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Memo to: MCSA Executive Committee
From: President Brichacek
Subject: Executive Committee Meeting, February 27th, 2018

Called to order at 7:08 pm.

I. Approve Agenda

- A. Brown motions
- B. Gillette seconds
- C. Motion carries

II. Approve Minutes from [2.13.18](#)

- A. Brown motions to table approving minutes from 2.13.18
- B. Scovil seconds
- C. Motion carries

III. Old Business:

- A. FYC Mental Health Campaign Update

- 1. A Healthier U

The First Year Council thought it would be cool to do a Facebook page and a Snapchat account to send out the information about this stuff and thought it would be cool to order coffee sleeves with personalized messages on them with links to the Facebook and Snapchat. This is probably going to cost over \$100 which would need to be brought to Forum to be approved. 1,800 double-sided sleeves with colored ink would be \$156.60 which is the cheapest option that the Council has found.

Brown- What are the messages that will be on it?

Brichacek- We need to decide where to get them from first and then we plan on doing 3 different designs (this depends if multiple designs can be in one case).

Gillette- Are the sleeves compostable?

Brichacek- Because they are just cardboard, they should be compostable because Caribou has the same ones.

Westfield- Caribou went to compostable sleeves but other places don't have them.

Gillette- We should make sure to advertise that people need to recycle the sleeves if they are not compostable.

Brichacek- Because we have money in the budget we should be okay with spending this.

B. [Election Applications](#) close Friday at 11:59 PM

No positions require previous MCSA experience. We especially need Campus Assembly Representatives, if you want to be in MCSA at all next year, you should apply to be a Campus Assembly Representative so you have voting power in Campus Assembly.

Brown- There is no language about how long people can campaign for after submitting their applications.

Brichacek- This must have been based on precedent in past years, but as far as I'm aware there is no defined campaign period.

C. Resolution Update: [Letter to Governor Walz](#)

Scovil- It looks good, I'm excited to see where it goes.

Brichacek- We will be changing some things with the numbers of students and things but it should be sent off by end of week.

D. [MoRide Development Meetings](#)

1. Next is meeting on Tuesday
2. Still need someone to attend Tuesday meeting and Friday, March 15th - 11:45 AM to 12:50 PM meeting.

If you are available on any of those dates but can't attend the meeting before or after it, put your name in the blank space below and if we can't fill those spots it'll be better than nothing for you to attend the meeting.

E. Sign up to help at the [Pow Wow!](#)

Set up is Friday April 12th and the Powwow is April 13th.

IV. New Business:

- A. Support the U Day - April 3rd
- B. Meeting with Chancellor Behr on Friday

Let Brichacek and Brown know if you have anything you want to be brought up at this meeting.

C. Steering Update: Campus Assembly Committee Consolidation

1. Reminder: Campus Assembly on March 5th during Community Hour

Brichacek- We ran into some issues during the discussion yesterday but biggest takeaway is that this is not going to move anywhere quickly. It would be beneficial from the MCSA perspective to push this hard. In the meeting yesterday, 80% of people wanted to push this along but could be a conflict at Campus Assembly.

Brown- I think we should write a resolution.

Brichacek- We'll have to go over what we want the resolution to say, for example if we want to change things or keep it the same. It would be good to have a joint MCSA position on this.

Brown- I agree that we need to send a unified message and if we sent the same message that the Steering Committee is sending it would back them up.

Brichacek- There will probably not be a Steering resolution but instead they will bring it to Campus Assembly as a discussion which will derail quickly because people get emotional about this stuff. People are hesitant to pass all of these changes at once but when looking at them individually, they all make sense. The Planning and Finance Committees consolidation is not in the proposal at all, do we want to include this in our resolution? Every other system school has a joint Finance and Planning Committee which would make a lot more sense and would cut down number of people needing to be involved in those discussions which would streamline the decision-making processes. Students currently have 53 (including the 11 AFRC seats) seats that they can fill on Campus Assembly Committees but that is more students than we have as Campus Assembly Representatives and even if they doubled up on serving on committees, it wouldn't be enough to have every seat filled. Consolidating committees would make more sense and with these changes, student seats on committees would be down to 38 (including the 11 seats in AFRC) which would have, in reality, about only 25 seats needing to be filled with only a few people doubling up on serving on committees. The consolidations would cut 68 positions overall but only 15 of them would be from MCSA. What do people think about this and what do we want to do about this (it could be done in a few different ways)? There are 3 Campus Assemblies left in the year and the last one will be filled with all new

