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MCSA Forum minutes 11/16/2015

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Memo to: MCSA Forum Members
From: MCSA Executive Committee
Subject: Forum Agenda for 11/16/15.

A. Open Forum

    1. Called to order at 6:00

B. Approve Agenda

    1. Sofia approves

    2. Austin seconds

    3. Approved

C. Approve Minutes

    1. October 26th

        a) President Wealot moves to approve

        b) Seconded

        c) Approved

    2. November 9th

        a) Moved

        b) Seconded

        c) Approved

D. President's Remarks

    1. Forum is going to run long the next few weeks becuase we have a lot to do

    2. Org reps will be holding a training session in the next few weeks, that would happen after forum

        a) Attendance is required

    3. Campus assembly is on Dec. 1st

    4. Nameplates are done

E. Committee Reports

    1. Founders forum will be tomorrow in the HFA recital hall

        a) There will be three faculty, and three students

        b) There are posters around campus

    2. Steering

        a) Met today, and put together the agenda for the next forum

    3. Scholastics Committee

    a) There is talk about changing english proficiency for stellar students

        (1) Stellar is an international student organization, with most of the students coming from China.

        (2) Stellar students are in an english class, and are sent to the U.S. to learn about what is like to live in the U.S.

        (3) There is also Gateway, which is for Native American Students.

        (4) Fiona: Is this decided:

            (a) Edison: No this is not decided yet. We are behind in our requirements. A lot of the colleges around us are doing it.

        (5) Fiona: Personally, I don't think that the school should raise the requirement for stellar.

        (6) They are raising it from a 6 to a 6.5

4. Functions and Awards

    a) Met last friday.

    b) Put forth a list of speaker names for the speaker at commencement for next year.

    c) Peter Docter is a recommendation

        (1) As is Bill Nye

5. Resources and ops.

    a) Met right before forum

    b) Else and Austin are still working on the posters.

    c) The sustainability officers are working on sustainability on campus.

        (1) They are also going to go to their big meeting event.

F. Organization Reports

  1. Dance ensemble

    a) Is having a performance soon

G. Old Business

1. For Action: MSLC Constitution *presented by Rep. Forney*

   a) MSLC is going to add to new spots, one for Graduated and one for professional Students.

   b) PASSED

2. For Information: Tuition Differential Resolution *presented by Rep. Tipper*

   a) Was read last week at forum.

   b) Is looking for input on the resolution as it will be voted on next week

   c) Recommends taking out third 'whereas'.

   d) Mitch: If we have questions, can we email you.

      (1) President Wealot: Yes they can email you.

   e) President wealot: the resolution basiclly says that we oppose the resolution, and don't like it, but we aren't giving any alternatives.

   f) Else: In finance committee, they were talking about cutting programs and faculty, but this isn't really an option, but they are also talking about what they want raising the food cost on campus.

   g) Edison: Called for a straw poll

      (1) Result was split feelings

   h) Kyle: while it is not the best option to raise the cost for one group, how many would be for raising the cost of coming to the school across the board? The money has to come from someplace. Some of the money would be going to pay for faculty salaries.

      (1) Maddie: This could bring up a lot of problems.

      (2) Sophia: Anything we do is going to have consequences

      (3) Kyle: It would be about $70 per person, per year.

      (4) Fiona: I am not completely apposed, but after talking to the Chancellor, the answers about scholarships is vague.

      (5) Coco:

         (a) Related to Fiona:

(i)   If we are going to do this, we should have a stipulation about how much money should go to scholarships.

(b) Related to Kyle:

(i)   The tide is that we are going to be paying more money as time goes on, and it would be in addition to the $70

(ii)   This differential is going to happen eventually, and can we really ge the support that we need from the student body to get them to pay the extra

(6) Edison: If we do go the scholarship route, why not have fewer scholarships, but less money overall.

(a) Else: The Scholarships look good for prospective students.

(b) Austin: There is a large draw for me to come here since there was no differential

(c) Coco: As long as the tuition differential is small enough, it would still me cheaper.

(7) Mitch to President Wealot: Who's descision is this

(a) President Wealot: We are going to work on the resolution after forum, and then will be bringing it back next week.

