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Memo to: MCSA Forum Members
From: MCSA Executive Committee
Subject: Forum Agenda for Monday January 26th, 2015.

The Forum will meet on Monday January 26th, 2015 at 6:00 pm in IH 109/The Cow Palace.

I. Open Forum

A. Community of Scholars Volunteering Opportunity *Presented by Brian Hermann and Kelly Rudney*

1. Hermann stated Community of Scholars is on Friday February 6th from 11:00am- 12:30pm and Saturday February 7th from 11:00am- 12:30pm.
2. Hermann stated 13 people needed on Friday and 28 people needed on Saturday.
3. Hermann stated that help is needed with making prospective students feel comfortable and welcome.
4. Hermann stated the first opportunity is to have current UM students be table leaders and initiate conversations and answer questions for prospective students at the luncheon. Free lunch and fun conversation!
5. Hermann stated more table helpers are needed because there has been an increase in prospective students attending.
6. Rudney stated that table leaders will be assigned a table of prospective students. In addition, table leaders will be asked to write prospective students follow up post cards.
7. Rudney stated postcards and informational packets will be given to table leaders immediately after the luncheon.
8. Rudney stated that 8-9 prospective students will be at each table.
9. Rudney stated Community of Scholars is an annual event where seniors that have been accepted to Morris come to Morris to tour and compete for two different scholarships.

10. Hermann stated during the Community of Scholars, a student activities fair will be active as well. Contact Wolf or David Swenson to reserve a table.

II. For Action: Approve Agenda

A. Prince moved to approve agenda; second by Koester.

1. Wolf motioned to add MPIRG resolution, bylaw separation, and open forum. Second by Jacobson. Motion carried.

B. Motion carried.

III. For Action: Approve Minutes

A. Sunderman moved to approve minutes; second by Dial .

B. Motion carried.

IV. President's Remarks

A. Wolf stated that the MCSA website has been updated. Link will be sent to forum members after forum.

B. Wolf stated office hours will be located on the website as well.

C. Wolf stated that a list of MCSA goals has been made and is located in the office.

D. Wolf stated each MCSA committee is drafting mock resolutions to familiarize forum members with resolutions.

E. Wolf stated that the Support the U Day bus is going to be half paid for by the UMN-TC.

F. Wolf stated that committee attendance will be monitored more closely and stressed the importance of committee membership, participation, and effort.

V. Committee Reports

A. MCSA Committees

1. Academic Affairs

a) Sundermann stated that AA met last thursday and drafted a mock resolution

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- b) Sundermann stated future resolution ideas have been brainstormed; initiatives toward Moodle implementation, class schedules, and other tools to be posted on website.
 - c) Sundermann stated printouts of PAL and tutoring sessions will be distributed next week.
 - d) Sundermann stated that informational printouts for the writing center will be distributed.
 - e) Wu stated that there is progress on re-establishing the friendship program as well as integrating international students better on campus.
 - f) Thao stated that there are initiatives to get international students to get more involved in campus activities.
2. Campus Relations
- a) Koester stated that CR has not met yet. Keep an eye out for a meeting time from Koester.
3. Executive Committee
- a) None presented.
4. First Year Council
- a) Thao stated FYC met today.
 - b) Thao stated FYC is working on the Beautification campus project; goal is to make the campus more visually pleasing.
5. Resources and Operations
- a) Wealot stated taxi passes are now available at the Info Desk for \$20.00 for 4 rides.
 - b) Wealot stated tech fee applications have started coming in.
 - c) Wealot stated on February 16th is the pizza ranch fundraiser, in place of forum.
 - d) Wolf stated a signup sheet will be passed around next forum.
6. Student Services

- a) Dial stated SS committee is meeting after forum.

