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Memo to: MCSA Forum Members
From: MCSA Executive Committee
Subject: Forum Agenda for Monday, October 15th, 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. Scanlan seconds
 - C. Motion passes
- III. For Action: Approve [Minutes from 10.8](#)**
 - A. Rosemark motions
 - B. Westfield seconds
 - C. Motion passes
- IV. President's Remarks**
- V. Committee Reports**
 - MCSA Committees**

Academic Affairs	Campus Relations
Executive Committee	First Year Council

Resources and Operations- The committee will be meeting tomorrow at 5:30 pm.

Student Services
 - Campus Assembly Committees**

Assessment of Student Learning	Academic Support Services
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Consultative

Curriculum- The committee is caught up on its work.

Faculty and P&A Affairs	Faculty Development
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Finance

Functions and Awards- The committee met with Multi-Ethnic Experience Committee to discuss the Bill and Ida Stewart award and are working on revising the award. The committees will then bring the revisions to Campus Assembly for approval.

International Programs	Membership
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Multi-Ethnic Experience- The committee further discussed items to be voted on next week.

Planning

Scholastic- The committee discussed replacements/exceptions to WLA.

Steering- The committee discussed the Vision and Goals statement and the discussions to take place before it is brought back to Campus Assembly. The committee will have feedback for Campus Assembly on October 30th.

Student Affairs- The committee talked about over programming on campus and will meet again on November 13th.

VI. Organization Reports

MPIRG

BSU

MoQSIE

CNIA

University Register

APAC

VII. Old Business

For Information:

1. First Year Council Elections begin Tomorrow presented by President Brichacek

- a) [First Year Council Election Tabling](#)

- b) The Campaigning period has ended- make sure to encourage freshman to vote!

Polls will open tomorrow at 9 am over email and it will close on Friday at 9 am. Freshmen running are able to tell people how to vote but cannot campaign or tell them who to vote for. MCSA will be tabling Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for the elections especially during community hour on Tuesday and Thursday.

For Action:

1. Fill Campus Assembly Committees - (Standing Committees)

- a. [Campus Assembly Committee Appointments](#)

2. Vote in College Republicans Representative

- a. Brichacek motion to table until next forum

- b. Westfield seconds

- c. Motion passes
- 3. Strategic Vision and Planning Discussion presented by Secretary Rosemark - 20 minute feedback session.

- a. [Vision & Goals](#)

Please read through the Vision and Goals. The Vision and planning group also drafted a letter which was sent to campus through the unmmofficial email last week.

- b. Letter sent out to campus last week:

“Last week the Campus Assembly voted to postpone indefinitely the endorsement of the Vision Statement and Goals (<https://z.umn.edu/MorrisVision> and below). The motion left limited opportunity for discussion during Campus Assembly, and we want to clarify a few important issues. We also want to share a process and timeline, developed with Steering Committee, for further consultation before bringing this back to Assembly.

This is a vision document, not a strategic plan or mission statement

This is a living document to guide our work over the next ten years. It is not a strategic plan. Building out the plan will form the next steps of this process after Campus Assembly endorsement.

Campus Assembly is not endorsing the bullet points under goal statements

There seems to be significant confusion about the bullet points under each goal statement. The goal statements and the bullet points reflect what the taskforce heard from the campus community and are meant to reflect possibilities for achieving the goal rather than prescriptions for how the goal must be achieved. We are not asking the Assembly to approve any of these as “finished policy.” As we said in our April draft:

[The bullet points for the goals include] some more concrete ideas that we hope will help clarify the themes we were seeing in your collective input. We see these more specific ideas as possibilities and suggestions that the campus community (including the Assembly and campus committees) might explore in more detail as we move forward in this process.

So endorsing this document would indicate support for the (deliberately broad) goals, but not commit us to any of the particular bullet points. Any action on these would have to go through appropriate campus channels, so there will be numerous additional opportunities for feedback and discussion before implementation. Any substantive curricular changes, for example, would have to

include disciplines, divisions, Curriculum Committee, MCSA, affected student bodies, Campus Assembly, and other campus offices and organizations. Other bullet points would require active engagement by, and consultation with, different campus entities.

Consultation and next steps

Some colleagues have shared concerns that consultation has been inadequate. As a reminder, during the Spring 2018 semester, the Strategic Visioning and Planning Task Force invited broadly democratic consultation to collect ideas and feedback through a variety of means, including focus groups (with nearly 200 total participants), physical comment boxes, and online discussion forums. This feedback material then formed the basis of the proposed Vision and Goal statements. We shared the draft by email in April 2018, as an information item at the May 2 Campus Assembly, and specifically encouraged “committees, disciplines, divisions, and other constituencies to review and discuss these and share their thoughts and ideas.” In addition, we contacted division chairs, the USA chair, the FAPAAC chair, MCSA, and current and incoming committee chairs to gather feedback from these groups. The timetable for this phase and the overall process has been demanding, and we made every effort to incorporate this feedback into the proposed vision statement and goals.

