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I.   Roll Call
   a.   Van Cleve called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
   b.   Granaas called roll; Gruntner, Sharma, and Narayan were absent.

II.   For Action: Approve Agenda
   a.   Govada motioned to approve the agenda; second by Showalter.
   b.   Motion carried.

III. President's Remarks
   a.   Welcome to another great year of MCSA! Last week new President Kahler was here and we did a great job of portraying ourselves as a fabulous campus. Last weekend was the MCSA-Sponsored Amazing Race and we had a great turnout.
   b.   Please be checking your emails because your committee chairs will be emailing you to coordinate upcoming meetings and schedules.
   c.   ZimRide got rolled out last week, which was sponsored by MCSA through Tech Fee. Please encourage the use of this site, especially for Labor Day rides.

IV.   For Information: Brief Review of Robert's Rules
   a.   Van Cleve must call on you before you are allowed to speak in Forum.
   b.   Actions are opened to discussion and a vote through a motion that is seconded.
   c.   Amending a motion that's on the floor needs its own motion and its own second. Then the amendment gets voted on before the original motion gets voted upon.
   d.   You may not speak twice if people still have not spoken once.
   e.   To ask a question, you may raise your hand and ask "Point of Information." Forum moves quickly; don't be intimidated by asking for information.
   f.   Most actions require a majority vote to pass. A 2/3 vote is required for Calling the Question (ending the discussion and moving immediately to a vote).
   g.   Showalter asked about the precedence system.
        i.   Postponing a motion, called Tabling, will allow the motion to be voted upon at a later time.

V.   For Information: Attendance Policy
   a.   You need a valid excuse to miss a meeting of any kind because your attendance is mandatory. Please don't leave early or arrive late. If unavoidable situations arise, let Van Cleve know in advance by sending an email or finding him in person.

VI.   For Information: Ranking Member System
   a.   Ranking members in your committee are responsible for your attendance; please let them know if you will be absent from a committee meeting.
   b.   Ranking members will be responsible for submitting a committee report to Van Cleve the same week your committee meets.

VII. For Action: Fall Retreat Committee
   a.   Govada motioned to open nominations for the Fall Retreat Committee; second by Showalter.
        i.   Fall Retreat will tentatively be on September 18.
        ii. Showalter, Forde, and McBrady nominated themselves to be part of the Committee.
   b.   Motion carried.

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VIII. For Information: Networking *Presented by President Govada*
  a. MCSA wanted to create a connection between students and alumni. Some alumni have donated money to create an online networking tool that will go online soon.
  b. The Alumni Association is planning an on-campus networking event with alumni. It's geared toward juniors, but it will be open to all classes. The event will be held Friday of homecoming, and MCSA has been asked to do the publicity for this event to get students to various panels, discussions, and open meetings with alumni in their fields. If you're interested in helping with this event, please let Govada know.

IX. For Information: MCSA Committee Structure *Presented by Secretary Patterson*
  a. There are various levels of committees at UMM. Last spring, representatives were assigned to their Campus Assembly committees.
  b. MCSA has committees that are exclusively for MCSA members: All-U Committee, Academic Affairs, Student Services, Resources and Operations, First Year Committee, and Campus Relations. The idea of these committees is to allow representatives to delve into different areas of campus governance.
  c. Each committee chair gave a brief summary of the issues addressed in their respective MCSA committees.
  d. Representatives submitted their top two committee choices.

X. Organization Reports
  a. AISES, MPIRG, Men's Rugby, CNIA, STLF, BSU, WOCA, DFL, E-Quality and ASA all announced upcoming meetings and events for the week of August 29.

XI. Old Business
  a. None

XII. New Business
  a. Forde announced a project to organize students on a project to curb campus utility usage including water, heat, and electricity use. This has started as a partnership between many different groups. Forde will be giving a presentation at the UMACS conference in late September. Anyone interested in helping with the presentation or helping with the future of this taskforce should let Forde know by talking to him or responding to his upcoming email.
  b. Forum will meet again after Labor Day.

XIII. Adjourn
  a. Preston motioned to adjourn; second by Showalter.
  b. Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.