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Memo to: MCSA Forum Members
From: MCSA Executive Committee
Subject: Forum Minutes for Monday, February 4[th,] 2019.

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

Called to Order at 6:02 pm

    I.   **Open Forum - Chancellor Chancellor Behr Behr visiting**

Chancellor Behr- Thank you for inviting me. I am going to tell you about things that are going on this semester and will answer questions. Some big things that are going on this semester are (1) the Strategic Vision and Planning process continuing– we currently have four task forces going on helping to plan and think about what we can and can't do relating to these statements, these groups are supposed to report back mid February and I will see how all the work the groups are doing fit together after which I will then send them back out to work on more concrete plans, we hope to have concrete plans by end of month. I will also be meeting with UMN President-designate Joan Gabel in early March and would like to have things to share about the Vision and Planning process and directions we can point to. I am also working with the Higher Learning Commission Assurance argument, they will be visiting campus next October and we need to document how we meet all of their criteria– we hope to have a draft done by the middle of March after which we will have some external readers with experience look it over and will make adjustments. There are also three task forces for the Higher Learning Commission: the first task force is assessing what we do in terms of retention and how we can work on and improve services that we offer, the second task force has been working on wellness and mental health activities and collaborating with other UMN campuses, and the third task force is working on thinking more intentionally about how we can engage first year students in high intensity programs that juniors and seniors are engaged in (such as hands on learning and study abroad opportunities). We will also launch the search for Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs this semester. It feels like last week was a lost week and we are behind in things but will get everything done. I will be happy to answer questions if anybody has any. I encourage you to come see me during open office hours if those times don't work, I encourage you to set up meeting.

Brichacek- After the February 15th deadline for the task forces, what will happen after that?

Chancellor Behr- We will be more of putting meat on the bones of the statements so I will ask those groups to continue working on their statements but there will also be more collaboration between task forces.

Brown- What would engaging First Years in high impact activities look like?

Chancellor Behr- I'm not sure yet but it would possibly mean building on existing opportunities, creating new opportunities, or more.

Rosemark- What will combining committees look like?

Chancellor Behr- One of the task forces is charged with looking at that and one thing was that a proposed amendment last year got tabled but the Steering Committee is looking at bringing that up again which would consolidate some governance committees. It will be more efficient but still allow everyone to be involved in process.

Rosemark- How is budget looking?

Chancellor Behr- It's not any different than we talked about in December and we're anticipating no major adjustments like last year.

King- What is biggest thing you are finding so far with mental health?

Chancellor Behr- I'm not the right person to ask that but since Morris has had historically insufficient mental health services we are looking at how to improve upon that. This has been a continuing process for many years.

Thank you for coming Chancellor Behr

II.   **For Action: Approve Agenda**
   A. Kari motions
   B. Nelson seconds
   C. Motion carries

III.   **For Action: Approve Minutes from 1.28 , Minutes from 12.10**
   A. Johnson motions
   B. Nelson seconds
   C. Motion carries

IV.   **President's Remarks**

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Thank you for making it out in the cold tonight and for coming last week. If anyone is interested in looking at the amendment which would consolidate committees, come into the MCSA office or contact Brichacek.

V.   **Committee Reports**

MCSA Committees

Academic Affairs

Campus Relations- Thanks to everyone who helped at Community of Scholars as it will help with the Gala.

Executive Committee

First Year Council- The Committee is meeting tomorrow.

Resources and Operations- People here tonight to talk about Tech Fee.

Student Services- The Committee will meet on Thursday.

Campus Assembly Committees

Assessment of Student Learning	Academic Support Services
Consultative	Curriculum
Faculty and P&A Affairs	Faculty Development
Finance	Functions and Awards
International Programs	Membership

Multi-Ethnic Experience

Planning- The Committee will meet on February 12th.

Scholastic- The Committee voted on a petition via email.

Steering- The main thing on the agenda for the next meeting is the Committee consolidations.

