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MCSA Forum minutes 10/01/2018

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Memo to: MCSA Forum Members
From: MCSA Executive Committee
Subject: Forum Agenda for Monday, October 1ˢᵗ, 2018.

The Forum will meet on Monday at 6pm in IH 109/ Cow Palace.
Called to order at 6:01 pm.

I. **Open Forum**

II. **For Action: Approve Agenda**

    A. Rosemark motions

    B. Terhaar seconds

    C. Motion passes

III. **For Action: Approve [Minutes from 9.24.18](#)**

    A. Smith motions

    B. Westfield seconds

    C. Motion passes

IV. **President's Remarks**

Brichacek is unable to be here due to illness.

V. **Meet Bill Zimmerman- Director for I.T.**

Welcome Zimmerman

Zimmerman- He is originally from Southern MN, he used to teach middle school in Jackson, MN and then moved to WI. He worked at UW-Madison for 18 years, had opportunities to teach students and set up program for students to prepare for employment and post-graduate life. He has had 20+ years of teaching experience and 25 years of IT experience. Hopes students are setting goals for themselves. Zimmerman had the goal of being teacher after graduation, then to teach at a university, and then to become a CIO. He wants students to think about what they want to do, where they want to go, and how IT can help them. Think about IT as something that enhances what students do, IT wants to enhance the educational experience on this campus. Zimmerman had a listening session with faculty and staff last week and wants to do one for students now because IT is here for students. Zimmerman and IT are here for students and to provide support. Zimmerman wants to know about your issues, concerns, questions, and ideas about new improvements and projects. One of his core philosophies is to ask questions. One important thing for students going forward is to challenge things and push

the envelope. He wants to bring his experience at UW-Madison here and go beyond it. There are ways to implement great ideas regardless of budget constraints. Zimmerman wants students to think of what could be done in the future to improve campus, when one has the ability to see what else they can do, one can create change and bring ideas to people. IT staff is here for all students and wants to be partners with the student body. IT wants to do surveys and get input from students about IT; it would also be cool to have students create an IT wishlist. One never hears yes if they don't ask. IT wants student feedback about what they can do, what's working, what they should do in the future, and any questions. Zimmerman hates it when people answer "why?" questions with "thats how its always been."

Brisbois-Haubrich- Wants internet on campus that doesn't go down every other day.

Zimmerman- As director of IT, he is ultimately responsible for every technology on campus, so that's a relevant concern. When you say the internet goes down, does it mean that the wired connection doesn't connect to the outside world or does it just mean that wireless connections are going down?

Student consensus on that the issues concern wireless connections.

Zimmerman- Do the issues occur at a specific location or time of day? If students start having issues for things that aren't working, they should go to the Help Desk. Answering specific questions about time/place can help IT to get to the root of the problem.

Hunt- How will IT work with sustainability in the future? It seems like campus could improve in things related to e-waste.

Zimmerman- There should be a community message with campus about what services IT offers/doesn't offer and what they can do on campus. IT can certainly do things differently about advertising for things like e-waste and computer waste services.

Smith- Welcome back to Minnesota. How do you feel we can better communicate to students the needs that campus has, for example: why is campus buying tvs for every room when classes could just use a projector? There should be communication with students as to why campus and IT make decisions the way they do.

Zimmerman- Wants to figure out how to best communicate decisions made on campus with students. The fact is that students want communication about these things is important.

Barber- The big thing is transparency from campus and IT.

Scovil- There maybe needs to be an event to show all the things that IT can offer to students.

Brown- Since IT and IMT are merging into one office, it's important to show the distinction between the two departments and to be able to convey the message that there's two different offices still.

Zimmerman- Students are looking for a distinction about who offers what to who. The IT/IMT merger is done and they are currently working on that to get that communicated to campus.

Rosemark- Some students would also like to see more open-access content and more accessible content such as closed captioning and open content textbooks.

Smith- Do you have a dog? *directed towards Zimmerman*

Zimmerman- His family had a golden retriever named Louie who was 128 pounds and kept gaining weight, but lost him last year before Christmas.

