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Membership minutes 11/14/2019

Membership Committee

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Membership Committee Agenda
University of Minnesota Morris

November 14, 2019 - 11:40 a.m.
Humanities 112

Present: Barry McQuarrie, Adele Lawler, Brandon King, Kevin Whelan, Matt Zaske,
                Paul Grove, Jeff Lamberty

Guests: Josh Westfield, Sam Rosemark

Absent: Siobhan Bremer, Adam Schneider

• **Membership minutes from 10.10.19 meeting approved as presented.**

• **Guest Invitation/Discussion: MCSA Leadership. Comments, discussion regarding possible process and process improvements between MCSA and membership as it relates to student committee appointments, etc.**

Sam reported that Ted Pappenfus, Chair of Steering, made a proposal to recruit students to campus governance committees. The proposal suggested that faculty and staff would nominate students, there would be a call for nominations, Membership would review and appoint students to committees. The current practice is that forum places students on committees and those names are forwarded to Membership for approval. Ted attended MCSA forum to share his proposal and the proposal was not well received. MCSA brought forward their proposal as outlined below:

MCSA proposes that if it finds that it cannot fill all Campus Assembly Committees under current practices, then it will work with Membership to call for nominations through a Google Form sent to UMMOFFICIAL. Nominations will be reviewed by MCSA and Membership with MCSA putting forward a slate of candidates to be approved by Membership.

Once approved, students who are not already members of MCSA will become "MCSA Representatives" and gain membership with voting power in the MCSA Forum.

The position of MCSA Representative will be given to any student appointed/recommended by MCSA to serve on a committee, task force, workgroup, or any other campus governance related group.

MCSA Representatives must follow the MCSA attendance policy as stated in the MCSA Bylaws. MCSA Representatives must attend the bi-weekly MCSA Forum meetings and the meetings of the committee, task force, workgroup, or any other campus governance related group they were appointed/recommended to. Failure to attend a meeting without notifying MCSA through ummmcsa@morris.umn.edu and the leader of the group will result in an unexcused absence.

The MCSA attendance policy states that 3 unexcused abscences to Forum results in removal from MCSA and that 2 unexcused abscences to an assigned Campus Assembly Committee results in removal from MCSA. Students must email MCSA or the assigned committee's chair within 24 hrs with a reason.

Matt noted that changes in MCSA leadership has often had a direct impact on how we are able to populate committees. How can membership foster better communication? We could recommend that MCSA has purview on this part of populating committees. What can membership do to help? Sam responded that it depends on how the conversation goes at the next Steering Committee meeting. Membership could endorse MCSA's proposal. Barry wondered if there is a process to protect students, especially first year students, if they are overwhelmed and would like to be removed from a committee. Matt asked if the community hour has been helpful for students. Both Josh and Sam believe so as it makes it easier for students to attend committee meetings.

• **Vacancies to Review/Appointments**

MCSA roster changes: Matt has been updating the MCSA roster changes and appointments as appropriate.
Other vacancies: There is a P&A vacancy on Planning Committee. Matt will review preferences data for suggested names. There is a USA vacancy on Student Affairs Committee. Adele will contact USA for suggested names.

• **New business/discussion points:**
Comments/suggestions: membership chair transition (topics for future meetings). As we think about the next chair, Matt asked what might helpful as awe think ahead to the busy spring semester. Matt currently does all of the behind the scenes technology work.

• **Adjourned at 12:40 pm.**