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Memo to: MCSA Executive Committee
From: President Rosemark
Subject: Executive Committee Meeting, November 20th, 2019

Called to order at 6:34pm

I. Approve Agenda

- A. Happ motions
- B. Kornely seconds
- C. Motion passes

II. For Info: Minutes from 11/6/19

III. Approve Minutes from 11/13/19

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

IV. Old Business:

- A. For Action: [Affordable & Sustainable Courses Resolution](#) (10 minutes)

Rosemark- The resolution was brought up to forum. Julia and I just talked to LeAnn about an hour ago about the resolution, she said it looks good and she really likes it. We agreed that I should add a portion about switching to open source materials, but also not sacrificing quality. I will add that, as well as add more specifics about the survey that we will send out. Those are the two changes I will make soon. Otherwise, I think it is ready to go. I think it would be good for exec to vote on it. I think exec should vote on it.

Westfield- Why are we voting?

Rosemark- So we can say exec

Westfield- Okay, with the changes you just said and with the rest of the document as is, I motion for exec to endorse the resolution.

Kornely seconds

Westfield abstained

Motion passes

Rosemark- LeAnn said it would be good to bring this to consultative at their next meeting. Julia can email about that.

Westfield- I'll send it too, as well as Brandon.

Rosemark- We also thought it would be good to bring it to curriculum or just the division chairs, and next semester bring it to steering to bring to the campus assembly agenda. And then hopefully it will be approved by campus assembly. Just because we pass a resolution, it doesn't mean it goes to campus assembly, but we can.

Happ- I think that since it was pointed out that it goes against policy, we should go to campus assembly. Also, because this involves members of campus assembly more than students necessarily. We'll see if it goes well.

Rosemark- Me and LeAnn also see an issue with the wording and the controversy with "have to", and we could change it to "are strongly encouraged".

Finzen- It's an accessibility issue, it can alienate people by being the only ones allowed to use their device.

Rosemark- My big thing, is that we're in the 21st century, technology is a part of our lives.

Maloney- Yeah, and if people are going to misuse it, they'll do it. We can't do anything about that.

B. Campus Inclusivity (*10 minutes*)

1. EDA Training

Rosemark- We could do it on an off week.

Westfield- Is this something that only takes an hour?

Rosemark- Yeah, they can make it an hour or longer.

Westfield- Let's do an hour. I'm wondering if that would be okay with committees, because that would take up the entire committee meeting time.

Rosemark- We come back on the 21st of January, and forum would meet the 27th.

Happ- And we could have the training on the 3rd of February?

Rosemark- So we could do the 3rd for the training.

Happ- I'm okay with that as long as we make it clear that if committees have to meet, then they should make accommodations.

Maloney- I think it will be manageable.

Rosemark- I will email Jennifer Rothchild and Heather Peters and get that set up. We could also hold another one for all students.

2. December Event

Rosemark- Currently, two options are doing the gender and sexuality galaxy programming or doing a panel on the new gender expression policy that is going into effect this month.

Maloney- I think a panel is good.

Roemeling- I think the panel would be best.

Westfield- I think it would be too tight.

Happ- We have sustainability forum and then finals.

Rosemark- Me, Adrienne, liz, and Kara are going to meet and talk about dates, and were thinking about the 11th.

Happ- Not the 4th, because the next day is sustainability forum.

Maloney- Who would take the lead?

Rosemark- It would be a collaboration between us, MoQSIE, and EDI, and it would make sense for admin to be a big part of this because it is a new policy.

Happ- I think we're in agreement that the panel is best.

Finzen- What kind of people do you want on the panel? People in MoQSIE would jump at the chance.

Rosemark- I think it will maybe be Sandy, Adrienne, and liz, and it would also make sense if we had a student who is knowledgeable about it as well.

Happ- Or a student to talk about the impact this policy will have.

Rosemark- Yeah, so maybe one student.

C. [Community of Scholars \(Dec. 7th\) Volunteering for Prairie Gala](#) (5 minutes)

Rosemark- When you meet with your committees next, ask people to do it. Don't pressure them, but encourage.

Westfield- It would be really helpful to have all the spots filled.

D. UMN Senator Election (5 minutes)

Rosemark- We are going to have an election for a senator, probably at the next forum.

Westfield- We have to get the word out.\

Maloney- What is that position?

Rosemark- There are two senators that get elected by our campus to represent us in the university senate. We can call out for nominations and then we will do the election at the next forum, and

we will vote and have a new senator. We will hopefully be finding someone outside of MCSA from coming in to do it, so as not to add to their plate.

Westfield- I think it's okay if someone in MCSA does it, it's not that much time.

V. New Business:

A. Volunteers for VCAA/Dean Forums (5 minutes)

Westfield-The next one is on Thursday, which is tomorrow, and then next Tuesday.

Rosemark- I will be there, will anyone else? I think 6 people volunteering is a bit much.

Westfield- 3 or 4 would be nice.

Maloney- I can do that.

Rosemark- We could also ask if the people who were there yesterday would also want to come again.

B. [Campus Inclusivity Resolution](#) (10 minutes)

Rosemark- Do we want to be more vague with the first whereas? Or is it good as is?

Happ- I think vague would be better.

Roemeling- I don't think it's targeting, I think it is addressing what is happening.

Happ- I think the issue is that no one is addressing it head on.

Westfield- If we release it as is, Michelle would not approve.

Rosemark- With the letter we sent out, it was pretty specific, and I think this should be at that level or a little less. If we are specific, it would address the situation directly and we would be one of the only people specifically targeting the issue. The con is that we don't want to make them feel alienated.

Westfield- I think it is fine if we just take out their names.

Happ- I think it should still be members of an organization, but not the names.

Rosemark- Otherwise, the rest of it is the document put into resolution form. I think I might reach out to liz if that 53% number is correct. Or maybe a stats student.

Lund- Yeah that stat is probably not right if you just added up all the numbers.

Happ- I don't know if I like the wording of "not a joking matter", it sounds too unprofessional.

Lund- Say it's a serious issue.

Members read and edit the resolution

Rosemark- Please have this read by Wednesday the 27th, that way we can have this edited by forum. Put comments and suggestions on the document. At forum it will be up for approval on the 2nd.

VI. Member, Committee, and Organization Reports

A. Sam

No exec next week.

B. Josh

Make sure you go to the discussions for the VCAA. Senate consultative committee meets tomorrow, so I might not be at the meeting with Michelle.

C. Sydney

I am cracking down on the prairie gala and the murder mystery theme. There are two other people who want to head it with me, Lindsey, Becca and I will be working on the gala. I need your input: So, for on the mystery, we are looking at a clue-type deal. I think that the best way to do it is to have like 15 possible characters that people can be and they create groups and can go around and through everything together.

Rosemark- I think this will be a hit.

Loechler- I am thinking that this is going to be great.

Westfield- I think that would be pretty simple.

Loechler- Yeah it's just the man power. The photobooth is the thing that I am looking at, I have an estimate, it would be \$320. I want better than last year.

Roemeling- If need be, you could make your own.

Loechler- I really want an actual photo booth.

Rosemark- Snapchat filters are good.

Loechler- I don't agree.

Lund- Yeah, I don't know if a filter would be used much during the event.

Loechler- Jenna said that it wouldn't be worth it. Also, I am looking at fanny packs but they are not getting back to me.

Finzen- I found some cool embroidered ones.

Loechler- Glenwood has a place that has them, but they haven't emailed me back.

D. Julia

E. Maddie H

Happ- Sustainability forum updates, I have the posters, if people can take them to buildings on campus to get them up. I have already given some to ORL so those should be up soon. I have some unfortunate news. I got invited to the Israeli American nationals Council Summit, and I am going to that on the day of the forum. I am talking with my sustainability officers, and they will take the lead on the night of. I don't think it will be a big deal, but I want to let you guys know.

F. Maddie K.

Nothing to report.

G. Anika

It is trans day of remembrance, so until 9ish, if you want hot cider or hot cocoa, they are having that in the RCGW.

H. Marley

Nothing

I. John

J. Shelby

I worked on the budget, I am not done, but it looks different and it is a work in progress.

K. Lindsey

Freshman council is meeting tomorrow, we are going to talk with student orgs to focus on food scarcity around the holidays.

L. At-Large Representative

M. At-Large Representative

VII. [Agenda Construction for 12/2/19](#)

VIII. Adjourn

Adjourned at 7:29pm