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In attendance: Daleney Teske, Elliot James, Mark D. Collier, Stacey Aronson, Laura L Thielke, Bryan Herrmann, Keni Zenner, Shae Lindholm, and Bill Zimmerman

1. Review and approve minutes (attached)
2. Need minute taker for today (rotation)
Elliot will take minutes this week; Bill will take minutes next week
3. For information and discussion (10 minutes): Mark's report about meeting with Melissa B. and Bryan H. about how we might help out with enrollment. (Short version: Melissa doesn't really see a clear role for us).
Mark spoke with Bryan and Melissa about how the Planning Committee (PC) could get involved in the enrollment process, but there was no clear way forward; Mark raised the question about whether or not the Planning Committee should pursue new avenues. "What if anything do we want to do as a Planning Committee?" (Mark)
Question posed to Bryan: What was the role of the Planning Committee (PC) before the pandemic? (Bill)
Discussion about facilities, energy, long-range planning on accessibility; efforts to start on a strategic plan before one went through Campus assembly (Bryan)
Citing the "develops, reviews, and recommends policies and plans with long-range implications for the development of the campus" charge of the PC constitution, perhaps it would be useful for the PC to look at current policies through the lens of enrollment management. For example, the academic suspension appeal process could be better examined through an equity and enrollment management lens. (Keni)
Is Planning or Scholastic responsible for doing this? (Mark)
While Scholastic would be responsible for approving, Planning Committee (PC) could review and start a conversation about the (Keni)
Reviewing policies could give more ideas for developing new policies on other committees (Delaney)
Doing so would require subcommittees based on how infrequently PC meets; calls for volunteers to start subcommittees; examples of subcommittee headings may include "fun spaces," and "e-sports" (Mark)
Other subcommittees could include Reviewing policies, interrogating the strategic plan, and e-sports (possibly) as a way of addressing enrollment management, and coming away with a "product" (Bill)
Let's certainly pick an item on the strategic plan; subcommittees should be clear about which item on the strategic plan the subcommittee is addressing (Mark)
Naming policy is also an important subcommittee issue or next-meeting agenda item (Bryan)
Approving the naming policy is within reach for this semester; the chair would add the item to next meeting's agenda (Mark)
Calls for volunteers for subcommittees; Mark would be willing to head the fun spaces subcommittee (Mark)
Since MCSA is also thinking about changes to the display case and creating a mural; perhaps one of the subcommittees could be about supporting the MCSA (Keni)

There is a distinction between fun spaces and the mural (Mark)
The mural is understood as an opportunity to educate the campus about its history; could be connected or distinct from the fun space idea (Daleney)
Calls for a vote that everyone in Planning Committee joins a subcommittee; calls for a good process for PC members to join each subcommittee (Mark)
Bill will lead E-Sports Exploration Subcommittee; Keni will lead Policy Review Subcommittee; and Mark will lead Fun Space Subcommittee (Bill, Keni, and Mark)
4. For discussion (15 minutes): What should we do in our last two meetings?
Discussion included in Agenda item #3 (Mark)
5. For discussion (20 minutes, Delaney and/or Kianna): MCSA proposal: *MCSA Resolution on Physical Campus Spaces Recognizing Indian Boarding School History and Current Day Native Student.*

The Morris Campus Student Association Forum passed a resolution proposing the creation and renovation of physical spaces on campus to recognize our history as an Indian boarding school and celebrate our current day Native students. The resolution is attached to this email in PDF format. Here are the key provisions:

Be it Resolved: The Morris Campus Student Association calls upon the Campus Assembly to form a planning subcommittee charged with strategizing and formulating a 5-year plan to transform physical spaces on campus to recognize our history as an Indian boarding school and celebrate our current day Native American students.

Be it Resolved: A staff member of the Native American Student Success (NASS) program, a faculty representative from the Native American Indigenous Studies program, and 2-4 student members chosen by the Morris Campus Student Association (MCSA)

Be it Resolved: The Morris Campus Student Association calls upon the University of Minnesota, Morris to update the display case in the student center before the conclusion of the 2022-2023 academic year.

Be it Resolved: The Morris Campus Student Association calls upon the proposed planning subcommittee to immediately begin work to develop a plan to create a mural in the Turtle Mountain Cafe that celebrates Native American culture, and more specifically, the people of Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians.
Calls for Daleney and Kianna to present MCSA proposal (Mark)
Looking for support (Kianna)
Call for clarification (Mark)
Calls to vote for support (Kianna)
Budget question (Mark)
Studio Art is the primary funding source (Kianna)
Call for discussion (Mark)
Campus and the land are part of the history, not necessarily the institution (Kianna)

Imholte Display case looks like a museum; perhaps Planning Committee could support MCSA in reviewing the Imholte Display case as well (Stacey)

Agrees; will look into the case (Kianna)

Talk to Jennifer Deane, Chair of the Social Sciences Division about the Imholte Display Case (Bryan)

Asks MCSA to edit the display case creation date from "1989" to "1995" or "1996" (Laura)

Agrees to change (Kianna)

Calls to clarify what Campus Assembly and Planning Committee need to do discretely to support the MCSA proposal; does MCSA want Campus Assembly to create their own subcommittee to support the proposal (Mark)

MCSA is visiting several committees to shop around the proposal; including Campus Assembly (Kianna)

Is MCSA asking for one or multiple subcommittees? question for Kianna (Bryan)

Asks what PC believes is the best strategy to move the proposal forward? (Kianna)

Clarifies: joint Campus Assembly and Planning Committee support is being requested (Daleney)

Student Affairs controls the Student Center; and while Planning Committee reviews other parts of campus, Student Affairs should also have input (Bryan)

Asks if two subcommittees are needed, or if one would be sufficient? (Mark)

Supports either option (Daleney)

Bill leaves early

Asks MCSA to talk about Planning Committee's specific role in the next meeting; calls for additional discussion on MCSA proposal (Mark)

Suggest an MCSA member to apply for an MSAF award; will email the MSAF information to Daleney and Kianna (Keni)

Calls for more questions and discussions; specifically support for finding and using space on campus (Mark)

Meditation spaces are on the purview (Daleney)

MCSA is also planning a walkthrough on campus to identify new spaces; main space is TMC because the center is named after Turtle Mountain, but there are no visual representation of Turtle Mountain peoples (Kianna)

Appreciates how Artists will be central to the revisioning and presentation (Bryan)

More discussion should be forwarded to the PC Chair via email; calls for vote (Mark)

Supports vote (Bryan)

Additionally calls for a letter from the Planning Committee (Daleney)

Suggests vote will carry more than a letter (Bryan)

Defers to Bryan (Daleney)

Calls for vote for Planning Committee to support MCSA proposal discussed in 2/14/2023 meeting (Mark)

Clarifies whether Stacey and Bryan are voting members of Planning Committee; confirms Stacey, Bryan, and Bill cannot vote (Bryan)

Vote: unanimously positive in support of MCSA proposal (Mark)

Calls for additional comments, discussion items, questions (Mark)

Daleney joins Policy Review committee (Daleney)

Calls for advice about what to bring to other committees (including Student Affairs) about how the fun space committee should proceed; sense of belonging and community are important for managing enrollment; ideas could include past programs (vending machines, etc.) (Mark)
Laura joins Fun Spaces Subcommittee (Laura)
Calls for a vote to add Fun Spaces to a future Campus Assembly "For Discussion" Agenda item (Mark)
Suggests Planning Committee discuss fun space in Campus Assembly Committee Report (Laura)
Agrees; and will pursue an Agenda item in subcommittee meeting (Mark)
Meeting adjourned at 12:32pm CST