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- I. Roll Call
 - a. Godding called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
 - b. Wolf called roll; Representative Butler Joyner was late, Representatives Helgeson and Preston were excused, Representatives Bokku was absent.
- II. For Action: Approve Agenda
 - a. McBrady motioned to approve the agenda; second by Fairbanks.
 - b. Motion carried.
- III. For Action: Approve Minutes
 - a. McBrady motioned to approve the minutes; second by Vogel.
 - b. Motion carried.
- IV. President's Remarks
 - a. McBrady welcomed everyone to the new format for the meetings and wanted others to know about the presence of side conversations would interfere with the meeting going on so if they could be limited that would be great.
- V. For Information: Committee Preferences Presented by President McBrady
 - a. McBrady wanted to inform every member of form of the different types of committees;
 - i. Campus Relations (Dillon McBrady)
 - ii. Academic Affairs (Zac Van Cleve)
 - iii. Resources and Operations (Bryce Blankenfeld)
 - iv. Student Services (Holly Gruntner)
 - b. There are no guarantees for membership placement, so rank the committees and we will try to get each member into a spot that was closest to their first choice as possible.
- VI. For Action: Approval of Guidelines Amendment Presented by Sen. Baglio
 - a. McBrady motioned to approve the guidelines amendment; second by Gruntner.
 - b. Page Four of the agenda lists the Petition for Seeking Representation to the Forum, with new wording. The update was made in order for student organizations to have more time in seeking representation in MCSA and to be the most fair. The wording was a little murky so the changes were made to clarify the overall process. If interested in seeing the changes, look to Page Four of the Agenda where the changes are listed in bold.
 - c. Daniewicz wanted to thank Baglio for his work, and point out certain changes in the document that were for the better.
 - d. Z. Van Cleve believes this amendment is awesome, and wanted to know if we needed to wait a week to approve the change.
 - e. Baglio pointed out that the Executive Committee can make changes if need be to the specific guidelines according to the way the petition rules were set up.
 - f. Point of Information: Fairbanks wanted to know if the Bylaws needed to be changed, Baglio shared that it did not through the Constitution and Bylaws.

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- g. Forde wanted to always give praise for the updates, but made the comment that the petition didn't give any information on how it should be interpreted according to Executive Committee, but for now the amendment is perfectly legitimate.
 - h. Vogel backed up Zak, by believing that Baglio did make this process much easier for groups to understand but now the idea is to figure out a group to decide different guidelines or a way to select the organizations that would hold spots on Forum.
 - i. McBrady noted that contention over guidelines on this topic were fine, it comes down to what Forum wants.
 - j. Gruntner believes that now is the time to set up guidelines for the future groups because this is the year that we have gone pretty hard at including other groups in the Forum process.
 - k. Baglio believes that there is enough information given as of so far in the current petition because Forum and/or Executive have no say over making a group legitimate or not.
 - l. Fettig is against having the rubric because if a group can successfully complete the petition then they should fit all of the guidelines. If you come to the presentation completely unprepared then that might be reason to disregard the organization, but no other reason.
 - m. Wente strongly believed that the petition process should be kept objective for the groups applying for a position.
 - n. Daniewicz agreed with Wente, because we are recognizing the relationship between MCSA and the student organizations to help each other out. As long as a petition is good enough, there is no need for a rubric.
 - o. Vogel thinks that we need to separate the idea of the petition and the idea of creating a rubric because they are different issues at the moment. If a group would want to construct a rubric, they can do that outside of this discussion.
 - p. Gruntner called the question, seconded by McBrady.
 - q. Motion passed.
 - r. Motion passes to approve the amendment.
- VII. For Action: Election of Student Emergency Fund
- a. McBrady motioned to open the election for the Student Emergency Fund members; second by Gruntner.
 - b. The Student Emergency Fund is a standing committee with MCSA where a student can request up to \$100 for an emergency. It is rarely used, but when it is used it's a very key committee. Even though it hasn't met in three years, it's important to keep around.
 - c. Fairbanks wanted to know how the group was publicized; Jayne shared that the money was received from a former record store on campus and funds are not replenished but are able to be used.
 - d. Van Cleve nominated Rosana, Rosana accepted.

