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Memo to: MCSA Executive Committee
From: President Wilson
Subject: Executive Committee Meeting, November 29th, 2017

Meeting starts at 7:00

- I. Approve Agenda**
 - A. Alam motions**
 - B. Tetrick seconds**
 - C. Motion passes**
- II. Approve [Minutes from 11/19/17](#)**
 - A. Tetrick motions**
 - B. Debellis seconds**
 - C. Motion passes**
- III. Old Business:**
 - A. Debrief on Campus Conversation #5
 1. We had 4 students come. It started with people thinking about the long term environment. If we don't entertain the possibility of major change then we might not be sustainable in the future. Changing huge things are to be discussed by administration because money usually involves people being fired. No one came up with ideas that they want to put forward. Potentially discuss having a graduate program. talking to Michelle tomorrow at 1:00 regarding the conversation. Let me know if there are other things that you want me to bring up. Salvi Alam might go as well to the meeting
 - B. Campus Conversation #6 is Thursday, Dec. 7th from 12-1 pm
 1. Topic: Innovation in the Liberal Arts
 2. Readings [here](#)
 3. This is the last one. Building off of the convo "Students of the future"
 - C. Gala Update
 1. Meeting with Karen and Kasey

2. They work in student activities. They helped us further planning for the gala. They were optimistic and gave us ideas. They are going to help us with the set up and the physical aspect of the event. They helped us create a programme and they are a great resource for the actual planning of the event. Amy said she would get dates for events like community of scholars. We could work in spring semester to help us discount the price of the food. We also discussed art students donating artwork to be sold at the event. Most of the people have been positive and supportive of the cause. Maybe we can work out a certain percentage like they get 50% and the other 50% goes to the fund. We should talk to development about that

D. Update on letter of demands to Chancellor

1. They have a tamer version of what they asked for before. They have calmed down. We are trying to make it more professional. They want an investigation but that seems useless if its done next semester. I will let you know as things happen.
 - a) *Debellis*: They should ask campus police and administration regarding the investigation that already happened.

IV. New Business:

- A. Twin Cities (MSA) started a campaign to support students who have or could be affected by changes in DACA, the "travel ban," and TPS. They are asking faculty members to sign a [letter](#) asking the university to be proactive about considering the challenges these students faced.
 1. Do we send this to faculty? Individual asks or official MCSA stance?
 - a) *Pilugin*: We should send it out on the student leader listserv.
 - b) *Wilson*: We should also send it to the faculty listerv. Who is close to Sherry and can talk to her about it?
 - (1) *Tetrick*: I can do it.
 - c) *Wilson*: It doesnt need to go through the forum we just need the faculty signatures.

2. Maybe granting a temporary leave of absence and other practical accommodations.

B. Meeting with Chancellor on Dec. 4th

1. Anything to add to the agenda?
 - a) UMM on DACA
 - (1) Leave of absence offered
 - (2) Tuition refund
 - (3) Letter?
 - b) Campus Climate
 - (1) Admin response
 - (2) How to protect student privacy online
 - (3) How to protect UMM image
 - (4) How to calm the current situation
 - (5) Talk about demands letter or wait?
 - c) Africa trip
 - d) Campus Conversations/HLC update
 - e) Add a gala update
 - f) *Wilson*: I want to be super candid and tell her it's better to deal with things now before it gets out of hand.
 - g) *Alam*: I can come if you guys want.
 - (1) *Wilson*: Yes, you would be a good resource there

C. Debrief on meeting with Bryan Hermann

1. 2.96% of HEAPER funding. We are requested \$4 million from this other thing going towards Humanities and changing the basement of Blakely into education classrooms because the education building is awful. We will be super prepared for support the U day.
2. *Wilson*: Would you be ok with no food day before?
 - a) *Johnson*: I think it will be fine.
 - b) *Wilson*: I think we can give the \$200 to the gala.
 - c) Chancellor and Bryan might speak.
 - (1) Redesign budget next semester

D. Debrief on meeting with Provost Hanson on System-Wide Strategic Planning

1. Talked about credit transfers. Trying to make it easier between campus to campus. The plan is trying to highlight the UMinn system without saying we have more money and better education. Try to make the different campus programs connecting. Baseline infrastructure standards for education. Making online classes easier. Having a centralized online classes. But the money would be messed up. Retention of students of color. Each campus has its own approach. Asked her about retention because Morris has an issue. And she said the application encourages applying to other campuses.
- E. Debrief on 1st Year Council Rep ideas for next semester's initiatives
1. MCSA Bowling
 2. Life Hack Panels
 - a) During new student orientation. Current students talking about how to make things easier. "How to have fun".
 3. Town Scavenger Hunt instead of Town Tour
 - a) Involve local businesses. They can advertise their students discounts
 4. Composting/Recycling 101 event
 - a) Possibly combined with the life hack. Or make it a floor activities with CAs.
 5. Collaboration with CAC on events
- F. Senior Banquet is Dec. 7th
1. [RSVP](#)
- G. Community of Scholars Tabling 12/2 from 12:30-2:30 pm
1. Sign up please
 2. We will (maybe) be vending mini donuts
 3. Two more tabling days on Feb 2nd and 3rd
- H. Campus Assembly is Monday, Dec. 4th from 4:30-5:30 pm
- I. President's Award for Outstanding Service: Call for Nominations

1. [Nominate](#) a faculty or staff member by March 9th who you think has provided excellent service to UMM. 12 awards will be presented. The nominee can be retired. Nominations are due sometime in January.

J. Spring semester initiative brainstorming at next forum

1. Split up into groups. Secretaries are in charge of these groups. Come up with 3-4 ideas. Discuss the practicality. Bring 1-2 ideas to the big group.

K. Student Senate tabling by Feb. 15

1. Going to buy us candy and pamphlets with info. We have 2 senators and Ruby. so more people should help.

L. Future meetings

1. Burger baskets next week? Yussss
 - a) Week of finals. Tuesday 12th. 6:30. Informal exec meeting.
2. Same exec time for Spring semester?
 - a) Keep the same time
3. First forum of Spring 1/22 or 1/29?
 - a) 1/22
 - b) Exec on 1/17.

V. Member, Committee, and Organization Reports

- A. Elsie
- B. Ruby
- C. Sara-General education work group is a thing. Janet Erickson never replied to me regarding student input. Meeting next thu at 8am location tbd. Started talking about eval of general education credits
- D. Salvi
- E. Noah-My committee is hoping to have something in final UR about living off campus. And advertise off campus housing for the rest of the semester
- F. Steven
- G. Parker-Board of regents meet the thursday of finals week.
- H. Autumn

- I. Tiernan-Last planning meeting we were exposed to the budget by Bryan. Spent next hour talking about various ideas about implementing ideas. Talk about telling freshmen about the full meal plan because a lot of the freshmen are not aware of it.
- J. Sam-No movement about food committee. Got an email but nothing still happened.
- K. Alec
- L. Harshita

VI. [Agenda Construction for December 4th](#)

VII. Adjourned at 7:58