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Memo to: MCSA Executive Committee
From: President Rosemark
Subject: Executive Committee Meeting, April 1st, 2020

The Executive Committee will meet on Wednesday at 6:30 PM via Zoom:

<https://umn.zoom.us/j/999998278>

Called to order at 6:31pm

I. Approve Agenda

- A. Scovil motions
- B. Westfield seconds
- C. Motion passes

II. Approve [Minutes from 3/25/20](#)

- A. Happ motions
- B. Scovil seconds
- C. Motion passes

III. Old Business:

- A. COVID-19 (*15 minutes*)
 - Student Compensation

Rosemark- One stop sent out a directive to all supervisors yesterday telling everyone to communicate with students about their compensation. Everyone should be getting paid. I told Sandy that they need to have more about student compensation in the next email about this.

- S/N, online learning & [grading](#)

Rosemark- I am curious about what you guys have been hearing from students about how online learning is going. For me, the professors are doing it well, but the schedule and routine of it is hard.

Bertalotto- Some students have been saying their professor's wife went out, also them leaving early. People don't seem as engaged. I think it varies between classes.

Maloney- I think I have a crazy workload now, like more than I did when we were at school.

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Bertalotto- My professors have been pushing more homework on us.

Happ- I have been getting a lot of concerns about senior seminars. There is not a lot of guidance on what we need to be doing. A lot of people are stressed because of that, like professors aren't getting in touch about materials and all that. I have interlibrary loans with me as well, which is a concern.

Scovil- Professors are giving more busy work, it's busy work.

Rosemark- The grading piece, Ariel drafted a letter which is linked. It will either be signed by the whole exec team or Julia and I and whoever else wants to sign off on it.

Vasquez- Is there any more in depth information on the S/N regarding graduate programs?

Loechler- We don't have enough info on that. From what I've heard, as long as it's a grad program in the University system, they will accept it but other places they can't guarantee.

Scovil- For the letter, we just added that last sentence at the end. I left that in a comment and it was added, so feel free to edit. I just want to make sure that we're recognizing the professors who are doing these things well.

Bertalotto- I like that, and I would agree that I am where you are, my professors are doing a good job.

Happ- My professors are understanding, I don't know why this needs to be said out loud. I haven't had anyone not understand where students are coming from.

Scovil- That's why I wanted to add that last bit.

Bertalotto- I agree with Maddie, I think people are being lenient and understanding.

Maloney- I think it has some value, we took a class period on how to make it functional for students, and then they just reworked everything and it didn't really help us at all. I think it has merit.

Rosemark- I think that most professors have been really good about this, but there might be some that aren't. If we add a quick thank you, it might be better. I do see that concern.

Vasquez- I think the letter would be better because, I do not think many students are comfortable singling themselves out

Rosemark- Yes, good point. I would like to get this finalized today or tomorrow so we can send it out next week. So, add stuff if you want.

Loechler- Exec should sign off.

Happ- Yes I agree.

Barber- I agree with Maddie

Rosemark- The other option would be forum.

- On Campus Students

Rosemark- 170 students still need to pick up their stuff but they have worked with those students for their options.

- Commencement

Rosemark- Michelle told me that the task force to figure out stuff recommended we do an all university, system wide online ceremony. President Gabel would give a speech, they would have a guest speaker, and there would be a conferral of degrees. And then each campus could do an in person ceremony during their homecoming. I said that they should make sure that it should be streamed on youtube and facebook.

Loechler- I think that's really good.

- Student Survey

Rosemark- Would anyone want to work with me?

Vasquez and Bertalotto volunteer.

B. Tech Fee [Deliberations](#) (20 minutes)

- Find time to draft recommendation to Forum

Rosemark- We need to find a time to meet. We asked people to have comments done by 5:00pm. People are commenting and having good discussions.

Happ- Bill said that we did really well with the zoom meeting and he will be making it an example on how to do zoom online stuff, so good job everyone!

Rosemark- Sunday afternoon seems to be the time that looks good on the slack poll. 2:00pm and go until we're done?

Loechler- So how is this going to go?

Rosemark- Just exec, we will do a zoom call and make a recommendation to forum on what should be funded using peoples comments. And get it hopefully approved by ofrum on Monday.

Bertalotto- Will you send a gcal?

Rosemark- Yes.

C. Prairie Gala Update by *Secretary Loechler (10 minutes)*

- Options for moving forward (i.e virtual, donate funds, save funds)
 - 1) MCSA Emergency Fund Balance: \$1,559.53
- \$1,000 budgeted in addition to Sodexo donation

Loechler- We had our meeting and decided this is how we would allocate the funds. The other funds are for keeping MCSA morale up.

Scovil- Could give out some MCSA swag to whoever wins the Morris Mission stuff.

Rosemark- I think the committee's recommendation is good. You would need to email Dave, Jeff, and Laura in development. For swag stuff, brainstorm a bit on what options we could do with that.

D. Slack - umnmorrismcsa.slack.com (5 minutes)

Rosemark- Should we open this up to everyone? It might not make sense for this admin, but we can start it.

Happ- When does this admin end?

Rosemark- The transition officially happens on the 12th.

Happ- I really like slack when I've been playing around with it. I think it would be good to present it once the new administration starts. Like, at retreat next year. Right now, everyone assumes that all communication comes from email, so starting fresh with it would be good.

Rosemark- Yeah, I think that would be the best way to move forward.

E. 2020-2021 MCSA Leadership Position Application

- z.umn.edu/MCSAPositionApplication - 11:59 PM 4/3/20

Rosemark- We would like folks to have applications filled out by this time on Friday! If you are going to be here next year, look at this. We are looking for more applicants. I would like to see all of you applying.

IV. New Business:

A. [2020 Census](#) (5 minutes)

- All students should be counted as a Morris resident.

Rosemark- Today is national census day. You should pick where you would be living regardless of the COVID stuff. Even if someone already did it for you at home, register for Morris and the census bureau will clear that all up.

Maloney- What is the difference?

Rosemark- It's about funding for different counties.

Happ- Just so you know, it's not like you'll get in trouble.

B. Last Forum & State of the Organization Spring Address (*5 minutes*)

- Monday, 4/6/20

Rosemark- I think we need to approve the transfer of funds from the gala to the emergency funds, and it should be a written up thing.

Scovil- We should send everyone money for snacks.

Loechler- An MCSA government check.

Rosrmark- Yeah, we do owe people some food.

Scovil- Let's send people twinkies.

Rosemark- We definitely have to do some sort of appreciative thing.

Vasquez- Maybe we could save the money for a celebration during the grad ceremony at homecoming.

Rosemark- Yeah, a gathering event. And that could be in conjunction with the fall retreat.

Loechler- Well, you know what kind of attendance we had for the fall retreat.

Rosemark- Maybe this will be better attended.

Maloney- A big maybe, in my opinion.

Happ- I think that's relying on the possibility of a graduation ceremony during homecoming, which is not certain.

Loechler- This could be the morale from campus relations, if we sent out a thing if people were willing to share their address, we could send something to them to show our appreciation.

Rosemark- Also, depending on how many applicants we get, we might ask for some of this group to continue until the end of the year, or have both groups of people meet, but we'll talk about that next.

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

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A. Sam

Steering shot down the free speech thing, which was good. It was too basic.

B. Josh

The SCC should be sending out an email updating on what every student association is doing in light of the recent events.

C. Sydney

Nothing to report.

D. Julia

Curriculum talked about moving forward with some CSLOs. We found out that next year we will meet every other week, even though usually during calendar years we will usually meet every week, so we're a bit frustrated with that.

E. Maddie H

Finance was supposed to meet this week, but our next meeting will be a big one since it will be with the chancellor.

F. Marley

Scholastic is meeting tomorrow.

G. John

Nothing to report.

H. Shelby

Nothing to report.

I. Lindsey

Roemeling- When is 1st year council meeting?

Rosemark- We have a gcal event for tomorrow evening.

J. Juan

The head of the committee for the director of transfer services emailed me and it is paused.

K. Kimberly

Novotny- If we are in exec now do we get transferred over do we have to run again?

Rosemark- You will have to rerun, but in that interim period, we might just keep things running along for a bit.

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L. Becca

Nothing to report.

VI. [Agenda Construction for 4/6/20](#)

VII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm