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Constitution
Morris Campus Student Association
University of Minnesota, Morris

Preamble

The Morris Campus Student Association is hereby established to represent student interests. We endeavor to encourage and develop responsible student participation in the educational affairs of the college and in student welfare; aid and assist in the establishment of policies and regulations regarding student academic freedom; and provide means for using University resources to develop responsible student leadership. The Morris Campus Student Association acknowledges and agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the University of Minnesota, and the University of Minnesota, Morris.

Article I. Name:

This organization shall be named the Morris Campus Student Association and shall be hereinafter referred to as the MCSA.

*Article II. Membership:

The general membership of the MCSA shall consist of all duly registered students of the Morris Campus of the University of Minnesota.

*Article III. Organization:

Section 1. MCSA Forum

The MCSA Forum shall serve as the legislative authority for the actions of the student governance system, and no policy shall become the official policy of the MCSA until approved in a manner set forth by the Forum. The MCSA Forum has the right to accept, amend, or reject the actions of the officers or standing commissions of the MCSA or MCSA Forum.

*A. Membership of the MCSA Forum

The MCSA Forum shall consist of the following:

1. All duly elected student members of the UMM Campus Assembly,
2. The MCSA Executive Council,
3. All duly elected members of the All-University Senate,
4. The UMM student representative to the Board of Regents,
5. The UMM student representative to the Senate Consultative Committee,
6. The UMM student representative to the Student Lobby Advisory Committee,
7. The President of the UMM Freshman Council,
8. The President of Inter-Hall Council,
9. A representative from the Black Student Union,
10. A representative from the Native American Student Association, and
11. A representative from the Morris, Minnesota International Student Association.

B. Meetings

1. The MCSA Forum will meet at least 3 times each quarter during the regular academic year.
2. Meetings may be called by the President of the MCSA or by petition either of one-third of the voting members of the Forum, or two-thirds of the Executive Council.
3. All meetings shall be open to faculty, students, and all persons who may gain privilege of the floor through regular parliamentary procedure.
4. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the Forum. Action may be passed by a simple majority of the Forum members present.

C. Duties

1. The Forum shall take action of proposals placed on the agenda by the Executive Council, and on any proposals initiated from the floor of the MCSA Forum by a Forum member.
2. Shall have the power to reverse any action of the Executive Council by a 2/3 vote of the MCSA Forum.
3. Shall approve the annual budget of the MCSA.
- *4. Shall approve the annual recommendation of the Activities Fee Review Committee.
- *5. Shall nominate and elect all salaried and non-salaried positions of the MCSA Forum.
- *6. Shall have the power to set up those commissions as deemed necessary and to specify their function and membership.
- *7. Shall have the power to enact such by-laws as it deems necessary to facilitate the operation of the MCSA by a 2/3 vote of the total voting membership.
- *8. Shall have the power to amend the by-laws of the Constitution by a 2/3 vote of the total voting membership.

Section 2. Executive Council

A. Membership

The membership of the Executive Council shall consist of the following:

1. Voting members of the Executive Council shall be the Vice-President of the MCSA, Secretary-Treasurer, and three other members who shall be elected at large by and from the MCSA Forum.
2. The President of the MCSA shall vote only in case of a tie.

3. The Director of Student Activities shall serve as an ex-office member without a vote.

4. An at-large Executive Council member may be removed from the Executive Council, for cause, by a 2/3 vote of the entire Forum.

***B. Meetings.**

*1. The Executive Council shall meet at least 3 times each quarter during the regular academic year.

*2. Meetings may be called by the President or by the written petition of a majority of the members of the Executive Council.

*3. The meetings shall be open to all members of the campus community, who shall have the privilege of the floor through regular parliamentary procedure.

*4. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the voting membership. A simple majority of the voting members present is required to pass motions.

***C. Duties**

*1. Shall have the responsibility for initiating proposals and resolutions to be sent to the MCSA Forum for their consideration.

*2. Shall prepare the agenda for the MCSA Forum meetings.

