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Memo to: MCSA Executive Committee  
From: President Rosemark  
Subject: Executive Committee Meeting, February 12th, 2020

Called to order at 6:32pm

I. Approve Agenda
   A. Scovil motions
   B. Novotny seconds
   C. Motion passes

II. Approve Minutes from 2/5/20
   A. Westfield motions
   B. Scovil seconds
   C. Motion passes

III. Old Business:
   A. Membership (2 minutes)
      1. Campus Assembly Representatives x2
      2. At Large Representative

Roseark- We will do these at the next forum. We need to advertise it to campus, otherwise we get the same people doing multiple jobs.

IV. New Business:
   A. Campus Conversation on CSLOs (5 minutes)

Rosemark- This went well, Rebecca Dean asked to come to forum, so that is either going to be the next forum or the one after that. People liked the three C one, and others liked the ate’s. There were some others that people disliked. We’ll talk about it more at forum when Rebecca comes. Maybe we can pick one that we like the most.

   B. ASC Resolution to Curriculum (5 minutes)

Rosemark- We are bringing this to curriculum tomorrow. Julia, did you share that with Robin or Janet?

Scovil- No I have not.

Rosemark- I will do that.
Westfield- I had a conversation with the chair of the student senate, and she was interested in the resolution. She wants to bring it to the student senate so they can endorse it before we bring it to campus assembly, and also move it through the student senate.

Scovil- LeAnn has some notes about it, so if you could look at those before sending it.

Rosemark- We are making money moves, usually the Twin Cities doesn’t ask us to bring things to them so this is a big deal.

Westfield- MSA is already asking about it.

Rosemark- If it goes through the student senate, then the university wide policy on professors dictating tech will change.

Westfield- The biggest issue would be SKEP, and they’ve considered it before, but they didn’t have enough reason to change it. It’s a long process to make a change.

C. Food Insecurity Update by At Large Representative Novotny (5 minutes)

Novotny- We met with Student Affairs on Tuesday and talked about food insecurity and asked for comments and ideas. They gave us some good info, like talking to someone with funding, and getting information from other campuses in the system. Also talk to the people in charge of swipes, and if we can do what the Twin Cities does with donating swipes. It was good information, and they liked our ideas and the information we had gathered.

D. Secretary Office Hours (2 minutes)

Scovil- I don’t have access to the MCSA calendar.

Rosemark- If you can just make it on your gcal and then add MCSA. So yeah, please get these done. It is 2 hours a week.

E. Tech-Fee (30 minutes)

1. Ted’s Comments

Rosemark- On February 10th, Monday, Ted emailed me and said that the agenda for steering now has “further discussion on the recommendations from the Ad Hoc committee regarding reallocation of committee assignments. As a heads-up, I will be offering an alternative model for previous Academic Support Services Committee functions (including Tech Fee) than what is proposed in the Ad Hoc committee's recommendation.” I said “Thanks for the heads up, how would tech fee look under this new adjustment?” In response to that, he sent the answer on the
day of the meeting, which was February 11th. He started with the Fall of 2007 point, and people get mad about tech fee all the time, so nothing new there.

Roemeling- Michelle did seem in favor of MCSA’s proposal. When Jennifer was talking about the chancellor deciding against it, Mechlle said she could do that.

Rosemark- Prior to the meeting, I emailed the chancellor, and Bryan Hermann.

Roemeling- I don’t like that they associated our current MCSA with the MCSA in 1996 or 2007.

Rosemark- So, then he talked about the 75/25 split. We made the decision last year before tech fee to allocate 75% of the funds to IT and 25% to student orgs because that’s how it went in the past, and this gives them a way to improve stuff for students.

Roemeling- And this is the only way for IT to get funds.

Rosemark- MCSA still looks at the proposals.

Westfield- It’s all the same, it’s just faster.

Scovil- Who even went to him with tech fee problems?

Rosemark- The only time he ever brought this to us was an email to Josh.

Westfield- He asked me four questions, three of which were the same. The decision was based on data, and IT has always gotten the majority of the funds. The available funds to community members is the same. I responded with the answers he needed.

Rosemark- And then we heard nothing afterwards.

Westfield- So, as soon as Ted sends the email, Bryan emails me saying to use them to help answering the questions, and then I sent my answers, and Bill responded with modifications to my answers. I sent them, and then nothing.

Rosemark- So that was the one concern that was raised. He never followed up.

Roemeling- Why is it being brought up now?

Rosemark- I think Ted got mad about Maddie’s email. I think his purpose for the email was to get a list to make his own proposal.

Happ- He misquoted me in his stuff. Also, he never responded to my email.

Lund- He shouldn’t have special access to information that no other proposal makers have.
Happ- He is saying that he was trying to find out about the 75/25 split, but he said he was trying to figure out past proposals in order to write his own. Also, I apparently have zero knowledge of anything!

Roemeling- His arguments of what MCSA did in 2009 are so invalid.

Rosemark- He brought up the email thing, and I said we didn't’ think that that was the purpose. And he said that he was offended that we would say that. I didn’t even say anything negative, I just said that we didn’t think that was the purpose of the email.

Lund- Professors are just people too, they aren’t perfect.

Rosemark- The top line on the second page, is he requesting for MCSA and IT to do what we’re doing?

Roemeling- Some thing that he is saying is that he says we are taking away from students, and we are students.

Rosemark- He said that the students are worse off and I said that was wrong.

Roemeling- Is IT paid solely by tech fee.