B. Campus Assembly Committees

1. Assessment of Student Learning
 - a) None presented.
2. Academic Support Services
 - a) None presented.
3. Consultative
 - a) None presented.
4. Curriculum
 - a) Sunderman stated that students are needing for the Student Credit/Major cap task force.
 - b) Sundermann stated the task force is a spring and fall semester commitment. Attending a Curriculum committee before joining the task force is encouraged.
5. Faculty and P&A Affairs
 - a) None presented.
6. Faculty Development
 - a) None presented.
7. Finance
 - a) None presented.
8. Functions and Awards
 - a) None presented.
9. International Programs
 - a) None presented.
10. Membership
 - a) None presented.
11. Multi-Ethnic Experience
 - a) Koester stated DiversiTea went well.

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- b) Koester stated that if anyone has any ideas, comments, etc. to email Koester.

12. Planning

- a) None presented.

13. Scholastic

- a) Prince stated there are a lot of presenters and presentations coming to campus in the future.

14. Steering

- a) None presented.

15. Student Affairs

- a) None presented.

VI. Organization Reports

A. AISES *Presented By Representative Reed*

- 1. Reed stated kickoff meeting is tonight.

B. ASA *Presented By Representative Lor*

- 1. Lor stated that the first meeting was last wee. Exec meeting has not been held yet.

C. CNIA *Presented By Representative Goodsell*

- 1. Goodsell stated round dance is this saturday
- 2. Goodsell stated Pow Wow is in march.

D. Cougar Cheerleading *Presented By Representative Grewe*

- 1. Grewe stated 80's dance was successful over the past weekend.

E. ISA *Presented By Representative Cavanaugh*

- 1. None presented.

F. Meiningens *Presented By Representative Carlson*

- 1. Carlson stated "Dog Sees God" will premiere in two weeks during the first week of February.
- 2. Carlson stated that this week on Wednesday, auditions will be held for a staged reading. Look on the listserv for information.

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G. *Men's Rugby Presented By Representative Farr*

1. Farr stated an informational meeting was held and future rugby players were recruited.
2. Farr stated that the team is currently practicing and training.

H. *MPIRG Presented By Representative Flaherty*

1. Flaherty stated the kickoff meeting is on Wednesday.
2. Flaherty stated MPIRG tabling in the student center this week.
3. Flaherty stated on Wednesday there is the Affordable Higher Education Roundtable discussion with light lunch will be held.

I. *Mock Trial Presented By Representative Wu*

1. Arnold stated the regional competition is this weekend.

J. *MoQsie*

1. Finger stated that there will be several conferences in February in which members will be attending.
2. Finger stated the drag show is coming up soon; student orgs who wish to sell items or students who would like to perform to email Finger.
3. Finger stated pride week events and dates have been solidified.

K. *University Register Presented By Representative Langeivn*

1. Langeivn stated that there are vacancies available for acquisition. Contact Langeivn or other UR staff for inquiries.
2. Langevin stated UR will be tabling in the student center this friday.

L. *SlamMo Presented By Representative Schewe*

1. Schewe stated there has not been a meeting.

M. *Voces Unidas Presented By Representative Martinez*

1. None Presented.

N. *Women's Rugby Presented By Representative Montbriand*

1. Montbriand stated Women's rugby is conditioning and training for the upcoming season.

VII. Old Business

- A. None Presented.

VIII. New Business

A. For Action:

1. Sustainability Officer Approval *Presented by Wolf*
 - a) Wolf motioned to approve Rachel Brockamp; second by forum.
 - b) Motion carried.

(1) Rachel Brockamp is the new sustainability officer.

2. CNIA Co-Sponsorship *Presented by Representative Goodsell*
 - a) Goodsell stated that \$250 dollars is needed for Round Dance funding.
 - b) Miller stated that the budget can support a donation.
 - c) Wentz motioned to fund \$250; second by Prince.
 - d) Motion carried.

(1) CNIA was awarded \$250 dollars.

B. For Information:

1. Bylaws Amendments *Presented by Parliamentarian Jacobson*
 - a) Jacobson stated that bylaws are now gender neutral, sections are in a more logical order, and language was perfected.
 - b) Jacobson stated that changes are in red and purple.
 - c) Jacobson stated that questions should be communicated via email.
 - d) Wolf motioned to approve the bylaw amendments; second by Prince.
 - e) Motion carried.

