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Membership Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 28, 2021 11:40 am
Via Zoom

Present: Barry McQuarrie, Kevin Whalen, Adele Lawler, Matt Zaske, Jeff Lamberty, Paul Grove, Siobhan Bremer, Sierra Brown

Membership minutes from 10.22.20 approved as presented.

Other committee standing business:

- A. Carrie Grussing has retired, and her support position for the committee is not being replaced at this time. The Committee thanked Carrie for her past service. Moving forward, Barry will take minutes, and ensure they are uploaded to the digital well. Matt Zaske will assist with Simply Voting. Matt commented that whether or not he is on the committee he will be able to assist with simply voting in the near future, although the committee will at some point likely want to consider the process of how communication around nominations and elections will occur.
- B. The committee discussed replacing a P&A position on Scholastic that would be vacant for spring semester due to maternity leave (SC chair Merc Chasman has asked if there would be a replacement). The Committee decided not to replace this position for spring, as P&A has another representative on the committee and there was no good alternative from P&A who had previous experience with SC to be able to effectively contribute for a single semester. Barry will communicate this to the SC chair.
- C. There is a slate of representatives that is ready for USA to vote on. The recent Retirement Incentive Option (RIO) may impact this slate. Typically these votes would occur individually for each position, but given the circumstances of this year it is possible USA would approve the complete slate at once to expedite getting members on the committees this spring.
- D. MCSA is looking for students to fill two open positions (Membership and Student Affairs).
- E. MCSA sees having the campus community nominate students for committee membership as a positive way to increase participation in MCSA and governance. MCSA will contact the nominated students to be sure they are interested in serving on a committee, and work out a process to ensure these students are able to report back to MCSA.
- F. Timeline for Spring:
 - Feb 11 Membership Meeting: Review [elections that need to happen](#) , discuss [committee preference form](#) to include nomination of students.
 - Nominations for elections open by: February 15 (open for 2 weeks)
 - Elections take place: March 8 - April 2 (4 weeks)
 - Send Committee Preference Form: March 1 (closes March 21, open 3 weeks)
 - Appointment process/work: March 22 - April 20 (two MC meetings Mar 25, Apr 8)
 - 2021-22 Committee Slate to Steering for CA Approval: **April 20**
 - April 22 last Membership meeting, select chair for next year

New business/discussion points: none
Adjourned at 12:00pm.