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Memo to: MCSA Executive Committee
From: President Brichacek
Subject: Executive Committee Meeting, October 10th, 2018

8:06

I. Approve Agenda

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

II. Approve Minutes from [9.26.18](#)

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

III. Old Business:

- A. [Voter Registration Tabling](#)
- B. [By Laws Passed!](#)
- A. [Budget Discussion](#)

Rosemark- The only thing we spent money on for the Candidate Forum was the printing which ended up being in total around \$40-50.

Brichacek- We currently have the ice cream social and fall retreat budgeted but we're not doing those things this year so we have about \$250 extra. We should put some of the extra money into the printing budget as we've already spent a lot of money on printing for things such as the Orientation flyers.

C. [Vision and Goals](#)

1. Present for Information/ Discussion at Campus Assembly on 10/30
2. Endorsement at Campus Assembly on 11/8 (tentative date)

Brichacek- In the Steering Committee yesterday we talked about the Vision and Goals. What we're looking at doing is sending the Vision and Goals to the different divisions and then presenting and having a discussion on the Vision and Goals at Campus Assembly on October 30th. The biggest thing is clarifying that the bullet points below the Goals are just suggestions and not necessarily needing to happen. There will be another Campus Assembly on November 8th to go over

the Vision and Goals further. In 2 weeks, we will go over the Vision and Goals in Forum.

Bauer- What is the probability of having Campus Assembly on October 30th be a costume party?

consensus from Exec

Brichacek- I will bring it to the Steering Committee.

Bauer- It would also be a good opportunity for students to get involved with Campus Assembly.

Rosemark- The Listening Groups want to have feedback by the 25th of October so we'll have to discuss it at Forum on Monday. There's also going to be a letter going out discussing what we're gonna do; the letter will be sent out to 3 different groups: MCSA, the Academic Divisions, and Staff/P&A.

Nelson- Faculty still have issues with the Goals as they don't think they fully represent Morris. It should have been sent out again since before the Campus Assembly.

Bauer- To get more student input on it, we should make the font bigger, print out the Vision and Goals Statement, and then put it on a trifold in the Student Center with a white board next to it for students to make comments about the Vision and Goals.

Brichacek- We will already be tabling during the First Year Council election next week and we can tie that in.

Rosemark- In regards to feedback, we will not adjust current Goals but will add things.

Bauer- We should frame it as "what would you like to add" instead of "what would you like to change".

D. [Website Bios](#)

Need website bios from everyone in Exec. It needs to include your name, titles if you have any, your majors, and a short biography.

IV. **New Business:**

A. Donation for Memorial

We're trying to give a donation for the memorial for Zach Holland, the University and his friends have decided on planting a tree. There will be another meeting next week to further discuss. MCSA has an emergency fund, and for instances like this it is where we get the money from; the fund can give out a maximum of \$200. The bylaws state that there needs to be a committee made to allocate the funds so we need to have members of the committee be nominated during the Forum. We will announce it this week at Forum and it will meet then afterwards, this will be kept confidential.

B. First Year Election Tabling

The election will run Tuesday-Thursday next week. We need a certain amount of voters for it to be a legitimate election so that's why we'll be tabling. We will send out a form for tabling on Monday. There will be 4 freshmen elected and 2 alternates who will sit on the First Year Committee and need to be at Forum. Tabling should happen especially during community hours and also at the dining hall. Please talk to freshmen you know and they will be spammed over email until they vote. In the Student Center, we can table for both the Freshmen Election and the Vision and Goals Statement work.

C. Zimride Replacement Idea by Ahnaf Yasin

Yasin- If you're a sophomore or above, you'll remember that we used to have this thing called Zimride and it was really helpful for people wanting to go to the Twin Cities. When we had Zimride, we paid the company \$10,000 a year for a glorified notice board that was also not catered to Morris students. We do not have Uber, only 1 Lyft driver, and a lot of people who don't have cars in Morris. Over the summer, Ahnaf came up with an idea to create a new program that would incorporate carpooling and rides to the Cities other times besides Friday night. The goal is to have a team of students to build a Zimride app for free. The Computer Science department is willing to sponsor 24 developers to create an app through a software development class; all they need is a customer who wants to have this service and who will come tell the developers what they want for the app (the customer could be anyone from Dave Israels-Swenson to MCSA). Would MCSA want to take this on as the people to give input to the app?

Brichacek- I don't see any issues with doing this.

Yasin- The only negative would be that after it's developed, someone needs to supervise/maintain it.

Brichacek- It could be both Dave Israels-Swenson and the Resources and Operations Secretary who maintain it.

Bauer- It would be good for long term use to have Dave Israels-Swenson being the person in charge of maintaining it and then having MCSA as the official customer with Dave Israels-Swenson as the overseer.

Yasin- There will be problems and we will need someone as the point person for people to report issues to.

Brichacek- Once it's ready, we'll need to decide who would be the Admins for it and then add it to our bylaws. We will put in the bylaws that the Director of Student Activities will be the overseer of this.

Yasin- The only cost would be hosting and since we're not going to buy a domain and this will be a service for students, IT should sponsor it and it will not have any costs. It could be called Cougar Rides or something.

Brown- We could bring in Bill Zimmerman and Bryan Hermann to be a part of the process.

Brichacek- We should vote on it right now for MCSA to take this on and then bring it to the Resources and Operations Committee to work on it. We would all work together for promoting it once it's ready.

1. Brown motions to approve to nominate Westfield to take over the ride share idea with Ahnaf Yasin and put it in the works with the Computer Science Department. Westfield accepts
2. Johnson seconds
3. Motion carries

D. Member, Committee, and Organization Reports

1. Brichacek- Secretaries, make sure you have someone in your committees committed to take notes for the meetings.
2. Brown- Keep the food insecurity project on your radars.
3. Rosemark- The Vision and Planning group has come under a lot of scrutiny and has put in a lot of work and time into it, so please maintain positivity, be a leader on it, and support it at Campus Assembly. There were hours and hours spent on it and people didn't give feedback when

given the opportunity. The document itself will not be changed but things might be missing and will be added.

4. Gillette- We've been talking about themes for Prairie Gala, the theme we were thinking is masquerade and we'd like to know your thoughts. The backup theme is Secret Garden. The one idea we had was to buy a bunch of cheap masks, decorate them, and sell them for like a \$1. There are scholarships for the Gala but we don't have any specific ones yet; the committee is still waiting on an email from Jeff Lamberty. Ideas for categories for scholarships are study abroad, disciplines, athletics, and the arts.
5. Westfield- Excited about the Zimride thing.
6. Nelson- Academic Affairs had their first meeting. They will get a survey going and will need to talk to Janet Erickson and the Curriculum Committee to get ideas about what they want to know from the students. Still need to finalize some things on the survey but are hoping to send it out before end of this semester or next semester.
7. Bias
8. Hassinger
9. Johnson
10. Scanlan
11. Bauer- The biomass plant has been running this week which is exciting for sustainability and for Facilities Management. We want to reiterate that when talking about it "we say that were a University doing research." It's important to say that Facilities team has put in training to be able to do this, so be positive about it. At City Council last night, Kevin Wohlers said that if new development financing from City Council happens, he wants them to put in sidewalks for students to be able to walk to the new polling place to vote. We should actively support people trying to make our town better. Also the Old #1 party bus will be driving around all day and Bauer will be driving in the morning. Donny Wohlers who owns Old #1 is not charging UMM for the bus so please be appreciative.

V. Agenda Construction for October 15th

Rosemark- We need probably 20-30 minutes for Vision and Goals work and also tabling for voter registration and the 1st year election.

VI. Open Discussion

VII. Adjourn.

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