(1) Bylaw amendments were approved.

2. Election Bylaws *Election Commissioner Arnold*
 - a) Arnold stated that bylaws are being improved, and processes are being changed and simplified. A highlight is the change in process if there is no President elected.

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- b) Arnold stated that questions should be communicated via email.
- c) Wolf motioned to approve the bylaw amendments; second by Miller.
- d) Motion carried.

(1) Bylaw amendments were approved.

3. MPRIG Resolution *Presented by Katy Evenson and Brenna Cook*

- a) Evenson stated that the Social Justice task force on MPRIG is a committee is looking to create a safe space for students of all identities on campus.
- b) Evenson stated this resolution will look to support all types of students and having all student respected in all campus spaces.
- c) Cook encouraged trainings and informational sessions be held.
- d) Executive Secretary Montbriand will send a copy of the resolution to forum members after forum.
- e) Resolution will be voted on next week.

IX. Announcements

- A. None presented.

X. Adjourn

- A. Prince moved to adjourn; second by Dial.
- B. Motion carried.
- C. Forum adjourned at 7:02 pm.

XI. MCSA Committee Meetings

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Enclosures: Minutes 12.8.14

I. Roll Call

- a. Vice President Schroeder called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.
- b. Executive Assistant utilized the “card swiper” tool and tracked attendance on Campus Connections. Roll call was not needed.
- c. Representatives Schliep, Grewe, Smith, Stangel, Cavanaugh, TwoBears, Lamesgin, and Johnson were absent; all other forum members were present.

II. Open Forum

- a. Forum members should have received a handout about the “End of the Semester Party”.

III. For Action: Approve Agenda

- a. Representative Prince motioned to approve agenda; second by Representative Dial.
- b. Motion carried.

IV. For Action: Approve Minutes

- a. Representative Prince motioned to approve minutes; second by Representative Koester.
- b. Motion carried.

V. President’s Remarks

- a. President Wolf thanked forum members for completing the survey, and informed forum that future surveys will be conducted more confidentially and securely.
- b. President Wolf stated there is no more mandatory fundraising left, as funds has been raised to eliminate the deficit.
- c. President Wolf encourage forum members to attend the Midnight Breakfast and the MLK day of service.
- d. President Wolf point out the new additions to the agenda of added committee and organization reports.
- e. State of the MCSA Address *Presented by President Wolf*

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- i.** President Wolf thanked forum members for their hard work, participation, and dedication this semester.
- ii.** President Wolf encouraged forum members to voice their opinions, concerns, and thoughts.
- iii.** President Wolf recognized Campus Relations and the committee's remarkable achievements and highlighted their work on the utilization of social media and creation of advertising videos.
- iv.** President Wolf recognized Student Services and the committee's remarkable achievements on campus, and highlighted their work on the student GPA policy.
- v.** President Wolf recognized Academic Affairs and the committee's remarkable achievements on campus, and highlighted their work on the Founder's Scholar Forum.
- vi.** President Wolf recognized Resources and Operations and the committee's remarkable achievements on campus, and highlighter their work on establishment of taxi passes.
- vii.** President Wolf recognized Representative Bishop and Representative Ledermann and their remarkable achievements on campus, and highlighted their work with Sodexo.
- viii.** President Wolf recognized first year council members and their remarkable dedication to helping MCSA so eagerly.
- ix.** President Wolf recognized all the senators and their remarkable work on and off campus and with their involvement with other UMN campuses.
- x.** President Wolf recognized forum members for attending forum regularly, helping MCSA in anyway they can, and for their participation in committees and organizations. .
- xi.** President Wolf stated the success of MCSA can be continued by spreading individual wealths of knowledge and choosing to work cohesively and passionately.

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- xii.** President Wolf encouraged forum members to keep MCSA forum on organization and committee progress.
- xiii.** President Wolf recognized Executive Committee for their work in recognizing and establishing upcoming topics of interest that MCSA needs improvement and work upon.
- xiv.** President Wolf mentioned moving forward with more implementation for “Its On Us” and the “Green Dot Program.”
- xv.** President Wolf stated that a personal goal is to educate the campus about what resources are available.
- xvi.** President Wolf asked forum members to think about tasks for spring semester.
- xvii.** President Wolf recognized the accomplishments of MCSA for the fall semester.