*Before the next Campus Assembly meeting on October 30th, each Division, MASA (P&A), USA, and MCSA are once again invited to meet to discuss the Vision Statement and Goals, providing summary feedback via a google form to the Strategic Visioning and Planning Task Force by October 25th. **Students should share their feedback of the vision statement and goals with MCSA. Students can do so by emailing their feedback to ummmcsa@morris.umn.edu or by attending MCSA's Forum on Monday, October 15th from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in Imholte 109 (Cow Palace). At Forum, MCSA will discuss the vision and goal statements and invites all students to participate in the discussion. Feedback via email is due no later than October 25th. Feedback should abide the guidelines below.***

Some guidelines for those discussions:

Focus on the vision statement and the top-level goal statements. Assembly is not approving or rejecting any of the bullet points below the goals. These are examples of ideas that we received in our data collection and are areas of focus that could be explored further in the future, but not what we are asking the Campus Assembly to endorse.

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Do not engage in editing of the existing wording; the existing text reflects repeated themes and ideas that emerged through careful analysis of information gathered from all of our campus constituencies during Spring 2018. Remember, this is a document to set a vision and frame the writing of a strategic plan to be developed after we endorse the vision and goals statements.

*Identify any additional **campus-wide** goals that your group feels need to be added. Please provide specific, aspirational ideas that we can integrate into existing goals or as additional goals.*

The Strategic Visioning and Planning Task Force will take that feedback and, as necessary, develop additional goals that will be shared back to the campus. The Vision Statement, and a potentially expanded set of goals, will then come to Campus Assembly for information at the October 30th meeting. We hope that the Campus Assembly will then be willing to endorse these at an additional Campus Assembly meeting on November 8th, allowing the campus to move forward with the next steps of the Visioning and Planning process, which will be to craft a strategic plan, as mandated by President Kaler. In December Chancellor Behr is required to report on the progress our campus has made towards completing the strategic planning initiative, so by this time she would like us to endorse a Vision Statement and Goals and to be working on the next phase of the strategic planning initiative.

We thank you for your continued contributions to this important process.”

Rosemark- Does anyone have any feedback? The charge of the task force was to gather feedback in a democratic way to create the Vision and Goals.

Bauer- The second Goal is really relevant to campus because our campus as a whole says that mental health is important to them as well as the Earth's wellbeing.

Rosemark- Social sustainability is a big thing.

Brichacek- At Campus Assembly when they did the vote, they had failed to send the statement out to students in June. We would love to hear feedback from other people who also voted against it.

Rosemark- If you don't feel comfortable talking to everyone about it, you can email the MCSA email.

Hassinger- I would like to thank Rosemark personally for Goal 4 which was created specifically because of a survey done of Native students about the Goals. After the survey, Rosemark took it to the task force and they added the goal to the Statement based on the feedback.

Rosemark- This was an institutional process and is probably the most democratic thing the campus has done in a while; the task force took into account many perspectives.

VIII. New Business

For Information:

- 1.** We will be calling for nominations for a new Senator next Forum- think about if you'd like to run!

Brichacek- The Senator position requires attending the Senate Meeting about once a month with other Student Senators and also with the entire system Senate. We will be voting on this during the next forum.

For Action:

- 2.** Emergency Fund Committee Elections
 - a.** MCSA donates emergency funds when called upon. We need three people to work on this.

Brichacek- MCSA has a request to use emergency funds. This is a one time commitment as this situation does not happen very often. The committee just needs 3 nominations. If there are more than 3 nominations, we will do paper ballot elections but if only 3 people are nominated, we will approve the committee as a slate.

- b.** Bauer nominates herself, Gillette seconds, Bauer accepts
- c.** King nominates himself, Smith seconds, King accepts
- d.** Westfield nominates Barber, Brichacek seconds, Barber accepts
- e.** Dice motions to approve as a slate, Gillette seconds, motion passes

This committee will meet one time, this week, to discuss the budgetary options. You will be contacted.

IX. Sustainability Update

The Morris High School Robotics Team is raising money to put solar panels on top of the high school. This project is high schoolers doing all the work by writing grants and fundraising to get the panels. The minimum amount of solar they can get is 8 kw and the most is 20 kw. The power saved from the panels will save the school a lot of money and the School Board agreed to donate the money saved to the Robotics Team. Their next event is on Saturday the 27th at 2 pm at the Morris Movie Theater; the Robotics Team will be hosting a film screening of “The Power of Minnesota” documentary. A discussion will follow the film. Ottertail Power Company will also be giving out free light bulbs and there will be free rides around town in the UMM Bolt. Tell everyone you know to come and support the event next Saturday.

X. Announcements

- A. No Forum next week due to Fall Break.
- B. Consent Week is this week! Make sure to check out some of the events.
- C. Tuesday, October 16th (TOMORROW!) is the last day for Advanced Voter Registration! Register to vote at MNVotes.org!

XI. Adjourn.

6:45pm