3. For Action: MPIRG Student Organization Representation *presented by Sec. Arnold*

a) Motion to approve

(1) Sofia: So Moved

(2) Katie: Seconded

b) Laddie

(1) MPIRG would like to have a Rep, but there was a mix up with the paper-work

c) MPIRG would like to reach out to campus, and would like to stay involved. Mave is the rep.

d) Passed.

4. For Information: Student-Administration Mixer Ideas *presented by President Wealot*

a) The 23rd (Next Monday), there is food, and there is the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor that would be there to talk to people.

b) 3:30-5 in Oyate

c) Rachel and Mitch volunteered.

d) Suggestions for possible activities

(1) Music

(2) Dancing

e) Discussion

(1) Katie: How will we advertise.

(a) President Wealot: I will be sending out a document for tabling.

(i)   Will be making a posters after Forum.

(ii) People could Volunteer to send out an email each day to recommend people to come.

(iii) There will be a facebook event, with advertising on the Facebook pages.

H. New Business

1. For Information:

a) Tech Fee Licensing discussion *presented by Sec. Brockamp*

(1) We need the money because they state does not give us a lot of money to allocate.

(2) A proposal must be written, and must fall under the banner of technology.

(3) MCSA is responsible for allocating the money.

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(4) Last year, it was brought up that there are some software licensing that needs to be renewed

    (a) People aren't sure whether or not this is something that need to be under the banner of tech fee, or if this only applies to new technology

b) Discussion

    (1) Laddie: I was there for discussions last year, and I think that while you could make an argument that the initial investment might be too much, given the budgeting situation, not allowing the renewal of software that we agreed was important, we should renew the subscription.

    (2) Sofia: What would be the alternate source of funding?

        (a) President Wealot responds:

    (3) Sofia: What would be the advantage

    (4) How much money was actually spent on this,

        (a) We have not gotten very far in unraveling all the expenses.

        (b) $19,000 dollars went to software, and $10,000 went to subscription renewal

            (i) Anthropology

            (ii) Writing room

            (iii) Morris Connect: $3,00

    (5) Edison: Would this fall under upkeep cost

        (a) President Wealot: that is what we are trying to figure out,

        (b) If we don't have a subscription renewal, then we lose the subscription.

        (c) Should MCSA fund subscription based software.

            (i) Really, does it meet the tech fee peramoitiers

        (d) There are a couple different ways to license software

           (i) The Diction software is software where you have to buy different versions

               (a) This is the old model

           (ii) Now, companies are moving to subcscription based models where you can only have the program for a certian period of time

           (iii) There is also cloud service software.

               (a) Zimride is one of these

               (b) If you don't renew, you lose the clou

(6) Coco: Have these renewals kept us from buying something that we needed.

    (a) President Wealot: We are also debating about the limited amount of funding that we have

    (b) Laddie: It is really hard to say that, oh it would be nice to fund this, but we just can't do it. There were a couple things last year that swwe really wanted to fund, but we couldn't do it. Even without the software renewals, we still would not have been able to do it. If we cut off funding. ,we will never know the impact that it would have had.

(7) Since tech fee started, there has been a ban on recurring costs.

(8) Fiona: It is realistic if we don't fund them, we should keep the right to vote things down, and encorage them to fund themselves.

c) Sofia: Should we actually say that we were able to offer the recurring subscriptions, would it be guaranteed every year?

        (1) President wealot: No, they would have to reapply every year.

d) Edison:

e) Mitch: In your opinion, what would the responce of the school be if we were to say that we were not going to fund these; would the university find the money, or let them fail .

        (1) They will scramble, because there is no magic pot of money to give.

f) Mitch: Do you think that the university would hav ethe ability to shift the cost onto themselves eventually.

        (1) It would be a case by case basis.

        (2) So may find funding, but some might not.

        (3) It is always possible to put in language that this would be renewed every year.

        (4) It is helpful to put in who this would be helping.

        (5) you might say that administrative software might not be as important to renew

g) Mitch: I think that we do need these programs, and it would end up having the programs cut if we don't fund them.

        (1) There are a lot of benefits, but with the subscription based model, we have are able to have the latest version of the software.

h) Mitch: so there is an amendment proposed.

        (1) President Wealot: no, that is what the discussion is about

i) Sophia: This amendment is to allow or disallow

        (1) President Wealot: Disallow

j) Fiona:

        (1) President Wealot:

k) End Discussion

  I. Student involvement poster *presented by Rep. Wilson*

Announcements

Adjourn

Motioned

Seconded.

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