will clarify this
- m. Fairbanks thinks that it is important to have the meeting
- n. Kaplan stated that he would like to see this meeting be strongly encouraged in the guidelines; Arnold noted that Election Commission will be flexible about meeting with candidates. However, he believes that the meeting should not be optional
- o. Daniewicz believes that a meeting with Election Commission should be mandatory, based off of previous experiences working on campaigns.
- p. Baglio would like to call the question
- q. Amendment passes
- r. Baglio would like to move to strike the amended language completely; second by Jansen
- s. Daniewicz doesn't support this, stating it gives parties deniability
- t. Motion Fails
- u. Fettig suggested that the language should be rephrased so that the burden should be on Election Commission to set up the meeting
- v. Motion Passes

XII. Committee Reports

- a. Baglio noted that Stangel and Baglio will be working on proposal to endorse gender neutral housing on all campuses. If anyone has input, feel free to contact Baglio

XIII. Organization Reports

- a. Student Affairs met last Friday and had a great discussion about their future plans. They will be discussing the tobacco policies and will also be looking at student pay hours in the spring.
- b. Equality is planning Coming Out Week next week
- c. There will be a popcorn concert tomorrow in Oyate

XIV. Old Business

- a. Reminder of petitions of reason for student orgs. Are due on October 2nd. Next Forum will be long due to hearings.
- b. Tech Fee updates are looking great, Fettig will be meeting with Academic Support Services soon.

XV. New Business

- a. MCSA is hosting Bingo Night on Tuesday and Strowbridge needs two volunteers to call bingo numbers
- b. Little Free Library will be fully implemented next week

XVI. Adjourn

- a. Fairbanks motioned to adjourned; second by Daniewicz
- b. Motion Passes; adjourn at 6:41pm