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- e. Forde wanted people to know that the fund has not been publicized but that doesn't mean it can't be. The resources could be grown if they needed to be because it was transferred to a foundation account by Dave Swenson where funds could be raised if we/Student Emergency Fund Committee/Resources and Operations Committee wanted them to.
 - f. Donovan asked about the type of emergency that qualified the usage of the committee, Z. Van Cleve believed it was a last chance emergency fund to cover any expenses. Further conversations will need to be had about raising the fund and for what.
 - g. Daniewicz wanted to know what the three people that would be elected would be doing, Z. Van Cleve answered that they would be the ones hearing the case and decide to give the funds or not.
 - h. Fairbanks wanted the committee to discuss the idea of advertising the fund availability so students know that
 - i. Kies wanted to remind that we are discussing the people that are going to be on the Committee, not the actual use of the Committee.
 - j. Kriesman nominated Baglio, Baglio accepted
 - k. Daniewicz nominated Fairbanks, Fairbanks accepted.
 - l. Gruntner nominated Churchill, Churchill accepted.
 - m. Guest Zach Johnson asked Rosana why nothing happened with it last year if she was on the committee, Rosana commented that she knew it existed but there was no reason to meet so she did her best to inform individuals of the Fund itself.
 - n. McBrady moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Fairbanks
 - o. Motion passes.
 - p. Representatives Rosana, Baglio, and Churchill were elected as members of the Student Emergency Fund
- VIII. For Information: Alumni Networking Event Presented by Secretary Van Cleve
- a. Z. Van Cleve worked with the Alumni Relations office this year and this year on September 21st, there will be 40+ alumni on campus that were invited by professors and staff members that have done great things in their fields. First, alumni will be coming into classes to hold discussions, second, three alumni story panels will be held to hear about experiences and opportunities to help time at UMM, three, divided into four divisions, four, set one and one meetings. If interested in a one on one meeting contact Erin Christenson. Food will be available and a good turnout is needed! More information will be available in campus mailboxes soon.
- IX. For Information: Shoes and Volunteers Presented by Representative Fairbanks
- a. Fairbanks needs some help with collecting 1,100 shoes for a campus wide activity as a representation of the students that commit suicide every year that will be held on the mall. If any members of Forum have shoes that are not wanted any more, please donate them to Fairbanks. On Tuesday night of Mental Health Awareness Week, MCSA is holding a panel talking

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about what resources are available for individuals dealing with mental illness. Right now there is a need for student facilitators, if there is any interest let Fairbanks know.

- X. For Action: Approval of Sustainability Officers
 - a. McBrady moves to approve Joey Daniewicz and Aaron Goemann as Sustainability Officers, second by Vogel.
 - b. Blankenfeld wanted Forum to know that since we are “post Green-Corp”, there is a huge need for work to be done so having the two officers will be a huge help for the Office of Sustainability.
 - c. Motion passes.
- XI. For Action: Approval of Budget Manager
 - a. McBrady moved to approve Reed Olmscheid, second by Vogel.
 - b. Daniewicz wanted a description of the position; Blankenfeld clarified the position as helping out with the Budget, helping out with other financial issues.
 - c. Motion passes.
- XII. Organization Reports
 - a. E-quality is having a retreat this Saturday and Sunday including different student-run workshops and discussions about the LGBT community with multiple speakers.
- XIII. Old Business
 - a. MCSA Budget is on the end of the Agenda, feel free to talk to Bryce afterwards if there are any questions.
 - b. Fall Retreat is on Sunday, starts at 6 with food and fun and bonding.
- XIV. New Business
 - a. If anyone wants a Vote No sign talk to Zac Van Cleve.
 - b. Contact Zak Forde if there is any committee issues at all, i.e. scheduling, not being contacted by the Chair of your respective committee, etc.
 - c. If any member of Forum will be absent, late or needing to leave early for any meeting of Forum, please contact Allison Wolf as soon as possible.
 - d. First Year Elections are in order as of today and people to help table are needed.
 - e. September 19th there will be a Soup and Substance with the topic of Medicinal Marijuana, co-sponsored by NORML.
- XV. Adjourn
 - a. McBrady motioned to adjourn; second by Blankenfeld.
 - b. Motion carried. Forum adjourned at 6:46 p.m.