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Memo to: MCSA Forum Members
From: MCSA Executive Committee
Subject: Forum Agenda for Monday, October 29th, 2018.

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

I. Open Forum

A. Simon Franco visiting to get feedback on Community of Scholars

Franco works in the Office of Student Activities. The good news is that we do not have a problem with having students come to UMM. The bad news is that we have a hard time retaining them. Community of Scholars is a scholarship competition each year and Admissions wants to show incoming students that UMM students are engaged and doing cool things, showing this to high school seniors means greater retention. Those planning COS want our help to come up with something more engaging for those students to increase retention.

Dice- One of the ways students stay at Morris is student employment, and it would be maybe cool to have employers and student workers talk to students about working while going to school.

Franco- Se have a structured day for the students and we don't want them to get burned out.

Hunt- We should do something to show our commitment to civic engagement and show students that we are not a wait point to the Twin Cities campus but rather a destination.

Bauer- Why are we not doing the activities fair this year?

Franco- It is hard for student organizations to commit to 4 days of activities. Also it's believed that this is not the right setting/mindset for students to look for organizations to join.

Bauer- I can probably name 6 or 7 students from COS who came here from the activities fair. The activities fair in general is chaotic and if it were a more relaxed environment for them to chill and have fun, there would be no stress for a small period of time.

Nelson- We could maybe take the element of tabling out but rather have it be playing games and having snacks with the students (more of a hangout and not recruitment).

Brichacek- It would help to have student leaders involved on campus sit and allow students to come up and ask questions/hang out/learn about more opportunities on

campus. We could also have people make poster boards with pictures to actively engage them in a more fun room.

Brown- We could put students in Oyate with student leaders sitting at tables and have students assigned to little groups to hang out with leaders and then do a speed dating type thing where they get to speak to many different people.

Franco- We have to have something in which current students and new students interact that is not intimidating and in a way that allows them to ask questions.

Bias- I didn't like the activities fair because I didn't remember anything and really just wanted a quiet place to hang out and not learn about organizations.

Alieva- We should have a way in which students can hang out and eat snacks.

Relationship building should be one of the primary focuses of this event.

Franco- Snacks seemed to have been not great in the past years at COS.

Dice- I second Bauer's idea. They should put all of us in a room and then allow us to hang out with students.

Franco- Instead of having a set poster, maybe there should just have a white board which allows people to change what they display.

Brown- The activities fair helped some people and then also didn't help others. It would be cool to have participants connect with students about certain topics and also engage with UMM.

Nelson- We should want an opt-in option for an activity so they could do something if they want to but don't have to. We should have a fun activity like bean bags and also have a snack/chill place.

Bauer- I think this should be in Oyate after lunch which would allow a place to sit or do something that would feel fun. We should allow people to exist in the space and do what they want, we could maybe have some music playing and the fire on. We should have parents eat before students and then have the Oyate space after students eat.

Smith- The logistics of this event are not our responsibility and figuring out where to hold the event is not our job.

Alieva- We should have students at the front doors welcoming incoming students.

Franco- I will bring this to Admissions, we will come up with a plan, and then bring the plan back to MCSA for feedback. We will also be relying on MCSA to help with this.

II. For Action: Approve Agenda

- A. Gillette motions
- B. Dice seconds
- C. Motion passes

III. For Action: Approve [Minutes from 10.15](#)

- A. Johnson motions
- B. Gillette seconds
- C. Motion passes

IV. President's Remarks

- A. Thank you to everybody who's been doing stuff– it's been a good year.

V. Committee Reports

MCSA Committees

Academic Affairs- The committee is working on getting a survey outlined and there will be more to come at the next forum.

Campus Relations- The committee is starting to plan the Prairie Gala. This year's theme is masquerade and it will be held on March 29th.

Executive Committee First Year Council

Resources and Operations- The committee is having a meeting to plan the Sustainability Forum tomorrow.

Student Services- The committee is working on GOTV things as the election is next week and will be meeting on Thursday at 5:30 PM not 6 PM.

Campus Assembly Committees

Assessment of Student Learning Academic Support Services

Consultative

Curriculum- The committee is going ahead with regular course approvals and changes. A Jazz Studies minor has been brought up and tabled because people are confused why music majors can't do the minor. If you know people who are into jazz, tell them to encourage their professors to promote this minor.

Faculty and P&A Affairs Faculty Development

Finance- The committee talked about the budget for next year and low retention rates.

Functions and Awards

International Programs- The committee talked about study abroad.