Student Affairs

VI.   **Organization Reports**

KUMM	Love Your Melon
MPIRG	

BSU- This Thursday BSU is hosting Family Feud at 7 pm in the TMC

CNIA	University Register

VII.   Old Business

For Action:

1. Meet with I.T. and approve [Revised Tech Fee Guidelines](#)

Hermann- Thank you for letting us come tonight, we started this process a year ago. Also thanks for everyone helping with Community of Scholars. Zimmerman will talk about the big picture/goal for this and will talk about the process of how to continue the discussion.

Brown- We relayed the information that we will look at what we're looking at right now and what the cost for the 8 year cycle will be as well as how our guidelines will look. We talked about the spending cap and what the cycle will look like.

Zimmerman- We have the opportunity to look at campus holistically, this will increase efficiency immensely. This will look at campus as one IT infrastructure and will allow us to look at labs and equipment. One initiative in this is a tech investments initiative which will look at "are we investing our money/equipment in the right places to get more bang for our buck?" We will install software across campus to capture this data. There are three parts to this investment: classrooms, labs, and networking. We don't know how this will break down yet but the core investments will be in those three areas. This will be something we will report back to you (i.e. is replacing bad projectors in unused classrooms the best investment or can that money be better used somewhere else?). The breakdown right now will allow us to have money to do investments and remain accountable in what IT is doing.

Hermann- Every year Zimmerman would come and present on what they're going to and the data behind it about what work is going to be done. This takes everything infrastructure-related off the table from the discussion. This will also help prevent multiple computer labs from asking for money at the same time but will even it out better so there will be a pattern for when and how things are invested.

Zimmerman- If you see Matt Senger tell him thank you for all the work he did on this.

Hermann- It's now time for questions and presenting your proposal for this. We have the technology now to do heat mapping to know where we should revamp wifi across campus.

Zimmerman- We will take map of morris campus and will draw a circle around campus to show where we should have wifi coverage.

Hermann- All labs would be replaced every four years and classroom technology will be replaced on an 8 year cycle but some will be replaced faster than that based on usage rates.

Dice- Will this cycle reduce or raise the amount of e-waste? This would be something cool to track and report back to students with and could be something to include in plans.

Hermann- This would actually just organize replacement cycles and hopefully won't increase e-waste and maybe even decrease it.

Zimmerman- This will be something we could see improvement upon over time and not right away.

Nelson- As of right now, how do you tell which computers get used and which don't? Do you have the data to see which machines are being used and can you just rotate unused tech to the back of the lab?

Hermann- We installed this technology in the 24 hour lab and tracked that only 7 machines were used heavily and now after remodeling, there are only 7 heavily used computers in the lab.

Zimmerman- This data-driven decision making helps to reduce overall costs.

Hunt- Will this new plan help to plan for how we will invest in niche technology that is not widely used but is important to specific groups of students?

Zimmerman- We're looking at a cap of $160,000 that will go towards this and the remaining amount will go back to the students to decide where you want to invest which is where niche technology will fall under.

Brichacek- I just want to make sure that this document layout if clear.

Hunt- What will happen if MCSA refuses to fund the cap?

Brown- This will be added to our guidelines so from now on out this will be how we do things and to change it we will need new guidelines which will take all of MCSA to be in agreeance. We can still decide if we want to fund a line of the proposal or not. We could strike a line if we felt the need to but what we hope to achieve with this plan is that we don't have to do things like that.

Hermann- This plan is coming through with high level approval.

Brown- If they find they need more money, they have the chance to be flexible on how much they spend and make adjustments as needed because we already approved it but it will still not exceed cap.

Zimmerman- We want to make sure that MCSA and IT have a relationship in continuing years because it is here to help campus and students.

Dice- In the next year, how will we do with keeping money for next years?

Hermann- If projects have money left over, that goes into tech fee pool and we also carve out $50,000 to put in the pool to account for unpredicted changes to things like enrollment; so the 25-75 split will be after that $50,000 is taken off.

Smith- Why is approval of exceeding the cap of $160,000 needing approval by Exec and not Forum? Because things that would exceed the cap seem like they would be known ahead of time.