VI. Committee Reports

a. MCSA Committees

- i.** *Academic Affairs Presented by Representative Wu*
 - 1. Representative Wu stated AA is working to increase International Student involvement.
 - 2. Representative Wu stated that a meeting is being scheduled to meet with ISP leaders.
- ii.** *Campus Relations Presented by Secretary Koester*
 - 1. Secretary Koester stated Cougar Pawsitivity was a success.
 - 2. Secretary Koester stated goals for next semester are more outreach to campus, as well as figuring out the role of campus relations in the next administration.
 - 3. Ideas or suggestions should be directed to Secretary Koester.
- iii.** *Executive Committee Presented by President Wolf*
 - 1. President Wolf stated forum survey results were reviewed and taken into consideration.

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iv. First Year Council *Presented by Representative Thao*

1. Representative Thao stated FYC is working on a spring semester project.
2. Representative Thao stated a meeting is being scheduled with Argie Manolis for the spring semester project.

v. Resources and Operations *Presented by Secretary Wealot*

1. Secretary Wealot stated the most prominent accomplishment of RO this semester was the implementation of zero waste events and utilizing zero waste in the dining hall.
2. Secretary Wealot stated Zimride advertising will be implemented soon.

vi. Student Services *Presented by Secretary Dial*

1. Secretary Dial stated there is a whiteboard outside TMC for students to write down what they would like form MCSA.
2. Secretary Dial stated suggestions will be considered and approached during spring semester.

b. Campus Assembly Committees

i. Assessment of Student Learning Committee

1. None presented.

ii. Academic Support Services Committee

1. None presented.

iii. Consultative Committee *Presented by Representative Jacobson*

1. Representative Jacobson that CC has approached constitutional issues and faculty campus government issues.

iv. Curriculum Committee *Presented by Secretary Sunderman*

1. Secretary Sunderman stated CC is working next academic year's course catalog.
2. Secretary Sunderman stated EDP proposals have been discussed and money has been allocated.

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3. Secretary Sunderman stated a credit cap is being discussed in which each major would have equal credits.
- v.** Faculty and P&A Affairs Committee
1. None presented.
- vi.** Faculty Development Committee
1. None presented.
- vii.** Finance Committee *Presented by Representative Riley*
1. Representative Riley stated future student involvement ideas are being brainstormed.
- viii.** Functions and Awards Committee *Presented by Representative Zapchenk*
1. Representative Zapchenk stated commencement speakers have been reviewed.
 2. Representative Zapchenk stated work has been started on the “Distinguished Research Award.”
- ix.** International Programs Committee
1. None presented.
- x.** Membership Committee *Presented by Representative Stangel*
1. Representative Stangle stated students and staff have been placed on various committees.
- xi.** Multi-Ethnic Experience Committee *Presented by Secretary Koester*
1. Secretary Koester stated MEEC is putting together a diversity event to create opportunities for discussion. This event will be held next semester.
- xii.** Planning Committee *Presented by Representative Wente*
1. Representative Wente stated UMM coordinating with UMN-TC to create a new morris strategic plan.
 2. Representative Wente stated that a capital campaign is being formed.

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- xiii.** Scholastic Committee *Presented by Representative Prince*
 - 1. Representative Prince stated that SC is working on introducing the PeopleSoft software, and proposing multi institutional scholarships.
- xiv.** Steering Committee *Presented by President Wolf*
 - 1. President Wolf stated SC is looking to form a committee to review the MCSA constitution.
- xv.** Student Affairs Committee *Presented by Secretary Dial*
 - 1. Secretary Dial stated topics of interest are the increase of student work hours, student GPA policy, and the selection of a new athletic director.

VII. Organization Reports

- a. AISES *Presented By Representative Reed*
 - i. Representative Reed stated AISES final meeting is Monday December 8th. AISES is focusing on more campus outreach, as well as more fundraising ideas. AISES participated in the “Frozen Sing-A-Long” in the past weekend.
- b. ASA *Presented By Representative Lor*
 - i. Representative Lor stated ASA’s last meeting was last week. Spring semester goals are the success of the Taste of Asia Dinner.
- c. CNIA *Presented By Representative Goodsell*
 - i. Goodsell stated on January 31st the round dance will be held in Oyate. American Indian heritage month was successful.
- d. Meiningens *Presented By Representative Carlson*
 - i. Carlson stated on February 14th a stage reading will be held and reached out to forum members to become involved. A portion of the proceeds will go to charity.
- e. Men's Rugby *Presented By Representative Farr*

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- i. Farr stated senior banquet will be held next week where players will be recognized.
- f. *MPIRG Presented By Representative Flaherty*
 - i. Flaherty stated that last meeting is this wednesday, youth democracy summit registration is still open and Pomme de terre foods has been reopened in a new location.
- g. *Mock Trial Presented By Representative Arnold*
 - i. Arnold stated changes have been made to the year long case for mock trial. Members are re-reviewing the case.
- h. *MoQsie Presented by Representative Finger*
 - i. Finger stated on Feb 20th the Drag Show will be held in Edson.
- i. *University Register Presented By Representative Langeivn*
 - i. Langeivn stated the last issue for this semester is being published this week. Encouraged forum members to utilize the UR for organization public relations
- j. *SlamMo Presented By Representative Schewe*
 - i. Schewe stated last meeting was last week.
- k. *Voces Unidas Presented By Representative Martinez*
 - i. Martinez stated last meeting will be held on wednesday, elections will be in january and VU is planning on hosting a dance next semester.
- l. *Women's Rugby Presented By Executive Assistant Montbriand*
 - i. Montbriand stated Women's Rugby is holding a fundraiser tonight at Pizza Ranch. Rugby T Shirts will be sold during the fundraiser as well.

VIII. Old Business

a. For Information:

- i. *Spring Semester Initiatives Presented by Vice-President Schroeder*
 - 1. Vice President Schroeder asked for forum member's suggestions for different MCSA committees

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- a. Langeivn suggested CR video interviews with students and professors.
- b. Sunderman suggested CR make a how-to video for new registration system.
- c. Carlons suggested AS to require professors to utilize Moodle for the posting of grades throughout the semester.
- d. Wolf suggested Forum write more resolutions.
 - i. Prince suggested racial justice resolutions
 - ii. Wolf suggested peer mentoring program
 - iii. Sunderman suggested ISP advertisement
 - iv. Kim suggested international student fee
 - v. Wolf suggested divestment
- e. Wolf suggested FYC and AA at community councils.
- f. Montbriand suggested RO conduct more enjoyable fundraisers.
- g. Koester suggested CR conduct a cookie sale fundraiser.
- h. Koester suggested SS publish a guide to self care.
- i. Dial suggested SS have an online form for student feedback.
- j. Prince suggested SS publish a guide to being an on-campus leaders.
- k. Jacobson suggested SS publish a “who’s who” guide to important leaders on campus
- l. Langevin suggested RO work on mall building renovations.

IX. New Business

a. For Action:

- i. Executive Committee Representative Election *Presented by Election Commissioner Arnold*

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1. There is a vacancy for an at-large position on Executive Committee.
 - a. Accepted nominations: Prince and Langevin.
2. Representative Langevin was elected as the at-large position on Executive Committee.

ii. *Senator Election Presented by Election Commissioner Arnold*

1. President Wolf presented Michael Maudal to forum members as a nomination for the vacancy for a senator in the All-U committee.
2. Michael Mudal was elected as the at-large position on Executive Committee.

X. Announcements

- a. Vice President Schroeder's Senior Seminar will be in IH 112 at 5:30pm.
- b. Dietary restrictions and beverage suggestions for the end of the year party should be directed to Advisor Blodgett

XI. Adjourn

- a. Representative Arnold motioned to adjourn; second by Representative Prince.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

XII. MCSA Committee Meetings