people. The consolidations would need to get approved at the last Campus Assembly in order for it to get put in place for next year so the Membership Committee could do that work over the summer. It will not be brought up at Campus Assembly next week and Steering has tentatively planned to bring it as a point of information that it would be talked about in 2 Campus Assemblies from now. Whatever we decide to do about this, we'd need to bring it to the Steering Committee before it could be discussed at Campus Assembly.

Scovil- If we have to go through the Steering Committee, we might as well bring them our own ideas.

Schneider- That could get confusing with 2 different proposals.

Brown- The only thing that we differ from Steering on is the cutting of the Planning and Finance Committees.

Rosemark- A resolution would be good to endorse Steering's proposal with reasons why and also that we support the consolidation of the Finance and Planning Committees.

Brichacek- We should write a resolution and bring it to the Steering Committee first so it can be added to the next Campus Assembly meeting after next week. It would be in our best interest to bring it to the Steering Committee first so there could be actual amendments which could be voted on at the Campus Assembly in the beginning of April.

Scovil- It'll look better to bring it to the Steering Committee first so they don't think we went over their heads.

Brichacek- The next Steering Committee meeting will be on March 12th and then March 26th so, at the absolute latest, we would need to present the resolution to the Steering Committee by March 26th to have it added to the April Campus Assembly agenda. How do we want to do this? We could all work on it together or have a select few work on it as a sub-committee.

Bias- It would be best to have a sub-committee work on this to get the best content for the resolution.

Brichacek- I will try to find a time to have people meet to work on this, will send an email to Exec asking when people would be available, and then we can get together and work on it.

D. President Kaler's State of the University Address

1. Thursday, March 14th - 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM in HFA 45

Encourage everyone to go to this because it's going to be President Kaler's last address.

E. Higher Learning Commission's Quality Initiative Presentation

1. Wednesday, March 6th from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM in IM 109 (Cow Palace)

MCSA got an email from Melissa Bert that the HLC is having a presentation talking about work they've been doing last year and this year so people can provide feedback on it which will help lead them into the next year. This is important because it affects a lot of things on campus such as retention rates.

F. **Member, Committee, and Organization Reports**

1. Brichacek
2. Brown

I got an email asking me to present research at the URS which is same day as Tech Fee and wanted to ask everyone what we think about whether me doing it in the morning or the afternoon would more beneficial. The morning presentation would be 10-11:40 am.

Westfield- We could start Tech Fee at noon and have you present in morning.

Brichacek- In the event that we have to change the time for Tech Fee, you'll just have to abstain from voting until you get back.

3. Rosemark

The Student Services Committee put up housing information posters.

4. Gillette
5. Westfield

There has been some heat in UMM Employees' email list as someone emailed me asking questions but also emailed it to the whole group. I sent a response to Bill Zimmerman and Bryan Hermann for them to send out. We are pushing for

transparency in this whole process. I just got an email from Matt Zaske about tech partners which will be sent out tomorrow.

Brown- Do we have 2 students who serve as tech partners?

Westfield- Yes, it's me and the Vice President.

6. Nelson
7. Bias
8. Schneider
9. Johnson
10. King

We are working on the logo for the Mental Health Campaign.

11. Terhaar

The Pomme de Terre sale is happening soon.

12. Scovil

The Curriculum Committee meeting is cancelled for tomorrow.

13. Bauer

a) [What is one thing you will do TONIGHT to take care of yourself?](#)

V. Agenda Construction for March 4th

VI. Open Discussion

Brichacek- I started a draft for the Prairie Gala poster and want to know what people think.

VII. Adjourn.

8:02 pm