Nelson- I don't see how IT would make a decision.

Westfield- I think this should go to Forum because it needs a larger body for large amount of money.

Sydney- Does Exec still have power to make rash decisions?

Brichacek- Exec technically does have this power if something goes wrong but it still needs to be approved by Forum at later times

      Smith motions to change the wording of Exec to Forum

      Motion carries

Rosemark- When we approve things for tech fee, we don't really get an update about how things were carried out after we approve updates. It would be helpful to get an update about what happened and how we can plan better in the future

Hermann- Departments have 1 year to complete projects and can request 6 month extensions but this is a good idea.

Zimmerman- This goes back to greater accountability and becoming proactive rather than reactive to issues that could arise from this process and allocations.

> Sam motions to add that IT needs to report back with investment usage after technology has been allocated.

Abler- Will this lead to an increase in spending?

Hermann - It will lead to more consistency. Before, it changed with high peaks and low lows. It evens out over years.

Abler - If 75% doesn't cover it, what happens?

Hermann - IT would have to figure it out.

> Smith motions to give Exec full authority to finish the guidelines
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> Kari seconds
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> Motion passes

Hermann - If MCSA doesn't want to fund an item, there is a system in check that stops groups from purchasing items specifically not funded by MCSA. (example of Sea Turtle from Tech Fee Guidelines)

Zimmerman - This has happened this year, actually. It is discretionary.

2. Rideshare App Kickoff Tomorrow- [Ride share Dates/Times Signup](#)
   a) Westfield signed up for tomorrow.
   b) Abler signed up for March 26th.

We will make a chart that is easier to understand in google sheets and then everyone can sign up then. Send available dates to MCSA email.

3. Vote to approve [Facebook Forum Guidelines](#)

These are done. Any questions comments or concerns?

> Nelson motions to approve the facebook guidelines as a slate.
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> Johnson seconds
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> One obstension
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> Motion passes

Points 4 and 5 tabled until after New Business For Action.

4. Nominate and Vote in Positions

           a) Election Commissioner

           b) Campus Assembly Representative

           c) Campus Assembly Committee Assignments - Consultative Committee

           d) Parliamentarian

      5. Campus Assembly Committee Assignments

VIII. New Business

For Action:

    1. Approve Proposed AFRC Budget Request

The ice cream social had low attendance last year and has been removed from proposal. Fall retreat will be divided in two for a Fall Retreat and a Spring Retreat.

Add $100 to Gala funding.

STUD Rouser cut because of low attendance and somewhat unnecessary.

STUD Food lowered to $100 because $200 was a lot more than needed.

Sustainability Forum cut to $75 because $120 was a lot. Will still be plenty of snacks.

Thank You dinner staying at $200 cost, same with impromptu events.

Office Supplies staying at 100. Printing doubled because of lots of printing. STUD Printing staying same.

All University Travel expenses has been increased because a lot of travel is not covered by outside organizations and MCSA sends people to different campuses often and this will give more opportunity for MCSA people to travel.

Stipends have changed a lot. The work is a lot for people in these positions so we are proposing an increase to most stipends. MSLC dropping $50 and Sustainability Offices staying same, both positions do about same amount of work and it makes sense for them to be equal.

We would like to add stipend for our Senators due to high time commitments and workload.

Smith - What is the expected carry forward?

Brichacek - Unknown. The 400 number was from last year, we do not know this yet.

Hunt - Could we possibly utilize digital screens more rather than printing?

Discussion overall - Yes, but printing is still expensive and we do feel like posters are still more effective and we could still only print for about 3 events with proposed funding.

      Dice motions for approval

      Johnson seconds

      Motion passes

      Moved to table election until next forum.

      Second.

      Pass.

      Roll Call Vote - Ayes still have it.

      Motion Passes.

IX. **Announcements**
   A. Thank you to everyone who helped with Community of Scholars!
   B. Job and Internship Fair, Minneapolis Convention Center, Friday, February 22nd 10am-4pm.

X. **Adjourn.**

Adjourn at 7:16 PM.