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**Memo to:** MCSA Forum Members  
**From:** MCSA Executive Committee  
**Subject:** Forum Agenda for Monday, December 2nd, 2019.

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

Called to order at 6:02pm.

- I. Open Forum**
- II. For Action: Approve Agenda**
  - A. Scovil motions
  - B. Maxwell seconds
  - C. Motion passes
- III. For Info: [Minutes from 10.14.2019](#)**
  - A. Maxwell motions
  - B. Scovil seconds
  - C. Motion passes
- IV. For Info: [Minutes from 11.18.2019](#)**
  - A. Scovil motions
  - B. Maxwell seconds
  - C. Motion passes

**V. Committee Reports**

**MCSA Committees**

Academic Affairs

Scovil- Met with Jess about Aplus, clearing confusion and MCSA more action.

Campus Relations

Loechler- Prairie gala is a go, social media is good.

Resources and Operations

Student Services

Executive Committee

First-Year Council

Meeting about food scarcity next Thursday.

**Campus Assembly Committees**

Consultative

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Meeting with candidates.

Curriculum

Meeting with candidates.

Equity and Diversity

Finance

Membership

No meeting until January 1st.

Planning

Scholastic

Steering

Student Affairs

Talking more about poster policy, approved a couple of student organizations, approved new members on Student Behavior Committee, set timeline for resolution by second or third campus assembly of next year

**VI. Organization Reports**

BSU

Soul food and international event.

CNIA

Powwow.

InterVarsity

KUMM

MoQSIE

Saddle Club

Please drive slow and quietly!

**VII. Old Business**

For Information:

- 1) Final VCAA/Dean Presentation
  - a) Thursday during Community Hour this week.
  - b) Need volunteers for the discussion.

Please fill in these slots, Josh won't be there so we are looking for volunteers.

- 2) [Community of Scholars Sign-up Sheet](#)

For Action:

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**1) Resolution on Affordable and Sustainable Courses**

- a) Johnson motions
- b) Scovil seconds
- c) Motion passes

**2) Resolution on Campus Inclusivity**

Rosemark- If this wasn't our last forum, I would be waiting, but it is our last forum.

Westfield- That's not to say that work isn't being done behind the scenes.

Rosemark- But this is something that students can see. There is also a campus climate survey that will go out.

Westfield- Any motions? We can't move on without a motion.

- a) Rosemark- I motion to approve the resolution
- b) Maxwell seconds
- c) Johnson abstains
- d) Motion passes

**3) Election of University Student Senator**

Barber- So we are looking for a new student senator, they represent Morris on the system wide senate, we meet once a month, this month it is on the 5th.

Westfield- We zoom in from the HFA

Barber- We make sure Morris has a voice on the system wide senate.

Westfield- You get to sit in on meetings with Sheri and Windy.

Barber- I would like to nominate Jasmine Pryor

King seconds

Pryor accepts

Rosemark- I nominate Juan Vasquez

Johnson seconds

Vasquez accepts

Pryor- Hi, I am a third year student. I would like to do this because I represent a group of students who are not usually represented, I am a leader in BSU and I work in the office of sustainability.

Vasquez- This is my first year here and I am a third year transfer and I want to get more involved on campus and help this campus in any way I can.

Pryor wins the paper ballot

**4) Election of Campus Assembly Representative**

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Scovil- You go to campus assembly which meets once a month, and you sit there and listen to what is going on in campus. It's like forum but also for faculty and staff.

Scovil- I nominate Juan Vasquez

Johnson- I second

Vasquez accepts

King- I nominate Kedrick Hill

Finzen seconds

Hill accepts

Pester nominates Becca Bertalotto

Loechler seconds

Bertalotto accepts

Hill- So I am the campus ambassador coordinator on campus and I coordinate events that happen with campus ambassadors and I am also an orientation leader this next year.

Bertalotto- I am a second year, I would like to represent the campus on different aspects and be more involved. I am the student representative for the Spanish discipline so I sit in with meetings with faculty a lot so I have experience with this sort of thing.

Vasquez- Again, I would like to help the campus in any way I can.

Vasquez wins the paper ballot

**5) Election of At-Large Representatives (2)**

Westfield- Sit on exec.

