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Memo to: MCSA Executive Committee
From: Executive Assistant Montbriand
Subject: Executive Committee Meeting, September 4th, 2014

The Committee will meet on Thursday, September 4th, 2014 at 6:00 pm in the Student Activities Conference Room.

I. Open Forum

- a. Campus Focus on Civility - Jayne Blodgett
 - i. Advisor Jayne Blodgett presented "*The 25 rules of considerate conduct.*"
The idea is to help us deal with our peers, fellow MCSA members, as well as the student body. This will benefit people in a positive way, and is presented with the best of intentions. Advisor Jane Blodgett went through the time and care to explain these rules to us, as well as applying them in a practical manner to MCSA. There are 12 books if you would like to read it; contact Advisor Jayne Blodgett if you are interested.
- b. Student GPA Policy - Dave Israels-Swenson
 - i. Student Activities Director presented a handout exemplifying "*Student Leader Case Studies.*"
 - ii. First case study stated that if a student is not enrolled, said student cannot be a student leader due to campus liability and insurance. Second case study stated that a student with a low GPA but holds a high-ranking student leadership position needs to prioritize, and if they are not capable of doing that themselves Academic and Student Affairs will step in; a part of being a good leader is setting an academic and leadership example. Third case study states that in the example of student who drops credits frequently and loses financial aid, Student leadership has no correlation with the losing financial aid or dropping credits and is applicable to the student GPA policy. Fourth case study aims to educate students on resources on the Campus so that they can keep themselves healthy academically and physically. A cultural shift was suggested instead of a policy.
 - iii. Student Activities Director Swenson presented a handout exemplifying '*Policy*

on Student Leadership Eligibility at UMM.”

- iv. Student Activities Director Swenson explained definitions such as what is student leadership position, what is a good academic situation, and what is satisfactory academic progress. Student Activities Director Swenson stated he would like to work with MCSA with the goal of getting the policy back to assembly for approval upon proper student opinions, thoughts, and changes. Coming to Campus Assembly in early spring.

II. President's Remarks

- a. Locations of Forum
 - i. September, our first forum will be in Science 1020; the following week is IH 109; then the following week is back to Science 1020. Multiple reminders will be sent out. Later discussion will determine the location and holding of forum.
- b. Use of Office Hours
 - i. All secretaries have signed up for office hours; the hours should be used for MCSA related thing such as tabling, meetings, etc. The secretary should be in, near or around the office during their hours and if they need to leave to go somewhere, leave a note. Use hours to initiate relationships with students. The use of time is preferential to MCSA related activity, but homework activities is encouraged if MSCA business is taken care of.
- c. Bulletin Board Usage
 - i. Bulletin Boards will be used for committee communication. The use and effectivity of the bulletin boards will be monitored to see if it is beneficial to the officers of committees.
- d. President's Corners
 - i. President Wolf and Vice-President Schroeder have already turned in their writings for President's Corner in the UR. They have briefly mentioned topics that MCSA will be tackling in the upcoming semester. Let President Wolf or Vice- President Schroeder *before* Wednesday if you would like to mention a topic for sharing to be published.

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- e. First Year Inclusion - Community Council Assignments
 - i. The goal is to have an individual from MCSA (executive representative if possible) to go to one Community Council per month. Representative Wealot proclaimed he will take care of Green Prairie. Representative Sundermann suggested having Academic Affairs teaming up with Executive Committee to help delegate representatives to go to Community Council Meetings. the purpose is to inform students about MCSA, things MCSA is working on, etc.
- f. New MSLC Appointment
 - i. Executive Committee needs to appoint a new MSLC appointment. The application process will be discussed upon future meetings.
- g. Wellness Week (October 6th-10th) Planning
 - i. It has been changed from Mental Health Awareness Week to Wellness Week. Each day will be dedicated to a different aspect of health. Activities will be hosted throughout the week. Further discussion will be initiated in future meetings and emails.
- h. Goals, Tasks, and Assignments
 - i. President Wolf proclaimed that MCSA executive members will initiate a new and structured system of creating a goal, planning tasks, and delegating and completing assignments. President Wolf stated that September 22nd is the Executive retreat; please email President Schroeder or Vice President Schroeder if you have any ideas.

III. Member Reports

- a. Committee Reports
 - i. *Academic Affairs:* An online task force officer is needed. A student is needed who has a background in taking an online course, and is not in the science division to fill a vacant position. November 17th at 7:30 is the Founders Scholar Forum.
 - ii. *Campus Relations:* No news presented.
 - iii. *Resources and Operations:* No news presented.

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iv. Student Services: No news presented.

v. First year council: Vice President Schroder is planning The Sustainable Diversity Conference, and has a goal of a remedy for the social justice wing of sustainability. The bulk of funding is hopefully going to be coming from MCSA.