*3. Shall administer policies approved by the MCSA Forum.

***Section 3 Student Advisory Council**

***A. Membership**

The student Advisory Council will consist of the following:

*1. A student representative from each of the Morris Campus Assembly and Non-Assembly Committees.

*2. The Agoraphobia Student Store Manager.

*3. The Coordinator of the Morris Campus Union Board.

*4. The President of the MCSA.

*5. The Vice-president of the MCSA.

*6. The President of each Residential Housing unit.

*7. The President of the Black Student Union, Native American Student Association, and the International Student Association.

*8. A student representative from Intramurals.

***B. Meetings.**

*1. The Student Advisory Council shall meet at least 2 times each quarter during the regular academic year.

*2. Meetings shall be called by and presided over by the president of MCSA.

*C. Duties: The Director of Student Activities shall serve as an ex officio member without a vote.

The Student Advisory Council shall meet to discuss issues and make recommendations of organizational interest and student concerns to the Morris Campus Student Associations, and provide a forum of discussion within the MCSA.

Article IV Officers

Section 1. President of the MCSA.

- *1. Must be a member of the MCSA.
2. Must be duly elected and shall assume office on the 1st day of _____.
3. Shall serve for a period of one year as the president of the MCSA.
- *4. Shall be the official representative and spokesperson of the MCSA.
- *5. Shall serve as presiding officer of the MCSA Forum, the Executive Council, and Student Advisory Council.
- *6. Shall be an ex officio member of the MCSA Forum who shall vote only in case of tie.
- *7. Shall be responsible for enforcing and upholding the MCSA constitution.
- *8. Shall maintain communications with administration, alumni-through the UMM Alumni Association, and other friends of the University.
9. The President of the MCSA shall have all responsibilities not assumed by other persons in the constitution or by-laws.

Section 2. Vice-President of the MCSA.

- *1. Must be a member of the MCSA.
2. Must be duly elected and shall have a term of office of one year starting on the last day of spring quarter.
3. Shall assume the duties of the president in the absence or incapacity of the president.
- *4. Shall coordinate and supervise all public relations on behalf of all branches and commissions of the MCSA.
5. Shall coordinate and supervise commissions except as otherwise designated.
6. Shall serve as parliamentarian in the MCSA Student Forum, Executive Council, and Student Advisory Council.
7. Shall carry out all actions as delegated.

8. Shall be responsible for finding one or more students from each Assembly and Non-Assembly Committee to communicate student committee member concerns to the Forum and Forum concerns to the student members of the committees.

Section 3. Secretary-Treasurer of the MCSA.

- *1. Must be a member of the MCSA.
2. Shall be nominated and elected to the office for a period of one year by the MCSA Forum,
3. Shall record the minutes of the MCSA Forum and Executive Council meetings,
4. Shall be responsible for the preparation of a monthly financial report and of an annual budget for the MCSA,
5. Shall carry out all duties as delegated.

*Article V. Recall of Offices

*Section 1. Any official may be removed for just cause - not fulfilling the duties of the office, violating the constitution, dismissal from the university, or conduct unbecoming of an official of the MCSA, through proper recall procedures.

*Section 2. Removal of elected officials of Campus Assembly. Recall procedures may be initiated by a petition of the MCSA members containing no less than 15 percent of the elected official's constituency. Petitions must be submitted to the MCSA Forum for review. The Forum shall upon a 2/3 majority vote of the total voting membership, send the recall petition to the constituency of the elected person for a vote. If a majority of the constituents voting in the election favor the official's removal from office, the elected official shall be removed from office immediately and the position filled within three weeks by a special MSA election.

*Section 3. Removal of Forum Appointed Officials

1. Recall procedures may be initiated by a petition of no less than 15% of the MCSA members or procedures may be initiated by a Forum member. Petitions must be submitted to the MCSA Forum for review. Once the issue is brought before the Forum, a vote of 2/3 of the entire Forum is required.

2. The Student Affairs Committee will administrate all recall votes of the MCSA.

*Article VI. Vacancies

*Section 1.

