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Memo to: MCSA Forum Members
From: MCSA Executive Committee
Subject: Forum Agenda for Monday, October 14th, 2019.

The Forum will meet on Monday at 6:30pm in IH 109/ Cow Palace.

Called to order at 6:30pm

I. Open Forum

II. For Action: Approve Agenda

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

III. For Action: Approve [Minutes from 10.7.2019](#)

- A. Ayers-Morgan motions
- B. Happ seconds
- C. Motion passes

IV. President's Remarks

Rosemark- Hello all. It has been a busy and hectic week, I hope you have all been taking care of yourselves. A lot of stuff around campus inclusivity has been going on which we will talk about. Ted is here to talk about that down there. One thing we have been working on on the side is a resolution that we will be hearing about in the near future. Fall break is coming up soon, and there are a lot of exams, so there are a lot of things converging creating a lot of stress this week, so take care of yourself.

V. *Steering Committee presenting on committee recruitment*

Ted Pappenfus- I am the chair of steering. Last week, at our Tuesday meeting I brought forth a proposal for faculty to get students on committees. I think the student voice is very important. This is what I brought forth to the committee, so the proposal is as follows. Steering committee would send a call to campus via the all employees list and the email would go out the first week of March, that identifies students for potential spots. It would also be sent in the fall semester to fill any vacancies present at that time as also as needed. It would be on a google form, the google form would ask nominators for suggest names for students on committees, would provide their email, majors, and the nominator would identify the committees that he or she thought the student would be appropriate to serve on, and an open box to describe why they think their student would serve well on a committee. So that's sort of the overview, and we would share those names to be submitted. We welcome your feedback. "Appropriate students" to serve on committees.

discussion

Johnson- Clarification on, so you're sending this out to faculty. Would you be going to membership or to MCSA with the names?

Pappenfus- I initially wanted to go to membership, but if MCSA wants to see we would be happy to share. What I don't want to do, my goal is that any nominations we get from the community at large would be shared with membership. If MCSA wants to review that, that's fine.

Johnson- My thoughts are that the idea of sending it out to faculty and staff is wonderful, however it's reading as faculty aren't happy with what we are doing because they just see that we have open seats. I feel that if we are skipped over, you are taking away our responsibility, I feel like membership already has a lot to do. In a way, it is demeaning, I think it's great that faculty and staff would have recommendations, and we would love any recommendations, however I think you are demeaning as a student governance body by taking away this responsibility. We are supposed to have an equal say as faculty staff, and it feels as though you are taking us down.

Pappenfus- The point is not to demean in any way, the whole goal is to get the seats filled, and they have been vacant since last spring.

Loechler- So, my question is why is there felt a need to go through all of this and change the current system instead of adding on as what we already do as MCSA?

Pappenfus- Because it's an ongoing problem. It's been present.

Loechler- But if we try to do this, not take away our thing but still send out the nomination process, but that just comes to us rather than to an outside source. What if the names come to us rather than an outside source. You send the nominations to us.

Pappenfus- Can you clarify?

Loechler- You send out the emails, and the nominations come to us rather than an outside source.

Pappenfus- I am happy to send it to MCSA.

Loechler- In your previous statement, when you said that, I was weary that you would be happy "sharing it", that language is a little scary, I was worried that you would be just kind of saying "hey this is what we are doing", or would we still get a say? It's not like we turn people away, but it's the traditional process.

Pappenfus- The whole point is to get more names out there of students that can serve on these committees. Whether the names go through MCSA or membership directly, I don't really care, I just want the seats filled.

Pittman- I don't know if this will actually ensure students being placed on these committees. Who's to say their favorite professors nominate them and they only agree to please them and then they do the committee for a few weeks and realize they're too busy and then quit?

Pappenfus- If a student is nominated, there is no guarantee.

King- My worry is that: as MCSA is we nominate students to be on these committees not only to have the student voice represented, but also for them to come back to MCSA and tell us what is happening in that committee. How would we ensure that they come back to us?

Pappenfus- There are some committees with MCSA members already.

King- There is no one on planning, and if there is a non MCSA member filling that position, then how would we get information about that committee?

Pappenfus- How do you get information now?

King- That's why we need our members to come to these meetings.

Pappenfus- How does a non MCSA member on a committee get information to you currently?

Schneider- We don't have non MCSA members on committees. All the student members are members of MCSA.

Pappenfus- Historically we have had non-MCSA students on committees.

Finzen- Everyone who is on a committee now is either in this room or is supposed to be.

Schneider- We hold each other accountable, to ensure we represent.

Pappenfus- A student doesn't need to be on MCSA to be in a committee.

Schneider- According to this, Article 4 Section 1 of Campus Assembly constitution specifically says elected student members, and they are elected through MCSA, so technically speaking, only MCSA members should be on campus assembly committees.

Pappenfus- I know our parliamentarian has made it clear that non MCSA members can serve on campus assembly committees.

Johnson- I believe that that is according to the campus assembly constitution and not our MCSA constitution.

Pappenfus- But, historically, we have had non MCSA members.

Schneider- Even though students come here to choose their committees? Could you tell me how a student who is not in MCSA get on a committee? Because to me it seems that would be totally out of process.

Pappenfus- Historically, there have been

Schneider- Did they come to MCSA?

Pappenfus- I assume MCSA. I would hope that MCSA would welcome any one to be on committees, and if not then I think we disagree.

