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Memo to: MCSA Executive Committee
From: President Rosemark
Subject: Executive Committee Meeting, October 9th, 2019

Called to order at 6:28pm

I. Approve Agenda

- A. Westfield motions
- B. Loechler seconds
- C. Motion passes

II. Approve Minutes from 10/2/19

- A. Scovil motions to table approving the minutes for next exec meeting.
- B. Kornely seconds
- C. Motion passes, approval of minutes tabled

III. Old Business:

- A. Membership (2 minutes)

1. Open Positions :

- a) MCSA Positions
 - (1) MSLC Reps (2)
 - (2) Budget Manager (1)
 - (3) At-Large Reps (2)
 - (4) First Year Council (4)

Rosemark- Laura Pester and Becca B. are interested in MSLC reps, and there is a student who emailed us who interested in MSLC representative named Juan Vasquez. He is a first year here but he is not a freshman, he is a transfer student. There is a first year student who is interested in budget manager, Shelby Maloney. The ballot opened today for the first years for first year rep elections. There are 8 candidates. Shelby is on there, but she decided she wants to go for budget manager so she is not running so there are 7 running.

- b) Visioning & Planning Task Forces

- (1) #2 Research and Creative Opportunities (1 student)
- (2) #7 Accessibility (1 student)
- (3) #8 Connectivity; UMM's place in the region, system (1 student)

c) Strategic Recruitment Council (1 or 2 students)

Rosemark- We can put some first years on these.

B. Regent Lunch - October 17th, 12:15 PM to 1 PM in Prairie Lounge (*1 minute*)

Rosemark- Most of you got invited, if you haven't RSVPed, please do so.

C. Vice Chancellor Meetings (*1 minute*)

Rosemark- Anyone got any of these emails?

All- No

IV. New Business:

A. [Fresh Fruit Tabling](#) (*5 minutes*)

Happ- Fresh or free?

Rosemark- Both! Autumn was thinking we could be one of the first groups to try this.

Loechler- Isn't this one of our initiatives of Student Affairs?

Kornelly- Yeah, but we don't have another meeting until Nov.

Rosemark- They got it done through Tony. They're all Tuesdays during the community hour, so we can pick a Tuesday that are non-committee. Is this something we want to do?

Loechler- Yeah, I think so.

Westfield- Would we do forum approval for this?

Rosemark- Since it is the first one, they were thinking we could do it for free.

Happ- Probably, but not for sure.

Rosemark- When should we do this?

Kornelly- The 5th is looking the best I think.

Rosemark- It's just a table so you only really need two people there for an hour.

B. [Steering Committee's Proposed Student Recruitment Procedure](#) (*15 minutes*)

Rosemark- So, I was in this meeting on Tuesday. It's a bold move. The proposal presented by Ted is linked above. I wrote some notes on the document. There was only faculty in the room besides me. The staff members on the committee were not there. Faculty think all students appointments to committees would be assigned by faculty, by those in membership committee. Currently how it works, there are 20 campus assembly members who vote, and we make it so reps need to be on a committee. We send those names to membership and they just approve it and it gets voted on by campus assembly and passes. Right now it is all on us, and now they are

proposing that faculty appoint all committee members. We are following the rules, I highlighted that in my notes.

Westfield- So we are following their processes, and their processes say that we should follow our process?

Rosemark- Yes.

Westfield- We got all of the students on the many search committees and task forces that they have asked us to.

Rosemark- Apparently we did not do a good job recruiting.

Westfield- We literally just did tabling

Rosemark- In the document I have listed all of the recruitment things we have done.

Scovil- Staff and faculty also find the committees unproductive. Why would a student find them any different? "All students want to be on these committees" The faculty don't even want to be on the committees!

Rosemark- Can you imagine if membership was trying to do what we're doing?

Happ- It would be a mess.

Scovil- If membership could they would already.

Westfield- What would they do, send out emails?

Barber- The professors will be biased.

Lund- They say they know many "articulate and smart" students, but that is by their own standards. I think that that could bring about a lot of bias. I think if professors are choosing only students they find "smart" enough to be on committees, that would be bad.

Rosemark- Dave Roberts said he knows a lot of students who are "articulate" and "smart" and wants to nominate them.

Scovil- Have them email us!

Rosemark- That's what I said, and Jenn said "I'll stop you right there!"

Loechler- They can send out emails if they want, and then nominate them to us. We don't need to completely redo the process.

Scovil- We kind of talked about this in consultative, it's steering's job to get any membership and organization of campus assembly committees.

Lund- People who want to be a part of campus government are most likely already in MCSA.

Loechler- Even if people do want to be on them, they can send them our way. If they're on the committees, they will still have to do to MCSA to do committee reports.

Rosemark- *reads steering bylaws* It's technically not in the job description of steering.

Scovil- It's a bit of a stretch that they're doing this.

Lund- It takes away the student voice to have professors pick and choose who is on the committees.

Happ- I think it will limit what the student will be willing to say if they are nominated by their professor, they won't want to upset them

Scovil- It's hard to speak out against faculty and staff. We need to show that we can stand against the administration, so students know that we have a voice and can go against them and follow what we want as a student body.

Rosemark- We want to talk about things for campus assembly in forum like we were doing at the end of the year last year.

Rosemark- *reads proposed solution*

Westfield- So our solution is to keep it how it is.

Rosemark- Yeah, and we can send out a google form and create a new position in MCSA called MCSA Representative with voting power.

Loechler- What is the difference between an MCSA Representative and a forum member?

Rosemark- Basically nothing. If we go this route with the form, we would have to create a new position because I don't think there's any position right now that would match this. They would have voting power in MCSA but not in campus assembly, but they would be required to come to MCSA and go to their committee meetings.

Westfield- Do they have to be on a forum committee?

Rosemark- No

Lund- It seems like they have a problem with only MCSA members being involved, would this new position "MCSA Rep" be something they would want? It seems like they want to get students not involved in MCSA involved.

Kornely- If they had a problem with student government being involved, then they just don't want the student voice.

Barber- Yeah, why wouldn't they send us their names

Westfield- If these students are interested, they are most likely going to be talking to us.

Scovil- Faculty usually doesn't have any issue recommending people to things.

Loechler- If faculty thinks people would be good for a position, they should tell them. They don't need an online form to do that.

Scovil- I think MCSA does draw in more poli sci and econ majors.

Westfield- I can promise you, 90% of CSCi majors or CHem or Bio, Music, they don't care. They're too busy with everything else.

Barber- This almost seems like MCSA is too liberal to have a conservative point of view there, that they want an easier way for conservative opinions to be heard.

Everyone- Uh I don't think so.

Rosemark- Jenn said that people don't want to be on MCSA because it's too cliquy.

Happ- I can see that argument.

Barber- Yeah it's a bit true,

Scovil- Everything that you aren't a part of seems cliquy.

Kornely- Everything on this campus is cliquy.

Happ- Can we talk about how cliquy the faculty are?

Loechler- Everything in the world is cliquy.

Barber- I heard this complaint from Shelby, she said there seems like there's a learning curve, and there is but you have to take that step. Us pushing students to be in MCSA that don't want to be there isn't going to be good.

Rosemark- Michelle was very much on MCSA's side. She was a big advocate for us. They were ready to vote on it in the meeting. They said it was time sensitive.

Scovil- This year, with 8 people running for first year reps, I think we have a hopeful year of having reps.

Rosemark- I made the point that every committee has a student except planning.

Loechler- It seems like they're more interested in getting rid of the MCSA voice rather than lifting up the student voice.

Rosemark- Ted is going to bring this to forum. It will either be Ted or Jen or both.

C. Campus Inclusivity (25 minutes)

1. Response and Programming

Rosemark- There is a lot of shit going down. It all started with the CRep's post about coming out week. People were yelling at them about that, rightfully so, and MCSA made a post about

coming out week supporting it. And then the NorthStar came out the same time with the very bad column, then the flyers came out with the “your gender and pronouns are not valid”. And then twitter blew up, a lot of people tweeting @UMNMorris saying “what the heck”. They made a response that people are not satisfied with the response, rightfully so. We only had to delete one comment. Now there has been a lot of support for the LGBT+ community. Posters have been going up. In terms of going forward, we need to decide what we are going to do. Do we want to put out a response, or write a letter? National pronoun day on the 17th?

Finzen- MoQSIE, it has been suggested to have a listening session. Sam, you should sit on the panel. Josh, you should moderate.

Rosemark- We should definitely do that.

Finzen- It has been moved up to November.

Scovil- I think we should do a resolution to the administration about how this is not free speech, it is hate speech. It needs to be gone against by the administration not just the students.

Rosemark- So, a letter or resolution to administration.

Kornely- I think we need to do a resolution. They can't keep doing this.

Westfield- I recommend you all read their constitution it's a hoot.

Rosemark- We could also do a letter about national pronoun day and respecting pronouns.

Scovil- A statement I think.

Loechler- I want to make a statement about what we think that the university should make. We release something saying we don't condone this.

Scovil- Any letter or resolution should be public.

Rosemark and Westfield- Yes

Loechler- I think it shows that we don't support what's going on, but we are going to lose people's ears if we just completely say that. People might say that we are trying to muzzle the conservative voice. If we make a statement close to what we want the university to say, it would come across better.

Scovil- Last year we tried to vote in a College Republican org rep multiple times but they didn't show up.

Rosemark- I'm hearing a resolution, also a statement.

Finzen- Do you want to partner with MoQSIE?

Rosemark- Any resolution we write or statement, we would want to work with them. In terms of programming, maybe something with international pronoun day. It's Thursday 17th.

Finzen- MoSIE is going to be doing stuff with that. We're going to have to make more buttons if we were to give out pronoun buttons.

Loechler- What is MCSA cosponsored a pronoun button making party?

Scovil- I could talk to ORL about using the button maker.

Rosemark- I emailed Adrienne about all of this, they said that the policy now reflects respecting pronouns, so we should mention that in our statement. So we could help with tabling for pronoun day.

Rosemark- The Twin Cities campus rolled out their "it ends here" campaign, and we could do something like that as well. It was/is very powerful. They have grants, and we could apply for a grant to help support the campaign.

Finzen- Ever in the future, if you want to do more programming, we could do a combined exec meeting to come up with ideas.

Scovil- In the college republicans' constitution, it says they will abide by all student conduct code policies. So, the pronoun policy falls within that right?

Rosemark- Currently, it is in the review period, but yes. Also, there is a good point made that there is stuff against the LGBT community, but also against the Islamophobia with the never forget posters.

Happ- And the swastikas in Indy, there were even some this morning.

Scovil- Should we talk to MSA about the statement and helping with it?

Barber- What if we have MoSIE, MSA cosponsor our statement.

Loechler- Open it to every single org. Including the college republicans, and when they refuse that'll be big.

Scovil- We could have MSA and MoSIE be cosponsors, and have the other orgs do something else?

Finzen- From MoQSIE, Kara could maybe help write it, I could talk to exec, we have a meeting tomorrow.

Loechler- Should I try to contact the clubs once we have it written? I can have my committee to find all the contacts for the orgs.

Rosemark- We want to try to get this out by Monday.

D. Next Forum (5 minutes)

1. Scheduled 10/21/19 (Fall Break) and then 11/4/19
2. Call a Special Forum on either 10/14/19 or 10/28/19

decide on 10/14/19

Rosemark- Committees meet first at 6:00, and then full forum on 6:30. We could have the resolution (for the LGBT+) done by the 4th, and the statement be done by Monday, the 14th.

Westfield- Why don't we have the special forum on the 28th and have everything done by then.

Rosemark- Between a statement and a resolution, I don't think we can do both by Monday.

Scovil- What is the difference?

Rosemark- The statement is the one we are getting cosigned and the resolution is us calling upon the administration.

E. Update on the Consultative Committee by *Secretary Scovil* and *Vice President Westfield* (5 minutes)

Scovil- Steering is taking all the responsibilities of consultative so we don't really have anything to do. The chancellor doesn't like to be called in to consultative. In steering, she has a vote, but in consultative she does not, so by bypassing consultative, it is harder to say no against her than in consultative. We created a subcommittee to meet with steering.

V. Member, Committee, and Organization Reports

A. Sam

Nothing else. I redid the sustainable courses resolution, on Monday we can talk about it in committee.

B. Josh

Nothing.

C. Sydney

Basically, we decided that our ongoing thing is recruitment and continuing how to formulate short spurts of how to do that. I met with Jenna for an overview for how we can run our social media more efficiently and professionally while still getting across what we want to say.

Apparently they're going to do a mass fix on the website. We are also talking about the off campus job thing.

D. Julia

I just emailed Stacey Aronson about foreign language major/minor stuff, we should be meeting next week.

E. Maddie H

Nothing

F. Maddie K.

Nothing

G. Anika

The questioning and allies panel is tonight.

H. Marley

Nothing

I. John

Nothing

J. At-Large Representative

K. At-Large Representative

L. At-Large Representative (1st Yr)

M. Budget Manager

VI. [Agenda Construction for 10/?/19](#)

VII. Adjourn

Adjourned at 7:39pm