In the event of a resignation or removal of any Forum member of the MCSA, the vacancy will be filled no later than three weeks after the vacancy.

Section 2.

Upon the vacancy of the President's position, the Vice-President will assume the Office of the President.

Section 3.

In the event of a vacancy in the Vice-President's position, the MCSA Forum would choose a replacement, by a majority vote of the entire Forum.

*Section 4.

Vacancies in the Campus Assembly positions will be filled by the person on the election ballot who received the next highest number of votes. In the event that there are no more alternates available to fill the vacancy, the Forum will conduct a special in-house election as stipulated in the By-Laws.

Article VI. Elections

Section 1.

Election rules and procedures shall be provided for in the By-Laws.

*Article VII. Initiative, Referendum, and Amendment

*Section 1. Initiative

- *1. Any MCSA member may propose legislation by presenting a petition to the President signed by no less than 10 percent of the members of the MCSA.
- *2. An initiated measure must be published in the Campus Newspaper at least once before the student body votes on it.
- *3. Such an initiative must be submitted to a vote of the members of the MCSA within no more than 21 days after a petition has been presented to the President.
- *4. The measure must receive a 2/3's majority of those voting in the regularly scheduled election to become binding.
- *5. The Student Affairs Committee shall administer all Initiative votes of the MCSA.

*Section 2. Referendum

- *1. The MCSA may call for a referendum against any measure passed by the Executive Council, Forum or commission thereof by presenting a petition to the President which is signed by no less than 10 percent of the members of the MCSA.

- *2. A referred measure must be published at least once in the campus newspaper prior to the vote of the members of the MCSA.
- *3. Such a referendum must be submitted to a vote of the members of the MCSA within no more than 21 days after a referral measure has passed or a petition has been presented to the President.
- *4. The measure must be approved by a 2/3's majority of the votes in the regularly scheduled election and becomes binding immediately upon passage.
5. The Student Affairs Committee shall administrate all referendum votes of the MCSA.

*Section 3. Amendments

- *1. This constitution may be amended either by methods of initiative or referendum, or by action of the MCSA Forum with a vote of ratification by the members of the MCSA.
2. All petitions concerning amendments to this constitution must be validated by the Student Affairs Committee.
3. Any proposed amendments to this constitution shall be approved by the Student Affairs Committee prior to the vote for ratification.
4. Such amendments shall go into effect when ratified by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the members of the MCSA.

Article IX. Interpretation

Section 1.

The Student Affairs Committee shall review questions of constitutional interpretation.

Article X. Ratification

*Section 1. The MCSA constitution shall become effective immediately upon its ratification by a 2/3's majority of the members of the MCSA voting in the election.

*Section 2. This constitution shall render null and void any preceding similar document intended for the purpose of governing the MCSA and shall take precedence over any conflicting or contradictory by-laws.

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Office of the Provost

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

1. The purpose of this document is to establish the Office of the Provost and to define its functions and powers.

2. The Office of the Provost shall be responsible for the academic affairs of the institution and shall report to the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE II. OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

SECTION 1. OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

The Office of the Provost shall be headed by the Provost, who shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 2. DUTIES

ARTICLE III. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. The Board of Trustees shall have the ultimate authority over the institution and shall be responsible for the overall management and financial affairs.

2. The Board of Trustees shall have the power to appoint and remove the Provost and to approve the budget and major policies of the institution.

3. The Board of Trustees shall have the power to grant degrees and to establish the criteria for admission and graduation.

4. The Board of Trustees shall have the power to establish the structure and organization of the institution and to approve the appointment of faculty and staff.

SECTION 3. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. The Board of Trustees shall consist of a minimum of five members, who shall be appointed by the State.

2. The Board of Trustees shall meet at least once a year and shall have the power to call special meetings.

3. The Board of Trustees shall have the power to establish the rules and regulations governing the institution and to enforce these rules.

SECTION 4. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. The Board of Trustees shall have the power to establish the criteria for the appointment and removal of the Provost.