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**Memo to:** MCSA Forum Members  
**From:** MCSA Executive Committee  
**Subject:** Forum Agenda for Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The Forum will meet on Monday at 6pm in IH 109/ Cow Palace.

## **I. Open Forum**

### **Meeting called to order at 6:01**

#### A. Q&A with Chancellor Behr

##### 1. Introductory remarks from Behr

*Behr:* Things on agenda this year - Doing things differently. Firstly, accreditation with the higher learning commission. 6 regional creditors, HOC is ours. Three things that we need to start working on. First is about student learning outcomes. All of the programs academic are working on putting together learning outcomes and evaluating them. Report from the assessment committee. Quality initiative is the second item. Student retention is the focus especially going into the second year. First for quality initiative is looking at what we already have in place. Not always a lot of communication internally when it comes to this. Second piece of quality initiative is making use of fund from U of M system used for services relating to mental health wellness. One time fund that allows morris to be the coordinator for mental health initiative across u of m campuses. Third piece is high impact practices. Internships and capstone courses, student faculty research, community engagements. Provides students with skills and connections. Doing well at connecting junior and senior students, but trying to do more for freshman and sophomore students. Big project is to prepare our report that is due for our 10 year reaffirmation. Visiting team in fall of 2019 will evaluate how Morris does for HLC evaluation. This is a 2 year effort. It will be showing evidence that we are doing what we are expected to do.

2nd big project - strategic vision and learning project. Focuses on how we want to look like in 10 years. This semester we will be doing community forums, 6 forums in total. Faculty member and student leading these discussions on topics such as what should liberal arts education look like, the political and fiscal environment, and what are students needs. In the spring there will be a task force that will use those conversations as a backdrop that will provide us with a vision of

what we want to look 10 years from now. The semester after will focus on nuts and bolts and how we want to take action.

U of M system has developed strategic plan framework. First plan is enrollment management plan, focusing on recruitment and retention. Better leverage resources system has and how campuses can work better together. Will be going on all year. Smaller projects - legislature gave funds for feasibility study. Study of two year program for students with developmental disability. President has mandated reports regarding preventing sexual assault. U of M has launched capital campaign. Trying to raise 4 billion total, Morris is trying to raise 21 million. Raising money from private individuals will go scholarships, fellowships, research, infrastructure, and sustainability and environmental efforts. Inauguration is a week from Friday. Hopes everyone will come. Celebrate the institution. Regents and President Kahler will be there. Show how important and special we think morris is.

*Behr* opens the floor for questions.

*Wilson*: Details about mental and health position?

*Behr*: Can't say details about position.

*Lenius*: Asks about initiative to improve mental health. Explain how connecting to other campuses will help with this?

*Behr*: Look at programs that are effective on other campuses, such as Duluth's Let's Talk program. *Lenius*: Kahler has had vision but nothing has been done, or at least not fully utilized. How are we going to use the plan to make things happen? *Behr*: System wide strategic plan framework adopted in June by the regents. Enrollment management plan is a part of making it a reality. Can't say what other initiatives will be. When we do our strategic plan - after we do our readings and conversations hope that others will recognize our framework.

*Wilson*: When is our first forum for the readings and conversations?

*Behr*: not sure. Wants to set up moodle site to deposit relevant resources, town hall -esque.

*Smith:* Responding to Lenius, University has been talking about strategic plan for the past 7 years. To Behr, wants update on dog. *Behr:* Has bloodhound dog they were unhappy with each other. Now able to come in and out all day with doggy door.

*Wilson:* Regarding 21 million dollar capital raising, where will money go proportionally?

*Behr:* Student support faculty support , infrastructure environmental, in theory they are equal, but that may not be the case. Donations are sometimes specific.

*Tetrick:* How much have we raised?

*Behr:* 16 of 21 million goal..

*Weninger:* What kind of people are targeted?

*Behr:* All different kinds. Targeting alumni. Establishing habit of giving. People in community, private foundation grant, etc.

*Brown:* Mental health awareness including sexual assault?

*Behr:* Sexual misconduct initiative is happening.

## **II. For Action: Approve Agenda**

*Smith:* Motion to approve

*Tetrick:* Seconds

*DeBellis:* Motion passes

## **III. For Action: Approve [Minutes from 9/11/17](#)**

*Lenius:* Motion to approve

*Wilson:* Seconds

*DeBellis:* Motion passes

## **IV. President's Remarks**

*Wilson:* Thanks all those who came to the MCSA Retreat

## **V. Committee Reports**

### **A. MCSA Committees**

Academic Affairs - *Carmen:* Academic affairs met. Casual, starting to brainstorm ideas.

Campus Relations - *Tetrick:* Campus Relations has talked a couple times.

Working on new MCSA logo and running the Facebook page.

Resources and Operations - *Alam*: Meeting wednesday for the first time.

Student Services - *Pilugin*: Meeting tomorrow.

## B. Campus Assembly Committees

Assessment of Student Learning - *Carmen*: Need assessment for social science major. Can graduate without 4000 or 3000 level class. Talked about HLC as well.

Finance - *Gregg*: Asks if we want a stand in for Brandon. *DeBellis*: We will address that later.

Scholastic- *Smith*: Reviewed suspension and probation report. Everything was pretty average. And benefits to living on campus.

Student Affairs - *Tetrick*: Continue discussion about campus smoking policy, wifi issues, quality initiative stuff. Student behavior changed members

## VI. Organization Reports

AISES - *Two Bears*: Going to Denver Colorado.

MoQSIE - *Brown*: Trans equity summit, trying to send 12-14 people

University Register - *Hunt*: First issue of the semester is being published this weekend.

CNIA *Stone*: There is a Native american discussion and panel. Cow palace 5 o'clock.

## VII. Old Business

### A. For Information:

1. First Year Council reminder *presented by* Election Commissioner Lenius  
*Lenius*: Get voting position on MCSA. 300 word blurb on why you want to run. Email Lenius with it. 27th through 29th is the voting. Petitions are due this Friday.

### B. For Action:

1. Approve [University of MN Morris Forum](#) Facebook page as an official responsibility of MCSA *presented by* President Wilson  
*Wilson*: Facebook page currently happening but want to make it official and part of campus relations committee. Read through the guidelines

about what is reasonable to post etc. Policy will be renewed every 2 years.  
Any changes can be made now. Good alternative to ListServ.

*Smith:* asking about ambiguous wording for changing policy in regards to forum. *Hunt:* Concerned about MCSA taking control and asking if we are regulating what can be posted and the first amendment issues therein.

*Wilson:* The guidelines say that moderators cannot rule based on personal opinion. The page is neutral. *Hunt:* What happens if the listserv comes back? *Wilson:* We would reassess usefulness of it. *Smith:* Generally supportive, concerned about second provision still. Could stifle conversation. *DeBellis:* Just says that we have to talk about it in the fall, but can in the spring. *Smith:* Still thinks it's confusing. Wants an amendment. *Lenius:* Seems like semantics that would easily be amendable in the future. *Hunt:* What happens if the ToS of Facebook runs contradictory to University code of conduct or MCSA code of conduct? *DeBellis:* Does not see that as a concern.

*Gardner* motions to approve

*Tetrick* seconds

*DeBellis:* Motion passes

2. Approve executive committee's nominees Elsie Wilson and Tiernan Lenius as Consultative Committee student reps

*Tetrick* motions to approve as a slate

*Pilugin* seconds

*DeBellis:* Motion passes

3. Approve executive committee's nominee Josiah Gregg as Sustainability Officer

*Smith* motions to approve

*Lenius* seconds

*DeBellis:* Motion passes

4. Approve executive committee's nominee Andrew Brichacek as MSLC Representative  
*Tetrick* motions  
*Johnson* seconds  
*DeBellis*: Motion passes
5. [Sign-up](#) to volunteer for Chancellor Behr's inauguration
  - a) *DeBellis* takes down names. See above.
6. Fill remaining [Campus Assembly committee positions](#)
  - a) *DeBellis*: Asks *Alam* and *Johnson* to sign up for core committee.  
*Alam* to planning. *Gardner* out of scholastic and to assessment of student learning. *Scanlan* to Curriculum. *Johnson* to student affairs. *Rosemark* to student affairs.

## VIII. New Business

### A. For Information:

1. [Resolution Concerning the Student Listserv](#) presented by Representative Smith  
*Smith* and *Gregg* presenting.  
*Smith*: Not going to debate, only for information. *Lenius*: Resolution recognizes problems with Listserv but ask for it back anyways. *Smith*: Can insert "Whereas" that the benefits outweigh problems. *Lenius*: We can make it new and improved. *Tetrick*: Agrees that we want it back, but there is no way that it will happen. Has talked to Dave Swenson about it. Agrees with *Lenius* that we should make some sort of change to it. *Gardener*: Thinks its beneficial and re-enforces people want it back. *Smith* - Student activities people said MCSA said they can "can it", but that's not true. Email *Gregg* or *Parker* if you have any other suggestions.
2. First Campus Assembly meeting will be Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm in the Science Auditorium.

Mandatory to go. Email Carrie Grussing if you cannot make it. Should go anyways even if you aren't a CA rep.

B. For Action:

1. Approve College Republicans org rep
2. Take Executive Assistant nominations

Trieu is gone because of a class conflict. Position is on Exec and responsible for taking minutes and attendance.

*Kalidindi* nominated by *Hassan*

*Wilson* seconds.

3. Take Academic Integrity Committee nominations *presented by* President Wilson

*Wilson*: Academic Integrity committee and needs one representative.

*Gregg*: Explains that committee reviews academic integrity violations.

*Smith*: They met once each semester last year. But they could possibly meet more.

*Scheck* nominates *Tetrick*

*Wilson* seconds

*DeBellis*: Motion passes

4. Take RFC Board nominations  
No one nominated.
5. Take Constitution subcommittee nominations

A lot of changes need to be made. 25% of student body needs to vote and has to be approved by 2/3rds of those voting.

*DeBellis* nominates *Hunt*.

*Smith* seconds.

*Smith* nominates himself.

*Johnson* seconds.

*Wilson* nominates herself.

*Johnson* seconds.

*DeBellis* nominates herself.

*Johnson* seconds.

*Lenius* nominates himself.

*Smith* seconds.

**IX. Announcements**

**X. Adjourn**

**Debellis: Adjourned at 6:56 pm.**