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Memo to: MCSA Forum Members
From: MCSA Executive Committee
Subject: Forum Agenda for Monday, November 4th, 2019.

The Forum will meet on Monday at 6:00pm in IH 109/ Cow Palace.

- I. Open Forum**
- II. For Action: Approve Agenda**
 - A. David: So moved
 - B. Autumn Johnson: Seconded
- III. No Oppositions**
- IV. For Info: Minutes from 10.14.2019**
- V. *Liz Thompson visiting on behalf of EDI***
 - A. *Liz spoke about her affiliations and some upcoming events with EDI and encouraged students to get involved. She encouraged students to contact her if interested in participating in a partnership with EDI or simply for more information.*
- VI. *LeAnn Dean visiting on behalf of Briggs Library***
 - A. *LeAnn and other Briggs Staff came to speak about:*
 - B. *-Synchronicity*
 - C. *-ACCI, Powerpoint*
 - D. *-Open education resources, availability, and accessibility of textbooks*
 - E. *-The increasing price of College textbook is super high and it's possible relation to retention*
 - F. *-OER: Textbook and other course materials that are available free online*
 - G. *-What is Briggs doing? Collaboration with Orgs on campus, Course Reserves, etc.*
 - H. *-Library Canvas Integration with high-quality resources*
 - I. *-Library Course Reserves, articles, e-books, prints book, movies, and DVD's*
 - J. *-Outreach and Collaboration with students and organizations,*
 - K. *Next Steps: Survey and developing statistics for Morris students, how to proceed if interested, morris student are encouraged to submit their ideas, continued learning from the Twin Cities,*
 - L. *Brandon King asked: Have you spoken to the Retention Council about this?*

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M. LeAnn Dean asked for further contact information to the Retention Council

N. Brandon agreed to send the contact information via email.

VII. *Dave Israels-Swenson visiting on behalf of the Activity Fee Review Committee*

A. Dave Swenson: Came to speak about Policy Change and student feedback for changes for Funding for Parisian Student Groups that may be funded for non-partisan activities, these include

- 1. -Posters for meetings*
- 2. -Speakers (not running for office)*
- 3. -Snacks at Meetings*
- 4. -Get out to vote/Voter Registration initiative*

B. -Dave presented the Twin Cities and Duluth policies surrounding Funding

C. -Dave said AFRC would be in favor of Dave's changes

D. -Dave's changes would not allow partisan groups to receive funding

E. -This would make the UR not able to endorse political candidates

F. -Mackenzi asked how would this be taken by the CR if they feel it is singling them out? Dave answered that 2 other system campus have this policy

G. -Liz asked when was this last reviewed? Dave answered that this was a system-wide policy that had not been updated in the system and look at a campus-specific policy

H. Liz asked about the time-line

I. Dave responded on how activities would take it to AFRC for approval, which then they could choose to adopt and would be into effect in the last meeting on November 21st. A group that is partisan could put in a request at that meeting, they would discuss, and make a change and make a request not heard, then hear, then change policy, and will have to be updated at the time of the meeting.

J. Syd: Dave we love your presence

VIII. President's Remarks

Sam-

- A. 1. The steering committee and it's an attempt to redistribute student power, I asked to meet with Ted, they will meet at the next steering committee. The meeting will be sometime next week. Membership is meeting and Zaske asked for representation from me or Josh, and at the next Steering meeting. Most positions are already filled and I will*

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report back. My solution is that MCSA would send out a call for nominations through UMMOFFICIAL and fill seats, MCSA would put forward a slate and it would be approved by membership, and then anyone that is approved for a committee then that student would get MCSA Representative then they are allowed MCSA voting power in Forum, they would still be required to still meet like a normal member for communication but this is up in the air until the steering meeting and slate is approved.

- B. 2. Attendance, please go to your campus assembly committee, please email your chair or MCSA rep if you are unable to attend. Also, forum committees, they are intentionally easier and more flexible, so please engage in good faith and help MCSA and your forum committees, please also communicate with your chair, emails are the most helpful. Thank you for coming to the forum, and being strict on attendance policies.
- C. 3. Camus inclusivity, I have had lots of meetings around this topic, I met with President Gable on the 22nd. I also met with CR Alum, the Moqsie exec, and Chancellor Behr on 14th and 24th. Also going to the Student Affairs committee to continue the conversation regarding posters. Meeting with Liz and others for programming and other things, Chancellor is meeting with Bias response team, and what a bias response team would look like on the Morris campus, addressing issues from disturbances to sexual assault and to centralizing the reporting system, instead of a call to Campus Police,
- D. Goals:**
- E. 1. IC Courses focusing on community and respectful discourse and respecting identities
- F. 2. Campus values statement, list of values or statements that we all abide by and our values so we can refer back to it in times of discourse
- G. 3. Passing the Equity and Access Gender Identity/Gender expressions names and pronouns policy, it is in review right now, and everyone is encouraged to leave positive feedback, this makes it so there is more policy around pronouns usage.
- H. 4. Poster reform, where, when, how many and what, reviewed by the student affairs committee
- I. 5. Mural, Let's Thrive mural in the tunnel to try and reinvigorate the space
- J. 6. Funding for Parts and Activities Reform, which was presented by Dave Israel-Swenson
- K. 7. Looking at a Bias report system