Rosemark- These people represent forum on exec, we meet weekly on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30

Scovil- I nominate Juan Vasquez

Johnson seconds

Vaquez accepts

Loechler nominates Becca Bertalotto

Johnson seconds

Bertalotto accepts

McNiff nominates Shanda Pittman

Scovil seconds

Pittman accepts

Roemeling nominates Kimberly Novotny

McNiff seconds

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Novotny accepts

Vasquez- Hello again, I really want to get more involved on campus.

Bertalotto- I also want to get more involved. I want to represent in any way I can

Pittman- I am a first year representative, I like to feel important. I would like to be a good representation on our forum

Novotny- I am a first year, I want to get involved. I have character, quiriness, and opinions.

Novotny and Vasquez win the paper ballot

**6) [Membership](#)**

**VIII. New Business**

For Information:

- 1) Updates on Director of the Office of the Registrar presented by Parliamentarian Barber

Barber- So, I sit on this search committee, we have two candidates, Christy Burke and Marcus Mauler, Christy will be here tomorrow, and I am looking for three students that will have an informal lunch with her. It is an important part of the search process where they can get to know the student body better. I am looking for three people from 12:00 to 12:45 tomorrow in the TMC. It will conflict with campus assembly.

King, Novotny, Bertalotto volunteer

- 2) Campus Assembly tomorrow in Science Auditorium during Community Hour
- 3) Congratulations to the winners of the food drive

Rosemark- A group won. I will email everyone to tell them who won.

For Action:

**IX. President's Remarks**

Rosemark- I am required to give a state of the organization every semester. In Spring 2019, we increased voter turnout and were awarded platinum status. We had a lot of students register to vote. Good job everyone! Going into 2020 we have to do better and keep the momentum. We also did a lot of advocacy efforts last semester which led to the governor increasing his budget for the University system. We appointed some great officers who are doing great work. Committee consolidations are gone, we did that! The MCSA logo, we finally did it! They tried to for like four years and we did in in a summer. Fall 2019, we did a land acknowledgment at our first forum. We changed to biweekly meeting to make sure we have time for committees to meet, we had our fall retreat which was great. We relaunched our social media. We are sending out some good stuff. President Gabel visited our campus and we had lunch with

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her and it was great. We also recommended the 2020 commencement speaker. The activities fair was great and we had great recruitment, and did more recruitment later and filled a lot of our positions. UMN Student Legal Services came out and did a presentation on student rights. They will be back next semester. We have high membership, we have 29 members now which is great. Big shout out to the first years who are doing great stuff. We are filling a lot of our committees and task forces and work groups that we have been asked to fill, which is a lot of things. We filled, I think 28 different groups and committees which is fantastic. Also, Brandon was elected as the Vice Chair of the Student Reps to the Board of Regents. Julia is looking into world language requirements, as well as looking at APlus, which is the academic advising software that we use, and all advisors and success coaches use this to take notes, and there is concern from students and faculty that it is too open, that any person with access to the system can look at stuff, which is a concern. We also made a letter addressing campus community. We approved more tech fee allocations and we're doing good work for campus. AFRC policy change happened, which we endorsed. Just passed two resolutions, which will be very impactful. These are going to be huge, both the campus inclusivity resolution and the sustainable & affordable courses resolution. Sustainability forum is going to be huge! We did the food drive! We definitely got a lot of food! And we fended off Ted's proposal. Also, shoutout to Maddie K for doing a great job approving posts on the forum. So for Spring 2020, we will be doing the tuition waiver info session to stop the stigma, and tech fee will be happening, Maddie Happ will be doing that and we are trying to make it more efficient. The prairie gala will be happening which Sydney will be working on. We will continue the resolution and recreating task forces for these resolutions. And the Bias Response and Referral Network will get started. Gen Eds will be looked at, and APLUS, and government advocacy work, like Support the U Day. We are also going to try to have a meeting with the City Council, specifically having the morris transit included in student fees. First Year council will be working on a food insecurity webpage. We might do an off campus housing survey, and we might restart the food committee. And more! Thank you for a great semester! And go to your committees next week!

**IX. Announcements**

- 1) [Sustainability Forum](#) Thursday at 6:00pm in TMC

Actually at 6:30pm

**X. Adjourn.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm