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Memo to: MCSA Executive Committee
From: President Brichacek
Subject: Executive Committee Meeting, March 13th, 2019

Called to order 7:06

I. Approve Agenda

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

II. Approve Minutes from and [3.6.19](#)

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

III. Old Business:

A. FYC Mental Health Campaign Update

- 1. A Healthier U

King- The Facebook page is set up, Snapchat is almost set up. We are finalizing the design for coffee sleeves. An email was sent out [for quotes on coffee sleeves](#), we're going to hand write on the coffee sleeves that will be handed out at Higbies. We are going with a different brand and are unsure if it will be compostable but it is advertised as recyclable so we will print the recycling symbol on them.

Brichacek- We are trying to get as much variety on the sleeves as possible

B. [MoRide Development Meetings](#)

- 1. Next meeting on March 15th - 11:45 AM to 12:50 PM

Josh, Brandon, and Sierra will be there. At forum on Monday after Spring Break we will have links for more details. Will possibly send it out over break.

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

Sign up if you can

D. President Kaler's State of the University Address

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

Come join Sierra, Sam, Parker, Andy, etc

- E. [Provide feedback for Strategic Visioning Process](#) by 5 PM on Thursday, March 21

Met today, link goes to survey to provide feedback. There was no much hollering. Syd gave someone a chocolate bar to calm them down earlier which may account for the calmness and lack of hollering. Please visit the link by Thursday at 5.

- F. Election Update

Officially doubled the past years participation. As of this morning, 41% of the student body had voted. There was a lot more online campaigning and the U of M Facebook forum. David did a great job as Election Commissioner. Keep encouraging people to vote.

Rosemark- Can we use the Emergency U system?

Everyone- No!

- G. [Resolution Concerning Campus Assembly Committee Consolidation](#) Update

Switching track, we are thinking of writing a letter to show support for the Committee Consolidation to be delivered to campus and Steering Committee.

What do you guys think?

Nelson- *did not raise her hand and has gotten in trouble* I agree, how necessary is a resolution if it needs to be voted on anyway?

Brown- I disagree, I vote no

Brichacek- The process will be Campus Assembly will vote on whether or not we want to vote. The biggest struggle is getting that vote to take place. A letter for support to be read is beneficial because it has a bigger impact as a resolution. A letter of support feels like it would be more successful to at least bring things to a vote.

Bauer- Are a lot of people against the consolidation?

Brichacek- Not everyone, people are for about 4 of the 6 but its a different 4 for everyone. People are for throwing work to other people so hopefully we can pass 3 of them. The other option is taking them one by one to Campus Assembly but it will take a full year for that but hopefully this will be more efficient.

Brown- I fully disagree, Consultative Committee is fully behind this consolidation.

Nelson- Consultative Committee is behind getting rid of themselves?

Brown- A few people disagreed, most everyone agrees. People can be consulted in different capacities. We should do a resolution because it is much more direct and efficient. No resolution would make it easier for Steering to do their thing but a resolution looks really good for MCSA to other faculty and staff and hearing from students can change their minds and we can make more sense to them to make greater impacts to the Campus Assembly body.

Scovil- I agree, Consultative thinks they are not doing enough. Whether or not people are picking and choosing committees, it would be more efficient by consolidating but people don't want to see change.

Nelson- I think we will get to the vote and then 6 options will be the problem.

Brichacek- We should focus on getting the vote so we can get something going.

Nelson- And the majority will agree that 3 or 4 should go with a resolution or statement.

Johnson- Can we write a resolution in the form of a letter?

Brichacek- A resolution will carry weight but a letter will show the emotion.

Brown- Campus Assembly can not adopt a letter but they can adopt a resolution

Brichacek- We are not looking to adopt, that is something we can do later.

Brown- We might want to adopt this someday.

Scovil and Brown agree with Johnson

Brichacek- Will steering want to put this on the agenda?

Brown- Steering will not want to put this on the agenda.

Brichacek- A letter will be listened to more.

Brown and Brichacek- This needs to be approved by steering because introducing it out of order in Campus Assembly will mess things up.

Nelson- Staff on multiple committees for decades are tired and we should strong arm them into seeing we need to structure our committees.

Brichacek- More of something to do with the facts behind it. There are important pieces and it is important we show the passion. It is not in the resolution format which is good but in this case we want to rally people instead of just saying it is

important. A polling place is important and we want it but this is different because we want it to be an issue they work on with us.