Rosemark- All of the technology itself is from tech fee.

Westfield- Some classrooms don’t go through tech fee.

Rosemark- Yeah, the grant.

Roemeling- Jenn said something about a grant and the fee can’t be used in classrooms.

Rosemark- If it’s a student service fee it can’t be used in the classroom, if it’s academic fee then it can. But tech fee is actually a campus fee, and that is overseen by the chancellor. MCSA was in control of tech fee in 2000, and we would occasionally give an update to ASSC. First of all, it’s minutes, not policy, and also we don’t really know what happened after that because it’s a proposal. Precedent has been that MCSA does it.

Westfield- And ASSC doesn’t even exist anymore.

Rosemark- That’s why, at the beginning, I said that it doesn’t make sense in the context we are talking in.

Scovil- Were people for this?

Rosemark- It was some split feelings. So we started going down the rabbit hole, and Michelle was asking if we really want to open up this Pandora’s box.
Last year, I went to ASSC and got eaten alive by LeAnn about tech fee, but all in all they did nothing.

Roemeling- Tim was saying that when he was on that committee was that their main goal was to take tech fee away from MCSA.

Rosemark- Also, he says that the schedule that IT doesn’t advocate for theater, which is false.

Scovil- I feel like we can be more objective than faculty when making these decisions. The whole point of committees is to speak for your division. Also, the timeline, for faculty to do this, they would not be able to.

Rosemark- He also talked about IT being biased, but it’s their job to do stuff.

Lund- He’s being a conspiracy theorist.

Westfield- His whole last point doesn’t make any sense, we, the students, are the ones who do use the classrooms.

Rosemark- From what I can see, from the minutes from the time, The ASSC committee sent a memo, and MCSA said they were in favor. It is appealing to have someone else do it as long as there is proper student representation, and then they saw what was actually happening and then said no.

Roemeling- Also, 2009 MCSA is not what we have right now.

Rosemark- They kept saying that they need to go back and “see what happened.” And I just said, we are here for a reason.

Maloney- Also, to look back on this old stuff and make assumptions about why decisions were made is ridiculous.

Rosemark- So, that happened! That’s the gist, it ended abruptly.

Roemeling- We also talked about the naming of the Welcome Center, and Michelle talked to me further about it and that we could get funding for it. And she said that everyone in the Welcome Center knows about it.

Rosemark- That is very much not true, not everyone in the Welcome Center knows about it.

Roemeling- She is under the assumption that everyone knows and likes it. Someone asked if we’re actually gonna call it that, and she said we will when necessary, so it seems like a lot of it just due to funding.
Rosemark- So, after the meeting, me, Michelle, and Bryan met and Michelle said we need to strategically plan our next steps. Every year of tech fee, MCSA sends a memo to the chancellor with our allocations and they approve it, so that shows that it has been done by MCSA since its inception. Also, I moved all of the documents from the MCSA computer into the shared drive. LeAnn wants to make sure it is controlled by students. She was under the impression that we just give 75% of the funds directly to IT, which is not true, they still have to come present, so she’s fine with it now. She said ideally we should have two funds, one for offices and one for students.

Scovil- That’s too restrictive. And our needs vary every year.

Rosemark- If you go that route, they either have to take money from tech fee, or raise tuition, and either way the money is coming out of student’s pockets, so students might as well have control.

Roemeling- It just makes sense that students have control of where the students’ money goes.

Rosemark- We thought it might be good to have in the campus assembly constitution reference MCSA’s tech fee guidelines.

Westfield- How would that give us more authority?

Rosemark- Right now, there is no mention of tech fee, so if that is added we would have more control.

Westfield- But campus assembly has no control over tech fee.

Scovil- Yeah, but if we get it in the constitution then these arguments don’t mean anything.

Rosemark- So, we might explore that a little further. But if you put it in the constitution, anyone can try to change it. But she said that it would be good if we put it in our guidelines that MCSA meets with our tech partners every semester. Other than that, LeAnn is definitely on our side. So, going forward, I think Michelle and Bryan will talk more, and I think we’ll wait until the next steering meeting and hopefully it will die so we don’t worry about it. Michelle said not to give it too much attention so we don’t give them power about it. We don’t need to rush to arms as of yet.

Roemeling- He totally misrepresented Maddie’s email. I think we need to bring it up in steering.

2. Tech Fee History
V. Member, Committee, and Organization Reports

A. Sam
I went to the equity and diversity committee and talked about the bias response and referral network, and I said they could write a letter to Sandy about it.

B. Josh
I am bringing the SAC resolution to the SCC.

C. Sydney - excused

D. Julia
I met with LeAnn about the ASC resolution And we don’t want to approach anyone about the committees until we get a list from Janet. She has some edits she wants to make. Since we are going to curriculum sooner than she expected, she is planning on reaching out to the division chairs.

E. Maddie H
So, me and my zero knowledge are working on tech fee. No full proposals yet.

F. Maddie K.

G. Marley
There is a new policy on class cancellations, we talked about it at scholastic. Professors will not be able to cancel a class after the first day.

H. John

I. Shelby
The budget request was submitted.

J. Lindsey
Freshman council met with student affairs, we have the post it notes for the bathrooms.

K. Juan
The first meeting for the new director of transfer services, there was a bit of an issue with scheduling.

L. Kimberly
Scholastic met last week.
VI.  Agenda Construction for 2/24/20

VII.  Adjourn

Adjourned at 7:32pm