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Memo to: MCSA Forum Members  
From: MCSA Executive Committee  

The Forum will meet on Monday at 6pm in IH 109/ Cow Palace.

Called to order at 6:02pm.

I. Open Forum

II. For Action: Approve Agenda
   A. Johnson motions
   B. Scovil seconds
   C. Motion passes

III. For Action: Approve Minutes from 5.6.2019
   A. Scovil motions
   B. Barber seconds
   C. Motion passes

IV. Chancellor Behr visiting to welcome students
   (General summary, not entire transcript of the speech, but general summary and some key points)
   Behr- Thank you for inviting me. Welcome students, I really want to talk to you about some of the billion things that are happening this year on campus that you will either be closely involved with or hear about. It’s gonna be a rock n roll kind of year. The higher learning commission is coming the 28th and 29th of September. We are putting together our case that shows that we are meeting their criteria. I’m guessing that assessment of student learning will be one of the things they look more into. Everyone is welcome to come to the sessions to meet them group that is coming. Those of you who were here in the spring received a survey about all of that. There will be open sessions from now until the end of October about what they are looking for.

We are also looking at the visits from ACRO and the fact that we are challenged in the enrollment issue, and we are looking to develop a new plan. The idea is to integrate a lot of the ideas on campus to ensure that our messaging is the right messaging and that once they are here we are accessing them in the right ways. That won’t kick off until the HLC visit. We are also continuing our strategic visioning and planning process. We will be continuing our work with that, which includes task forces and campus conversations, to which you are all invited. Please come if you are able, we would love to see you there. The 19th of September is the next on in HFA 45. We are launching an effort to do some research to help us develop our new marketing and admissions materials. We will be doing some focus groups and then it will be more open to the campus. We do this every few years and we want to make sure the best is
presented (SOMETHING). President Gabel will be here the 24th and 25th. The morning of the 24th she will host a town hall about strategic planning. That is 10-11 on the 24th of sept in the recital hall. In addition to all of those things, we also have many searches going on this fall and into the spring. I know you are all as invested in this campus as I am, and I hope you continue to work towards making it a great place.

Rosemark- How are your bass lessons going?
Behr- I am taking bass guitar lessons! My door is always open, I will be having office hours this semester. I wish you all a great semester!

President’s Remarks

Rosemark- Thank you all for coming today. It’s good to see new and old faces. I hope you’re excited about this year just as I am. I would like to start this with a land acknowledgement.  (put here). My name is Sam Rosemark, I am president, I use he/him/his pronouns. We have a lot going on this year, but some of the main things are elevating the student voice, making sure students are at the table where decisions are being made. Brandon King was just elected Vice Chair of the Student Reps to the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents is the highest standing thing in our system so / We also make to make a more accessible, something, and sustainable campus. I encourage you all to think broadly and boldly about what we MCSA can to do think about what we can do for the students we represent. We are looking at doing a Tuition Waiver info session with CNIA, which Maddie is doing. We also are looking into the e bikes and renewing them, as well as the Morris transit being free for students, where they would just have to just show their u card and ride it. We are also looking to make tech fee a better process. Please also practice self care throughout the year and pay attention to your well being. You can’t do all of these things for our students if you aren’t taking care of yourself.

V. Committee Reports

MCSA Committees

Academic Affairs
Scovil- Curriculum is meeting on Thursday, first meeting of the year. It’s our first time without assessment of student learning as a committee, so we’ll look at framing our plans.

Campus Relations
Loechler- We got a new banner, we decided on a new logo we will be using this year and hoping to use for years to come. Excited for more org reps, so if you’re in another organization please encourage them to have a rep. Also I’m very excited to plan the prairie gala.

Executive Committee
Rosemark- We are doin stuff! Strength finding!

First Year Council
Resources and Operations

Happ- We are going to have our meeting sometime next week, since we are going to be changing how forum works it could be

Student Services

Kornely- We are having trouble scheduling our meeting because we are all very busy, but we are trying.

**Campus Assembly Committees**
- Assessment of Student Learning
- Academic Support Services
- Consultative

Meeting tomorrow.

Curriculum

Meeting Thursday,

- Faculty and P&A Affairs
- Faculty Development
- Finance

October 3rd first meeting

- Functions and Awards
- International Programs
- Membership

Meeting Thursday

- Multi-Ethnic Experience
- Planning

Meeting tomorrow

- Scholastic
- Steering

Meeting tomorrow, talking about committee reform.

- Student Affairs

Cancelled our meeting tomorrow, we are planning on meeting on the 24th.

**VI. Organization Reports**

KUMM

First general staff meeting will be this Wednesday. Will be a cute little surprise if there will be pizza or not. It’s at 8:00pm.

BSU
First meeting tonight, talking about homecoming ideas.

CNIA

Meeting tonight at 8:00 in the MRC we will have Indian Tacos

InterVarsity

VII. Old Business

For Information:

1) Morris Campus Student Association’s social media presence
   a) New logo approved
   b) Follow MCSA on Twitter @UMNMorrisMCSA
   c) Like MCSA on Facebook @UMNMorrisMCSA

For Action:

VIII. New Business

For Information:

1) Forum reform
   a) Forum will meet biweekly

Westfield- Meeting every two weeks hopefully to put a little less stress for everyone, you might still be meeting with your committee during this time.
Rosemark- We want to stress getting more done in the committees and only important things brought to forum.

2) First Year Representative elections

Westfield- All the info is in this link.
Ayers-Morgan- We did a mental health campaign, making sure people were taking care of their mental health. It’s a very good time, very worthwhile.

3) Membership

Rosemark- Everyone has to be on a forum committee that is a MCSA member. If you are an org rep, you do not have to be on a committee, but we encourage you to join one. Everyone who is a campus assembly rep needs to be a member of one of the assembly core committees.
King- I need to be removed from planning because I have another meeting at the same time. I will look into which one I should join.
Rosemark- Anyone interested in Equity and Diversity Committee?
King- Put me on that one.
Ayers-Morgan- Put me on it as well.
Feather joins Equity and Diversity as well.
Rosemark- We also have task force spots to fill. These are very cool opportunities to help change things on campus.
Loechler- I would like to be on connectivity.
Pryor- Sustainability, please.
Schneider- Sustainability as well.

4) Brief meeting within Forum Committees
Rosemark motions to postpone brief meetings within forum committees.
Scovil seconds
Motion passes

5) Fall retreat
   a) Held on Saturday, September 14th, 5:30 PM at East Village Apartments
   b) Food, fun, and information

For Action:
1) Approve funding for Presidential Leadership Summit
   a) Loechler motions
   b) Scovil seconds
   c) Motion passes

IX. Announcements
1) Forum Kahoot
Tabled for the pizza and social.

2) LCCMR visit Wednesday, September 11th at 7 PM in Oyate
Rosemark- They allocate funding to various proposals that are environmentally focussed. They want to hear from students so please attend this if you are able. We got funding from them to have a battery for Green Prairie.

3) Climate Strike Thursday and Friday, September 19-20 at Green River Park
Westfield- You might’ve already heard about this, it’s blowing up.
Nelson- The climate strike is mainly targeted at youth, which isn’t going too great since many schools are not willing to let their students out, so it will probably mainly be college students but I know many professors have already cancelled classes that day, so please come and support the climate strike.

4) President Gabel visiting campus September 23rd and 24th
Westfield- I recommend learning about system wide issues for this.

5) Pizza and social at IH 111 directly following Forum

X. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43pm.