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September 17, 2012

- I. Roll Call
 - a. Godding called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
 - b. Wolf called roll; Representatives Sletten, Donovan, Fetting, Rosana, and Forde were late; Representatives Helgerson, Kreisman, and Preston were excused.
- II. For Action: Approve Agenda
 - a. McBrady motioned to approve the agenda; second by Gruntner.
 - b. Motion carried.
- III. For Action: Approve Minutes
 - a. McBrady motioned to approve the minutes; second by Baglio.
 - b. Motion carried.
- IV. President's Remarks
 - a. Thank you to all that went to the Fall Retreat. Welcome to the new first years – we are excited to have you here! MCSA Committees will be meeting after Forum tonight.
- V. For Action: Budget for Stamp Out the Stigma Event Presented by Rep. Fairbanks and Secretary Blankenfeld
 - a. McBrady motioned to approve the budget for Stamp Out the Stigma; second by Daniewicz.
 - b. Fairbanks presented the idea of the Mental Health Awareness Week from October 8th-11th, learning about the resources available for mental illnesses and such on campus. The proposal shows the table of events going on, as well as the projected budget of \$271.
 - c. Blankenfeld explained that the money will not be coming out of the Co-Sponsorships, it will be coming out of the line items for Office Supplies and Special Meetings and Events. If there is any extra money, the money will come back to MCSA without any extra steps to take.
 - d. Daniewicz wanted to know for how many people the pizza would be bought for, Fairbanks answered with 100 people.
 - e. Forde commented that recently that there is a good chunk of money that will not be spent, All-University for Travel because of James getting reimbursed as well as President Kahler will be funding the buses for the Lobby Day.
 - f. Vogel wanted to thank Fairbanks and Blankenfeld for doing this work, and that this cause is worthy of focus over budget that has come up. The buses should not be counted on because there has not been a for sure disclaimer from Kahler.
 - g. Blankenfeld and Olmschied budgeted for this in the actual budget so other expenses are not necessarily the most important.
 - h. Motion passed.
- VI. For Information: Sustainability Officer Update Presented by President McBrady

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- a. From a past meeting, there is now a division of the positions - Representative Daniewicz will be dealing with more internal affairs while Representative Goemann will be dealing with external. We are slowly but surely figuring out the positions and progress is being made.
- VII. For Action: AISES Petition for Representation Presented by Madison Anderson
- a. McBrady moved to approve the AISES Petition for Representation; second by Daniewicz.
 - b. Anderson is here to represent AISES, grown from having 4 members to around 40. The American Indian population is the largest domestic population on campus, 40% are STEM majors.
 - c. Rosana asked what STEM stood for, Anderson responded with Science Technology Engineering and Math
 - d. Gruntner wanted to know who would be the Representative, if the position is received Anderson is suggested to take the spot but the spot will be up for grabs in the next meeting.
 - e. Daniewicz is glad that we are voting on this specific petition, but he wanted to know how AISES would benefit from having representation on MCSA, Anderson wanted to let it be known that it would be beneficial to have two American Indian students on MCSA because of the rising population and also having someone to relay information to the AISES community is important.
 - f. Motion passed.
- VIII. For Action: First Year Election for Executive Committee
- a. McBrady motioned to open the election for the First Year Executive Committee member; second by Daniewicz.
 - b. Godding explained that there is a spot on Executive Committee for a First Year, and Exec works on Wednesday at 8 to plan the agenda for Forum.
 - c. Forde explained that we will be following the normal rules, except all will be offered the ability to run, being able to accept or deny.
 - d. All accepted their nominations.
 - e. McBrady moved to suspend the rules; second by Z. Van Cleve.
 - f. Motion passes.
 - g. Emily Sunderman was elected to Executive Committee.
- IX. For Action: First Year Election for Election Commission
- a. McBrady motioned to open the election for the First Year Election Commission member; second by Daniewicz.
 - b. Godding explained that Election Commission works to especially advertise the Elections specifically for MCSA but also be involved in other aspects of the Elections.

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- c. Point of Information: The same First Year Member cannot serve on both committees.
- d. Point of Information: As a correction, every First Year Representation can run on both committees if voted that way.
- e. All accepted their nominations.
- f. Cory Schroeder was elected to Election Committee.
- X. For Information: Disability Services Working Group Presented by Rep. Fairbanks
 - a. Fairbanks explained that Nancy Cheeseman started to discuss how Disability Services was run. Right now there are two students on the group, but there is room for two to three more. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Fairbanks.
 - b. Karells has stepped down on that committee, so there are now three to four spots open. Please help if available.
- XI. Organization Reports
 - a. E-Quality had their retreat this weekend and it was a great time for bonding. Keep your eyes open for Ally Appreciation Week, more information will be given by Representative Karrells.
 - b. Student DFL will be having an event tomorrow with DFL Candidates Jay McNamar and John Schultz, with special guest DFL Party Chair Ken Martin.
 - c. Pi Sigma Alpha is hosting a local candidate forum, most likely on October 2nd where both parties will be represented.
 - d. BSU will be hosting a Date Auction in TMC at 8 p.m. as Homecoming Week Festivities, and the Homecoming Dance is this Friday.
 - e. This Sunday at Noon there will be a Minnesota United for All Families Picnic to fight the marriage amendment in Pomme de Terre Park.
- XII. Old Business
 - a. Last year we talked about what has happened in the offices that took up all of the positions that the Assistant Dean had to drop. Rosana would like to keep this committee going.
 - b. Shoes are still needed for Mental Health Awareness Week, about 700 more, and need to be delivered by October 5th.
- XIII. New Business
 - a. First Years need to go talk to Zak Forde about committee placements, Holly about MCSA committee placements, and Hazen about First Year Council.
 - b. There is a Constitution event in the McGinnis Room at 7 p.m.
 - c. Trash Talking will be running at Homecoming for Sustainability efforts, please talk to Zak or Bryce if you are interested in helping.
 - d. If someone wants to set criteria for Petitions, talk to Dillon.
- XIV. Adjourn

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- a. Donovan motioned to adjourn; second by Rook.
 - b. Motion carried. Forum adjourned at 6:38.
- XV. MCSA Committee Meetings