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Memo to: MCSA Forum Members
From: MCSA Executive Committee
Subject: Forum Agenda for Monday, November 18th, 2019.

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

Called to order 6:03pm

I. Open Forum

II. For Action: Approve Agenda

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

III. For Info: Minutes from 10.14.2019

IV. For Info: Minutes from 11.4.2019

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

V. *Bryan Hermann and Bill Zimmerman with updates on Tech Fee*

Hermann- Last year with the approval of moving to 75% of the funds to go to IT to do the strategic planning we wanted to do, and we wanted to give you all an update about what IT is doing. Bill is going to talk a bit about what was going on this summer, particularly in humanities. The way projects work for bonding is things that have a longer life cycle can be put on the project. So for example, a laptop cannot because it has a short life, but things like wires and projectors can be put on the project. Bill is going to talk about where the \$147,000 is right now.

Zimmerman- I am the IT director on campus. It's good to see all of you. One of the commitments we made last year was that we are going to transparent on what we do. We have an ask of you, because of funding allocation changes, and to report out about where money has been spent. The humanities remodel project, and because of this we were able to transform some spaces on campus. That project is continuing soon with Blakely. Part of that came from us asking what we need here on campus, what kind of IT devices will help us develop ourselves here on campus. We are sharing what we spent, but also we have a surplus, and we want to apply it to other rooms on campus. Last year, when we asked for \$147,800, what we did with humanities is now the standard, and it will become ubiquitous throughout campus. This way, when you go from building to building, you will have the same experience wherever you are. So, we allocated a certain amount of money for various things. We started reevaluating where we could get the most bang for our buck. Originally we allocated a lot of money for humanities, but a lot

of stuff overlapped with the project, so we saved some money for other buildings. We have a \$14,000 surplus of what our original expenses were. We are asking for allocation. We want to expand and give the MRC even more than what they have asked for. The CCC (Career Collaboration Center) is in the library would allow to collaboration in that space with the same tech that is in the humanities building. They originally asked for \$800. We are asking tonight if we can reallocate the surplus to the CCC and MRC. We were looking at possibilities with moving around some expenses with our humanities project, and we could get about \$23,000 to reallocate. The Theater AV crew came to us about getting tech into their blackbox theater For an AV Cart for the black box theater which would ease theater classes there. Hermann- When Bill was working on planning for Blakely, we purchased some things ahead of time. It was about efficiency and we bought some stuff ahead of time and saved money. Bill's team this summer put together a purchasing order and we saved a lot of money.

Zimmerman- My responsibility is to look at the campus as a whole, and when we looked at the tech fee request, there is a reason we put the spreadsheet together this way. From our standpoint, we try to allocate funding on what would benefit the entirety of campus.

Hermann- We need your approval on these new allocations, and I think these are good changes for these spaces and it will create good new environments for everyone on campus. We want to show that the tech fee process is still happening, these are some opportunities that we can take now. The goal behind the CCC, is to have a space to have professional things happen, like zoom interviews.

Zimmerman- We determined that what the library has now is fine, but they will get some new devices and improve what they have. In the MRC space, the request was to add some new computers, a TV, and a sound bar. If you think of what is in humanities 6, we want to create a similar space in the MRC. The space can be used for collaboration, video conferencing, and relaxation.

Hermann- Students can use their own content to project, and it's whatever people want to bring.

Zimmerman- No cables! The best part!

Westfield- These projects were fully funded by tech fee last year, it's not like we didn't give them money because we didn't think they needed it.

Hermann- The request is 1) if you are okay with moving those \$14,000, and 2) if we are able to find some more money in the project, this would be the priority order that is listed in this spreadsheet. That is the request, I don't know if you want to discuss now? Questions?

Westfield- Just to clarify, that is for the \$14,000 and for the priority.

1. Scovil motions to approve these as a slate.
2. Johnson seconds
3. Motion passes

Hermann- So one of the questions we have previously had is what the status of tech fee projects.

Zimmerman- Nearly all are done besides the ones we needed approval of. Now we know our direction there, then moving forward a focus we will have is wireless expansion. More than likely we will focus on the mall area first.

Hermann- We will definitely come back and talk in the future, we want to be able to have a strategic plan for the funding. This will come back as a formal request, but just so you have an idea on what Bill is talking about.

Zimmerman- This is what we are looking at for next year. So, the 24 hour study lounge and the library. Now that humanities has been done, we want to expand this tech throughout the campus into other buildings and classrooms. In addition to that, looking at the welcome center, that is the first thing you look at as a prospective student. And then the HFA, and there is another classroom on the list, but we don't know what that is yet but we want to keep that open. And of course we will continue with the wireless expansion.

Hermann- We have some classrooms that get used much more than others, so we need to look at those. We appreciate your leadership, and having a strategic plan going forward. We want to make sure your classes and labs are up to date. We also like having good data about all of this. We always want to be analyzing the data.

Zimmerman- There is a process we use called data driven decision making so we can make smart decisions about what to improve about our campus. We have an eight year plan to look at different locations in the different divisions. Those of you who were here last spring and the summer. This is nice compared to what we had. If we continue on our current plan, in 6 months we will have transformed 20% of our classrooms on campus. And that's amazing.

VI. President's Remarks

Rosemark- Hello, thanks for being here. I don;t have a whole lot to say. One update is the steering committee's proposal. We met Tuesday and talked about the MCSA proposed solution. LeAnn Dean and Carrie Adams were there this time and they were concerned about Ted's actions and proposal, I think it's a bit dead on arrival, they thought our proposal was good. Josh and I met with membership, and they agreed that Ted's proposal was pretty bad. They said they would support our version.

VII. Committee Reports

MCSA Committees

Academic Affairs

Scovil- Last week we met with Tammy Berberi about foreign language requirements. Tomorrow is my meeting with Jessica Porwell on APlus

Campus Relations

Loechler- We are going to be hitting it hard with prairie gala now. The theme as of now, is murder mystery. Like clue, I did preemptively book all of the rooms in the student center. It will be big and hopefully cheap. Dave Swenson has offered to be the body.

Resources and Operations

Happ- Right now, we are planning the sustainability forum.. The date is firm, there is already a facebook invite please go. It will be December 5th at 6:30. We are looking for people to present, so if anyone you know would like to please let me know!

Student Services

Kornely- Not much to report, we are meeting next Monday at 6:30

Executive Committee

Rosemark- Nothing

First-Year Council

Pittman- We picked an initiative. We are looking at the food shelves we have on campus and how to improve them. We have a meeting soon with Adrienne Conley and liz to talk about food scarcity.

Campus Assembly Committees

Consultative

Westfield- We met with Janet.

Curriculum

Scovil- We met with Janet, we haven't met as a whole group in like a month.

Equity and Diversity

Nelson- We talked about the massive charge that has happened on campus. We talked with Heather Peters about the protocol about reporting racist instances and talked about the poster issues.

Finance

Happ- We are looking at numbers. Our next step is to talk about the next one.

Membership

Westfield- Sam and I met with them.

Planning

Roemeling- Right now, facilities is working on installing new solar panels by the water treatment plant, and they have a 25 year warranty, in 14 years we will have made as much money as we spent, and we will start making money. They are also looking at updating the softball field.

Scholastic

Marquette- We haven't really done anything.

Steering

Student Affairs

Johnson- Meeting next Tuesday, last Tuesday we talked about the partisan student group funding. Pretty much the same conversation we had last time, we also talked about the proposed inclusivity initiatives, we talked about it a lot. We will be talking about that a lot more.

VIII. Organization Reports

BSU

We are planning about events we will have during black history month.

CNIA

Powwow planning is happening.

InterVarsity

Nothing

KUMM

We have an event, the under the covers event, if you want to come it's this Wednesday at 8.

MoQSIE

Trans day of remembrance is wednesday, the vigil will be on the mall. To replace our regular meeting, we are doing hot drinks at 8pm.

Saddle Club

We are trying to get along with our training for handlers and planning on who is staying over break.

IX. Old Business

For Information:

- 1) VCAA/Dean Search open discussions
 - a) Tuesday and Thursday during Community Hour this week and next week.
 - b) Need volunteers for the discussions

Scovil- Please go to these, it's the only time for the candidates to see our student body as a whole. They are in the recital hall.

Westfield- It's also a student oriented position.

Scovil- We need students to collect notecards that have questions.

Volunteers:

King, Westfield, Barber, Feather, Turner, Pittman.

- 2) Stop Hunger Food Drive
 - a) November 1st - 30th

For Action:

X. New Business

For Information:

1) [Resolution on Affordable and Sustainable Courses](#)

Westfield- Check them out.

Rosemark- So, this one in particular, has gone through the Resources and Operations committee and they looked at it pretty intensely, we repeatedly advised it, and it's pretty much ready to go, I also talked to LeAnn about it. It talks about how we are a sustainable campus and one way for us to be more sustainable would be to allow students to use electronic devices rather than paper notes and also using open source electronic textbooks. Also, it establishes a working group that LeAnn was talking about at the last forum. It's for information now, we could wait for the next forum to vote or do it now. Let's hear some thoughts.

Happ- Resources and ops have gone through it and have agreed unanimously.

Ayers-Morgan- Please everyone read it, it's well done.

Rosemark- I emailed this to Janet, and she said that if this passed, it would go against University policy, because policy says that it's up to the professor about all of this, but this resolution would encourage that to change.

Happ- I would like everyone to have a chance to read through it thoroughly before we vote, because it is very important.

2) [Resolution on Campus Inclusivity](#)

Rosemark- So, this was just finished editing, but essentially it lays out some initiatives that we would like to see laid out on campus to improve campus climate. You can add some suggestions if you have them, we can try to vote next forum. Any general feedback?

Barber- Love it.

Westfield- We can talk more about it when we vote next forum

3) [Community of Scholar Sign-up Sheet](#)

a) December 7th

Westfield- Please sign up for this. We need volunteers, if we volunteer sodexo gives us money for the prairie gala.

Loechler- Please please do this so we can have money.

Rosemark- We need to get this filled out now, because we don't meet again before this.

For Action:

1) Formation of Election Commission

Westfield- They help David with elections.

Volunteers: King, Johnson, Maxwell

2) Election of At-Large Representatives

Rosemark- We have two open positions.

Scovil nominates Mariah Turner

King seconds

Turner accepts the nomination

Maxwell motions to table to election for next forum.

Happ seconds

Motion passes

3) [Membership](#)

Westfield-If you are not on a committee, be on a committee.

IX. Announcements

X. Adjourn.

Adjourned at 7:03pm