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- L. 8. Policy Changes, Applying harassment and bullying policies around groups of people not just individuals
- M. 9. Increased programming surrounding how to have proper discourses, pronoun uses, and sensitivity
- N. Sam encourages bringing forward a resolution to the next forum.

IX. Committee Reports

MCSA Committees

Academic Affairs

Scovil: Editing to foreign languages, students opportunities for student

Campus Relations

Sam: Looking at how we can better utilize social media, how we can better relations with the Morris (city and governance), look at student out into the community and working with them and vice versa, also apparel

Resources and Operations

Happ: Currently planning sustainability forum, Nov 20th, Interest for presenting, project idea, please contact Maddie Happ

Student Services

Loechler: Currently planning sustainability forum, Nov 20th, Interest for presenting, project idea, please contact Maddie Happ

Executive Committee

Rosemark: Good

First-Year Council

First-Year Council representative: Meeting on Thursday

Campus Assembly Committees

Consultative

-Meeting tomorrow

Curriculum

-Gen Ed groups meeting on Thursday, program reviews, IC Civil discourse and received good feedback

Equity and Diversity

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Working out kinks, coming to students for feedback, campus climate, and lack of
CC survey, creating a survey

Finance

Met last week, talk heavily on last years budget, also meeting this Thursday and
talking about budgets, how bad Duluth's budget is

Membership

Meeting on 14th

Planning

Meeting on 12th

Scholastic

Meeting on Thursday, small window after Fin Aid. for being dispursed, lack of
communication

Steering

Not sure of meeting time will be talking about Community hour, and on the big
stuff

Student Affairs

Haven't met in a while, talked about the classification of student organizations,
and approved more student orgs

X. Organization Reports

BSU

CNIA

Tomorrow we have Tipi demonstration, and hot chocolate in the MRC, Flute player and
composer will be here Wednesday

InterVarsity

KUMM

Steadily getting new DJ's, live concert in LLL next Sunday, Publicity video coming soon

MoQSIE

Nov 20 Trans-Remembrance day, more info to come

Saddle Club

XI. Old Business

For Information:

For Action:

XII. New Business

For Information:

1) Update on VCAA/Dean Search presented by Secretary Scovil

Julia - Goal: Have decision made by end of the semester, candidates doing campus visits, we want feedback for what should happen on visit days, Prairie Lounge lunch with Candidates, conversational forum having every question being labeled from student, faculty or staff,

Feedback from students:

Syd: One or the other or can we have both?

Julia: If we were to do a Q&A we would have to choose between just student or staff/faculty meetings

Syd: I feel both are very important, and advocating for having both

Meeting: Tomorrow during community hour.

2) Bryan Hermann and Bill Zimmerman will be visiting next Forum to present on Tech Fee

3) Stop Hunger Food Drive

Going on right now and all through November

Sam: All of the food donations go to the food shelf, it is running through Sodexo, I want MCSA to form teams and have some friendly competition to see who can donate the most. We would be informally competing and chairs will communicate, the winning team and who gets a pizza party.

a) November 1st - 30th

For Action:

1) Approval of appointed positions

a) MSLC Representatives

i) Becca Bertalotto

ii) Laura Pester

b) Budget Manager

i) Shelby Maloney

David - motion

Autumn - Seconded

All approved

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- 2) Approval of Claudia Iron Hawk as CNIA Org Rep
Approved
- 3) Election of At-Large Representatives
Autumn - motion for a table at large
Brandon - Seconded
All approved
- 4) Election of Steering Committee Representative
Julia - nominated Lindsey
Miah - second
Syd - nominated herself
Maddie - seconded Syd
Lindsey Won by Majority
- 5) Membership

IX. Announcements

- A. Native American Community Meal 5:30 - 7:30 PM at Faith Lutheran
- B. Equity and Access: Gender Identity, Gender Expression, Names and Pronouns
 1. 30 Day Review and comment period ends tonight
<https://policy.umn.edu/review/genderequity-rev>

X. Adjourn.