Rosemark- We want everyone to be apart of MCSA. We welcome everybody. We table in the student center, we send emails, we welcome everybody. Students are very busy and do not necessarily want to be on committees that they think are a waste of their time.

Pappenfus- In my opinion, the constitution allows any student to be on a committee.

Rosemark- For some committees that is true, but for the constitutional committees, only campus assembly members can be on them. I don't know why it has changed to having MCSA be the ones in charge of nominating, it could be that that is the thing that is working, I don't know, but there are a lot of people with their hands up.

Ayers-Morgan- I think an important point to make is that students that are elected by the student body are there to represent students, and I think through this method the students that are nominated would be representing staff and faculty and not the students. We're here representing the student body.

Pappenfus- Faculty and staff have unique interactions with students that you don't have.

Schneider- Students act different in committee than they do in committees. Any way, it should still be the students electing them because they

Pappenfus- I would argue that professors see students who rarely raise their hand and see committees as a way to help that student get more involved.

Schneider- This could be added on as an added bonus, not a replacement to what we are doing.

Pappenfus- I am chairing a committee right now that has an open student seat and we need it filled to represent the student voice.. Currently the process isn't working, and we need it to work. We need to get

Schneider- If a student isn't put on a committee by the student body, they aren't representing the students.

Pappenfus- The student is on the committee, if they don't feel like they are representing, they should not accept.

Scovil- It is very hard for students to speak up on committees, especially so if they were nominated by their professor and didn't want to disagree with them. On top of that, I have some questions. What was the process of non MCSA members being on committees?

Pappenfus- MCSA would have done that.

Scovil- What's the problem with professors saying that a student would be good on student government, rather than recommending them directly to a committee?

Pappenfus- What if when we sent an email to a student, and said they were nominated for a position. We could say "MCSA is nominating you-"

Finzen- We aren't the ones nominating them.

Rosemark- I think students would know that the nomination process is happening, and that puts pressure on the students to act a certain way.

Johsnon- Do you know how many open seats there are for faculty staff for all committees?

Pappenfus- I suspect very few. How many names do you have to fill these seats?

Rosemark- Four for sure, and there are a good amount of students interested in student government that we could get on committees, we just need to develop a process for getting them involved.

Pappenfus- I think we could get you 20 names in a week.

Johnson- Have faculty and staff been asked in the past for recommendations for students?

Pappenfus- Yes, and I wish we were more.

Rosemark- We shouldn't have to ask, if you want to do it you can.

Johnson- I think this would work, I don't think these nominations should go to membership, I think the names should come to MCSA and we reach out and they show up to forum. It should remain a student based thing. I have heard from multiple students that are on committees that it is intimidating to be on a committee. I think that needs to be factored in.

Pappenfus- It's all about getting names to either MCSA or membership.

Lund- In my personal experience, I haven't encountered really any one who is not on MCSA who would want to be on a committee. If they wanted to be a part of student government as a whole they would most likely already be in MCSA.

Rosemark- I think students would rather be here in MCSA and forum than in a committee.

Pappenfus- What about the student body?

Rosemark- This is the student body.

Pappenfus- We don't have data.

Rosemark- This is the data.

Pappenfus- What about the whole student body? The other 1400 students.

Schneider- We have been elected.

Scovil- Certain positions in MCSA are recommended for different committees.

Pappenfus- If you are interested in representing the student body, why aren't you on my committee?

Rosemark- Everyone in this room is on a committee.

Westfield- Those who can sit on multiple committees are on them,

Pappenfus- I think it's not healthy that you serve on multiple committees, and that is more evidence that we need to expand the pool.

VI. Organization Reports

BSU

MSA event tonight!

CNIA

Have a meeting, the Dakota and Ojibwe dance trope that night, Thomas X will be coming Nov 2nd, who is a rapper from Red Lake.

InterVarsity

Nothing

KUMM

Recently went to the cities to an Amper meeting, that's the most prominent thing, we got to meet with several local stations and talked about many things. We haven't gone to it for seven years, so we got a lot of information. We have a few ideas to get KUMM up a bit. We have double the amount of DJs as last year. We are doing great.

MoQSIE

Pronouns day this week Thursday. There was supposed to be a painting of pronoun signs and no one really showed up. If anyone wants to go to the MRC and paint them go for it.

Saddle Club

Haunted barn is the 25th. A horse got out but it's all fine.

VII. Old Business

For Information:

For Action:

VIII. New Business

For Information:

- 1) Congratulations to our new First Year Representatives
 - a) Cole Maxwell
 - b) Shanda Pittman
 - c) Lindsey Roemeling
 - d) Mariah Turner
- 2) [Membership](#)
- 3) Discussion on A Letter Addressing Community in Light of Recent Campus Events

Rosemark- I want to be wary of everyone's time, we have gone over time. We are going to be talking about the letter that was sent out.

Agreement that it was good

Rosemark- Sheri Breen sent a nice message back, it was really nice. We love her! I don't think that should be the end of what we do, please think of some ideas of how we can address this. They will be looking at revising of how posters are done, and where they can be posted. I would encourage everyone to move in a way that doesn't feed into the way they wish to provoke and attack. Any suggestions? I encourage you to talk about the feelings you have.

For Action:

- 1) [International pronouns day tabling signup](#)

Rosemark- PLease do this!! Sign up for this, this will hopefully have a good impact.

IX. Announcements

Johnson- Contact me to participate in the fresh fruit tabling initiative!

Rosemark- The community meal is happening right now! Go!

X. Adjourn.

Adjourned at 7:12pm