Rosemark- What's your favorite snack and are you familiar with the MCSA tech fee process? *directed towards Zimmerman*

Zimmerman- Favorite snack depends on his mood, but he often grabs Funyuns and Twizzlers; context matters. Has been informed of Tech Fee and of new ideas for the Tech Fee process. There was a similar program at UW-Madison where students paid a fee which went to technology needs. Has a lot of experience with budget and finance managing, but doesn't want to speak on it so much and instead just wants to say that he is very familiar with what the Tech Fee process has been and also knows that there's a new idea for it and that there'd be a pot of money to be used for an 8 year cycle as well as some money for singular things. Find it interesting/unique that students sit on the committee that decides how money is allocated. Zimmerman's office is in the basement of Behmler with the rest of the IT department. His one true passion is automotive restorations and working on cars paid for his college. Thanks MCSA for having him tonight. *applause*

VI.   **Committee Reports**

        MCSA Committees

        Academic Affairs   Campus Relations

Executive Committee   First Year Council

Resources and Operations- Will not meet tomorrow.

Student Services- Will not meet this Thursday.

Campus Assembly Committees

Assessment of Student Learning   Academic Support Services

Consultative- Wants to make people on campus more aware with what the committee does.

Curriculum- Was interrupted by fire alarm and only got through half of their agenda so will continue to look at it in 2 weeks at the next meeting.

Faculty and P&A Affairs   Faculty Development

Finance- Talked about where the budget was and where the budget sits for the future.

Functions and Awards

International Programs   Membership

Multi-Ethnic Experience   Planning

Scholastic   Steering

Student Affairs

VII. Organization Reports

Hunt- The UR printed its paper last week.

Terhaar- There will be tabling in the student center this week for voter registration.

Bias- Consent week this year will be the 15th through 19th of October, let Bias or Brown know if you want to get involved.

VIII. Old Business

For Information:

1. First Year Council Candidates- submit your Petitions of Reason, get ready for Election

Brown- MCSA hasn't gotten any Petitions of Reason in, if you are running please talk to Scanlan. We will open positions next week.

2. Organization Representative Applications - Now Open
   a) [Organization Representative Application](#)

3. Fill Campus Assembly Committees - (Standing Committees) First Campus Assembly to be held 10.2 during the community hour

    a) [Campus Assembly Committee Appointments](#)

For Action:

1. Discuss Topics for Board of Regents Report

Dice- Does anybody have any ideas for the Board of Regents report? Student Representatives will be putting together a list, if you have anything applicable to UMM say them now.

Rosemark- Wants the Regents to visit all campuses more often and have more student voice represented on the Board of Regents.

Brown- We will talk about the stuff that happened at the Senate Retreat later on today and next week at Forum.

Hunt- On the transport logs, a lot of people go to the Twin Cities and vice versa, there should be a more efficient way to get people to other campuses. For example there could be a system-wide bus for students and faculty to get to other campuses. There could be a bus that goes from here to the Twin Cities.

Brown- That's something we can discuss further to create a report for the Board of Regents at a later time. This idea doesn't seem as feasible as driving individual vehicles, but it could be interesting to look at more coordination.

Alieva- We could look at a way to get a one-way bus ticket for the weekly bus because right now you can only buy round trip tickets.

Dice- That's more of a Morris campus issue and not a system-wide issue.

Smith- The poor condition of our facilities are critical and should be included in the report.

Rosemark- The report should also include system-wide compost goals.

2. Vote in Organization Representative(s)

Smith moves to table voting in SAAC.

Westfield seconds.

Motion passes.

Org Reps introduce themselves

Smith motions to approve MPIRG

Gillette seconds

Motion passes (other organizations besides MPIRG are organizations that already have representation due to their minority status.)

3. Meet with your MCSA committee for 10 minutes

Smith moves to table meeting with MCSA committees until next week

Carman seconds

Motion passes

IX. New Business

For Information:

1. Get out the Vote Video - The Voter Registration Taskforce

We're gonna make a Morris version of the GOTV video and will do it on Wednesday. The film crew is coming on Wednesday from 3-4 pm, it will be either outside or in the Student Center. Let Rosemark know if you want to help out.

For Action:

1. Get out the Vote campaign

   a. [Tabling Sign Up for Voter Registration](#)

2. Candidate Forum

   a. [Candidate Forum Volunteer Signup](#)

   b. [Submit Questions for the Candidates](#)

      i. z.umn.edu/CandidateForumQuestions

   Please sign up to help out at this event to make it awesome.

X. Announcements

Email Bias and the MCSA email 24 hours in advance if you aren't able to attend Forum.

3 unexcused absences will result in termination from a position.

XI. Adjourn.

7:01pm