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Memo to: MCSA Executive Committee  
From: President Rosemark  
Subject: Executive Committee Meeting, October 16th, 2019

Called to order at 6:34pm

I. Approve Agenda
   A. Scovil motions
   B. Finzen seconds
   C. Motion passes

II. Approve Minutes from 10/2/19
   A. Scovil motions
   B. Finzen seconds
   C. Motion passes

III. Approve Minutes from 10/9/19
   A. Scovil motions
   B. Finzen seconds
   C. Motion passes

IV. Campus Inclusivity Report by Jade Simonton

Simonton- Hi, I am apart of a subcommittee on women and gender equality. And I am on a subcommittee on doing stuff about all that is happening rather than just expressing a statement. We on the committee were very pleased with your statement. We are working on stuff at the moment and we can't exactly tell you what that is but we were wondering if you would like to be involved. We are trying to get lots of places and orgs on campus involved. We are looking at poster changes and introducing campus wide the system of how posters are handled in the student center. We also want to only allow students associated with an org to be able to put up posters, not individuals.

*All express interest and agreement*

Rosemark- Suggestions?

Simonton- We liked you getting student orgs involved in the statement. We heard the Chancellor’s response to your letter and the faculty had the opposite reaction. The general sentiment was that the cooperation seen in that letter was very good and felt different than the other statements that have been released.

V. 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)

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)

Loechler- When do know who the first year rep is?
Rosemark- I will meet with the first year council, and they will decide who is
Barber- When do we approve the budget manager?
Rosemark- We are going to meet with Shelby tomorrow and decide, and then if we decide on her then we
will do it next forum.
Loechler- Are people interested in MSLC?
Rosemark- Yes.
Loechler- Do Laura and Becca want to be in MCSA otherwise even if not with that position?
Rosemark- Yes, I think so. They want to be MSLC reps and Juan also wants to, and he is a really good
guy, so we’re going to see if they’re truly interested.
Scovil- Especially if only one of them gets it, it’s a question if they would still do it without the other.

B. Regent Lunch - October 17th, 12:15 PM to 1 PM in Prairie Lounge (2 minutes)
Rosemark- If you RSVPed, go, if you haven’t you can still RSVP. It’s the four new regents. I don’t
know if the campus climate stuff will come up in the lunch, but if it does we should be prepared to talk
about it. If it doesn’t come up, should we naturally bring it up?
Scovil- I don’t think so.
Lund- Probably not.

C. Fresh Fruit Tabling (5 minutes)
Lund- The 5th was said last time.
Kornely- That is also the day of the info session.
Lund- We could hand out fruit and also be like hey come to this.
Rosemark- The 5th? Sounds good.

D. Steering Committee's Proposed Student Recruitment Procedure (10 minutes)
Rosemark- It was an intense 30 minutes.
Scovil- I think it’s a little annoying because he changed the wording of his proposal, it made it seem
softer even though it was the same thing.
Finzen- It was weird that he was acting like he wanted MCSA involved, but that is not the truth from the document.
Rosemar- Yeah, when he said “I guess we could “share” the names.” it wasn’t the wording I wanted.
Loechler- That is dangerous, that’s why I asked him about that.
Rosemark- With the first years on and Brandon signed up for another committee, so we only have 3 spots to fill. We could have everyone, even those who are not campus assembly reps, be required to be on a committee. I didn’t want to do that because I didn’t want to pressure people, but we could try that.
Loechler- Should we post something on the forum? And show that we can find people outside of MCSA and if we don’t we can have evidence. We also want more MCSA people.
Scovil- We only have so many MCSA spots.
Rosemark- The more non-elected people, the less the student voice being represented. Just because someone wants to be in MCSA, that’s great, but we should try not to dilute the elected voices that represent the students. *reads proposed solution* And people who are on task forces can also do that. Depending on how it works out, we can be lenient on the attendance thing.
Scovil- It’s not that hard to send an email.
Rosemark- Yeah, they could just like give an update via email. We could like unofficially do this, but we would have to amend the bylaws, which is a simple vote in forum. They need at least 10 days notice to a change to the bylaws.
Scovil- The next forum is over ten days away.
Rosemark- We could do this, or send an email to ask MCSA folks to fill in committee spots.
Scovil- I think we should send an email to current members and if we can’t fill spots then we do this.
Rosemark- Okay. Should we vote on it? Do I hear a motion to approve the MCSA Proposed Solution to the Steering Committee’s recruitment concern?
1. Scovil motions
2. Kornely seconds
3. Motion passes

E. Campus Inclusivity (30 minutes)
1. z.umn.edu/MCSACommunityStatement
2. Chancellor Meeting

Rosemark- I have had a lot of people comment positively about the statement. Heather Peters said some great things.
Barber- Tim said it was good.
Loechler- Nic McPhee said it was great. His wife really loved it!
Rosemark- Jennifer Deane liked it.
Barber- Jenna Ray liked it!
Rosemark- Any thoughts on the letter?
Barber- I liked the title.
Finzen- Everyone was awake at 1am it was wild!
Rosemark- The Chancellor did not like the letter.
Scovil- When did you meet?
Rosemark- About two hours after it went out. We sat down, she said she did not appreciate the letter. She said she understands where we are coming from and why we sent it, but she said she feels like it was a response saying her response wasn’t good enough. She said it alienated people.
Lund- We invited everyone to sign it.
Scovil- The whole poster thing was because people alienated students.
Rosemark- She thought it would further stir up the pot even more and further bring the story to the national news circuit.
Loechler- Peter has been talking to more news sources and gave them our letter about it.
Rosemark- Well he didn’t think it was good enough so I’m surprised.
Barber- Should we go to a news source about this?
Lund- I don’t think that’s how that works.
Barber- What was the email about for the property destruction?
Rosemark- I asked Dave is anyone being charged with property damage and he said probably not. I emailed Big Rob and asked if anyone was being charged with that, and he said the response I sent to you all. Basically, the people reported it, and they are debating on whether they will charge people. Jenna Ray said the letter was good, but it sort of further alienates people. But if you feel alienated, maybe take a moment and think about why you feel it applies to you.

3. Meeting with President Gabel

Rosemark- I am meeting with Joan on Tuesday about the whole situation.
Loechler- The star tribune quoted her about us.
Rosemark- Yeah, they got that wrong. That was unfortunate, it blew it up in terms of the media.
Michelle’s suggestions for moving forward, there is the community plan that is being worked on. They are looking and coming up with proposals for Michelle on how to move forward. They are looking at a poster policy change and specific poster locations, not just all around campus.
Kornely- We need to make sure these things actually happen.

4. Initiatives
Rosemark- Josh and I are trying to find a time to meet with Liz, Adrienne and Becca about all of this. Other initiatives we want to push for, that would be a good conversation to have. The bias response and referral network is something we could look at in the future.

Kornely- That will be a long term thing to figure out. We will have to look at what these other big campuses have and how to implement it on this smaller campus.

Rosemark- The Twin cities has an it ends here campaign, and it was supposed to be a system wide thing, but the materials that were sent here was very Twin Cities campus centric, so we said no to that because it did not feel like it fit. I talked to the TC president and she was very upset that it wasn’t system wide, I also talked to Jenna about it. We will hopefully move forward with it next semester, and we can apply to the COWGE grant to help fund the initiative. Any other ideas?

Scovil- Sounds like a good start.

Finzen- MoQSIE has stuff we want to do, we just need to figure out what to do. So we can help.

Kornely- I think that’s the way to go, listen to other orgs and help with what they want to do.

Rosemark- When is MoQSIE’s next exec?

Finzen- Tomorrow, Thursday at 3. I can send a message to the group chat. It would be good if you all came and asked what we wanted to do.

Rosemark- I cannot go at that time, can anyone else go? Tomorrow at 3?

Loechler- I may be able to, I don’t know for sure.

Rosemark- We could wait until their next exec?

Barber- I could go.

Rosemark- Go if you want John, but we can also do it next week.

Finzen- We could also try to plan something else?

Rosemark- This time, talk to exec about brainstorming some ideas that we can talk about next MoQSIE exec meeting next week.

F. For Information: Resolution on Affordable & Sustainable Courses Draft

Rosemark- It has been heavily revised, next meeting the committee will hopefully pass it. I don’t know if I want to introduce it right now, I would prefer to focus on campus climate and wait about a month to bring it to forum so we can focus on that.

VI. New Business:

A. HLC Visit Oct 28th-29th

1. Understanding the Assurance Argument Oct. 23rd, 1100 AM - 12:00 PM

Rosemark- If you can go, great, but it is not required. Michelle said it would be great if students could go so we can all understand the process. There will be open forums on these dates and it would be great if students could also go to those. The HLC is the organization that accredits Universities. That’s why your
diploma counts and is taken seriously by others. I don't know how often this happens, but every so often schools have to be accredited and argue for their accreditation. They've been sending out the HLC newsletter every week that has info about it. The last one was October 9th. Each one focuses on a different criteria that we will be evaluated on. One of the criteria is campus inclusivity, so that’s interesting with all that is going on.

VII. Member, Committee, and Organization Reports

A. Sam
Nothing to report.

B. Josh

C. Sydney
Our task force is done. We have a final proposal, it’s due Friday, so we did it. We didn’t even get to talk about UMM’s place in the system, but we talked about it in the region and the state. I personally feel like this was a bit of a waste of time and nothing will actually happen. We came up with some cool things, and it would be cool if they were done.

Rosemark- What were some big takeaways?
Loechler- We came up with four categories with what our position was.

D. Julia
We met with Stacey about the new Spanish minor. Turns out it’s really a lack of communication. The first two years of the major are the first two years of the language, so if you take them away it is much less. She asked why I wasn’t looking at the biochem major which is a lot of credits as well. I told her this is what students are giving to me as a problem. She also had Tom with her, and they brought up some good points, that other colleges have more regimented and rigorous language programs. We did have some policy change ideas.

E. Maddie H

F. Maddie K.

Sam, are you and Josh going to meet with CNIA about the info session?
Rosemark- I don’t believe that is what we agreed on. We were going to meet with them for them to work on their constitution, so that could’ve been the confusion. They are in a bit of a mess right now because one of the chairs stepped down, so we’re going to need to step it up. If we could get the posters out by the 25th that would be great. We also need to figure out who will be on the panel. You might want to send an email about all that. The room is reserved.

G. Anika
Queer issues committee is tomorrow at 1:00pm.

H. Marley
Nothing

I. John

The Barber lecture will be on November 4th at 7:00pm.

J. At-Large Representative
K. At-Large Representative
L. At-Large Representative (1st Yr)
M. Budget Manager

VIII. Agenda Construction for 10/?/19
IX. Adjourn

Meeting at 7:36pm