Membership- The committee put together one of the search committees for the new Vice Chancellor and is also working on forming committees for next year.

They are also working on community hour conflicts and discussing it.

Multi-Ethnic Experience- The committee will meet next week.

Planning

Scholastic

Steering- Campus Assembly is tomorrow.

Student Affairs- The committee will meet in 2 weeks.

VI. Organization Reports

AISES

Biology Club

MPIRG

BSU

MoQSIE

CNIA- Next month is Native American Heritage month, there will be a blessing on the Mall on November 2nd, and then the Community meal is coming up on the 5th (please volunteer for this event)

Student DFL

College Republicans

University Register- Issue 4 was put on stands today and they are working on Issue 5.

VII. Old Business

For Information:

- 1.** You are a voting member if you are a Campus Assembly Representative, Organization Representative, or hold an elected or appointed position within MCSA.
- 2.** First Year Council Election results are in- Congratulations to Mitchell Moris, Adam Schneider, Brandon King, and John Barber!

For Action:

1. Elect a First Year Council Member to Exec
 - a. Smith nominates King
 - b. Bauer- seconds King nomination
 - c. Brown nominates Barber
 - d. Schneider seconds Barber nomination
 - e. Barber nominates Moris
 - f. Rosemark seconds Moris nomination
 - g. Bauer nominates Schneider
 - h. Schneider declines
 - i. Barber withdraws nomination

congratulations King
2. Approve First Year Council Members for Campus Assembly- [Campus Assembly Rep List](#)
 - a. Johnson motions to approve as a slate
 - b. Gillette seconds
 - c. Motion passes
3. Take nominations and Vote for open Campus Assembly Representative Position- [Campus Assembly Rep List](#)
 - a. Smith nominates Voss
 - b. Gillette seconds Voss nomination
 - c. Voss accepts
 - d. Nelson nominates Leabo
 - e. Brown seconds Leabo nomination
 - f. Leabo accepts
 - g. Rosemark nominates Alieva
 - h. Alieva declines

congratulations Voss
4. Vote in Sydney Loechler as the Organization Representative for Love Your Melon and KUMM
 - a. Bauer motions
 - b. Gillette seconds

c. Motion passes

VIII. New Business

For Information:

1. Review [Facebook Forum Guidelines](#) - Next week we will take feedback on what we can do to improve them

Please look at the guidelines in the link, we will discuss it in depth next week.

Please come to forum next week with feedback about the guidelines, what's working, what's not working, etc.

For Action:

1. Sign up to help with [GOTV Efforts Sign Up](#)

Monday night following forum, we will be dorm storming and then chalking around campus. During Election Day, we will have people tabling in the Student Center and storm the dining hall during Community Hour and dinner to get people to vote. We need people to sign up to do this. The bus will be parked on the north side of the Student Center which is in front of Humanities.

2. Take nominations and elect a new Senator

- a) Johnson nominates Leabo
- b) Nelson seconds Leabo nomination
- c) Leabo accepts
- d) Hunt nominates Umam
- e) Voss seconds Umam nomination
- f) Umam accepts
- g) Moris nominates Loechler
- h) Bauer seconds Loechler nomination
- i) Loechler accepts
- j) Hunt nominates Smith
- k) Gillette seconds Smith nomination
- l) Smith accepts
- m) Umam nominates Hunt
- n) Bauer seconds Hunt nomination
- o) Hunt accepts

- p) Hassinger nominates King
- q) Bauer seconds King nomination
- r) King accepts

Next senate meeting is next Thursday november 1st 11:30AM-1:30PM
and 2:30-5PM

- s) Hunt withdraws nomination

congratulations Smith

IX. Sustainability Update

Bauer- Stone's Throw is starting study hours every day from 2-5 PM.

Westfield- I had a lot of fun at the movie on Saturday and it was cool to hear about what the high schoolers are doing.

Bauer- Think about what sustainability means to you and then share with somebody near you. The best way sustainability was described is that "it's personal wellness alongside social equity, economic feasibility, and environmental responsibility." If you have a water bottle please drink some water because it's important to sustain yourself. Erika Bailey-Johnson is a Morris alum who founded the sustainability model mentioned above. Now think about a few things you can do this week to sustain yourself. Self care doesn't need to be laziness which can sometimes be harmful if its all you do, self care should be doing stuff to sustain yourself in the future.

X. Announcements

1. Campus Assembly will meet tomorrow, 10/30, in the Science Auditorium during the community hour, from 11:40 AM-12:40 PM
2. Have a SPOOKY week!

XI. Adjourn.

7:13 PM