Rosemark- Before today and a couple days ago I was thinking about writing a bunch of “whereas” and “resolve” but the letter would be the proper tool and messaging tone around it to convey what we want. A resolution is bare bones so a letter now and if they don’t listen or do anything, do a resolution. Doing a second resolution if they do nothing would not be the same.

Brown- That’s good but a strongly worded letter is a good idea if it comes from a strong place of passion. The next administration should write a resolution on not getting rid of finance and planning, and instead consolidating the two. Students need representation, if there is no consultative, it gives up a student representative attached to the 3 in consultative committee so ask for 3 in steering. In addition to the president and vice president in steering.

Brichacek- Bringing up amendments as they are and not making changes because we should not be bringing a revised version of a vision to Campus Assembly. A statement would get things going now and a resolution in the future. Part of things now and further revisions later.

Nelson- Articulate that if you don’t like how it is written, do not vote to change it.

Brichacek- A vote to have a change then decide on what specific changes need to be made.

Nelson- Right now, if we decide right now we want to make amendments, then someone has to decide and we need to agree on it.

Brichacek- Let’s focus on a vote now then focus on changes happening next year. We want to see actual amendments. We need to make a stronger case in Campus Assembly pending additional changes to this.

Brown- I agree, we can’t ignore certain sections. Also, think about creating our own constitution and amendment task force because we will need to change ours and have 25% of the student body vote on it. A month and a half in advance of the end of the year to get to working on it so we can stay ahead.

Brichacek- We can evaluate depending on what will happen on this vote.

Brown- voting to vote

Brichacek- Then 2 weeks for electronic voting

Brown- It's way late in the school year so it's good we're thinking about it now

Brichacek- The next administration can think about it deeper

Johnson motions to write a letter now and a resolutions later is necessary

Brown seconds

Motion carries

Brichacek- Can you all make comments on what you think is important or not to include in letter draft over break. I will send the draft by Thursday or Friday for final approval over email and approve at forum on Monday.

IV. New Business:

A. [Support the U Day](#) - Register and tell your friends!

Brichacek- This is coming up April 3rd, Wednesday, 2 weeks after Tech Fee, we have time, but register, posters sent to duplicating tomorrow, looks good, Elizabeth did not get mad at my changes. *showed us the posters*

B. [Tell Gov. Walz your story!](#)

Sent a new email, new prompts, if you haven't done this, please do. They're aware it is happening, keep going.

C. Member, Committee, and Organization Reports

1. Andrew

2. Sierra

Senate tomorrow, 11:30- 5, if you want to know anything, ask Sam, Sierra, or Parker. Join us at the end of day for Kaler's address. There is a feedback meeting for the search that has been scheduled. The week of March 25th and April 28th. Breathe through your midterms. Tell people posts are not working because Facebook has not been working if they complain about posts not being approved.

3. Sam

Student affairs meeting happened and everyone was late. Ryan Schamp talked about an error in the application system for reapplying causing a crash for housing. It was a huge mess but they have it figured out. We also talked about food service during breaks. The committee all agreed we

should do some sort of service, especially during winter break and maybe spring break. Maybe just sandwiches but probably more. We should make use of the food service committee since it has everything we need and just needs to be used. This does mean it will be raising a fee but it is not a student affairs decision but it needs to be raised to cover cost and it sucks but it is necessary. We also talked about food insecurity, going to try working more on it.

4. Kari

We need volunteers for the gala, tell your friends and clubs. The link is on the forum on Monday.

5. Josh

a) Change to Tech Fee Requirements

Josh could not come. They are changing requirements to clubs and got rid of maintenance required field which no one understood because of continuing cost slot
Brown- Mike Seahawk hollered and complained about not getting emails he opted out of. We feel like you're giving them too big %, why was no one consulted? Well it is MCSA's call, media and tech only gets 600\$, took a lot of money they would ask for out, we can revisit, IMT does not fall under IT and will come to us probably asking more
Brichacek- like what?

Brown- anything related to on campus media, they are not a part of this agreement, no longer under IT and they think we are giving them too much money

6. Annika

Curriculum, will present data from survey, 84 of 300 responses of ones sent out. There are some very thoughtful responses but some not so much. I can present in forum.

Brichacek- yep, do it, monday after spring break

7. Ramona

8. Autumn

9. Brandon

Wonderful people, have a great spring break if I don't see you before then

10. J

11. Julia

12. Adam

Was just now added to the list, I have no job here, I think you all are OK

13. Syd

Farts in my intestines moving around this whole time, will not fart on

Kari's request, do not hurt but very aware of where they are

V. Agenda Construction for March 25th

VI. Open Discussion

VII. Adjourn.

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