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Memo to: MCSA Forum Members
From: MCSA Executive Committee

The Forum will meet on Monday at 6:10pm in IH 109/ Cow Palace.
Called to order at 6:13pm

I. Open Forum

II. For Action: Approve Agenda
   A. Johnson motions
   B. Scovil seconds
   C. Motion passes

III. For Info: Minutes from 12.2.2019
   A. Johnson motions
   B. Scovil seconds
   C. Motion passes

IV. AACRAO Presentation

Cedric Howard- Good evening, it is past 5 o’clock, so it is the evening. I am Cedric Howard, I am here representing AACRAO, Stan and I have been working here since April. My day job is the vice president at Fredonia University in New York. I take a lot of pride coming here, I feel like home. Looking forward to talking about the process that we will be doing.

Stan Henderson- I am Stan Henderson. I have been in higher education for 50 years. I have worked at 6 different universities. The last one was U of Michigan Dearborne. It is a campus in the U of Michigan system, it is campus that reminds me of Morris. There is a purpose to the good evening. It’s a test to see if you’re in an institution of higher education or a community of higher education. In institutions, things happen to you, but in a community, you’re a contributor in which you are expected to be engaged. If you are in a community of education, you walk across campus and people look at you, they acknowledge you. When we first came to Morris, we soon learned that Morris is a community of higher education. When we walked across campus, people looked at us and spoke to us. Every time we have been on campus, we have had meetings with students. The last time we were here, Sam asked us to talk to the student government, and we are here! You energize us so much, we want to be able to have the time with you to talk about this project. Strategic enrollment management looks at how colleges can have a positive impact on those that come and those that stay. The plan for Morris is to have more people come and more people stay. The project has a structure that will help carry out goals. What we are doing when we are
coming to campus, we are urging the entire campus community to have input on this process. These are the sheets we handed out at the open forum on the 21st. The opportunity to provide feedback is still open and will be until the end of this week. Morris is expected, by 2025, to have many more degrees seeking students. We want to increase retention rate, and increase graduation rate. There are 8 additional goals that are still being considered, and that is where this feedback is very important. What do you think is important for us to consider when looking at retention? The committees looking at this want to know if we’re on the right track. This can be anonymous, or can also have your name on it. We had a faculty forum a few minutes ago, and they suggested that Morris students are risk takers. This is a way for your voice to be heard. The students we have had a chance to talk to know this, all of the Universities we have seen, there has never been a campus where the student voice is heard as much and is present in committees than Morris. Every time I have met with the scholastic committee, the students are there, and they are actively participating. In other campuses, the positions are honorific. They are not here, which is very significant. When you’re in the middle of something, you assume that’s how it is any place, it’s not. This is a very special place. We want to make it possible for you to feel comfortable giving feedback on this process.

Howard- This is just feedback on the goals, in the next few weeks there will be another feedback survey about the strategies. These things affect you directly, so please give your input on these things.

Henderson- Does anyone have any comments?

Vasquez- While I was looking at the goals. I think we need to focus on some others before we look at the first three. I think these are ways to get people here. The things that we need are adequate resources as a transfer student or in transferring credits.

Henderson- The first thing that always gets mentioned is transfer students, and committees are looking at how to specifically address that issue. Like goal H, they are looking at tweaking that a bit and making a priority.

Scovil- I feel like goal A falls under goal B. I don’t know if those can be merged?

Henderson- The difference between goals, strategies, and tactics is that they get more specific as you go on. Goals are a tent, the strategies are an umbrella, and tactics are the fringe on the parasol. We think that goal A is more of a tent and goal B is an umbrella under goal A.

Howard- I think it’s important to give that feedback on the online form form a student.

Pittman- I think it’s important for people to actually know about this campus, I work as a telecounselor and people who have applied to other campuses don’t even know about this campus.

Woodley- I think it’s because the twin cities campus is known as “The U”. Some people don’t really think about us, Crookston, and Rochester.
Rosemark- I think a good point is being made with goal A. The system needs to better understand the uniqueness of each campus and let each have that market. The Twin Cities campus even makes shirts that say “We are liberal arts.” And the indigenous community is also a big thing on this campus.

Henderson- We were talking about the opportunities that the history here provides. The history is not joyous, but one of the things that Canada has done better, they have tried to reconcile and used words. Every meeting in Canada does a land acknowledgment. I am a student of the American Presidency, they are changing over the years and are acknowledging how they treated the enslaved people. That’s the kind of history you have, and that can set you apart that gives you an identity that the other campuses do not have.

V. President’s Remarks

Rosemark- Welcome back! I hope your break was fun and relaxing. I hope classes are going well. So last semester went really well. I haven’t heard who our new vice chancellor of academic affairs is, but we’ll see. We passed two resolutions, we held our sustainability forum, it went really well. People had lots of questions, we didn’t have a chance to get ot them all. Some things carried over to this semester, like the tuition waiver info session, in order to end the stigma. We will be doing tech fee, it will be the weekend after spring break, which the 27th and 28th. Not on Monday night anymore. The prairie gala is murder mystery themed, which will be fun. We will be bringing the affordable and sustainable courses resolution to campus assembly. We are going to try to work with the communications office about the It Ends Here campaign. The IC courses being more geared towards fostering respectful discourse. Gen Ed revisions are happening slowly, and we will also be looking at the language requirements. Government advocacy will be a big thing happening soon, like support the U day, also tryin got set up meetings with the city council. Josh, I, Jasmine, and John and Juan are traveling tomorrow to the twin cities campus for their legislative kickoff. First year council is exploring food insecurity. There were post it notes in the women’s bathroom, and thinking about spreading that everywhere. Other things we will keep thinking about is APlus and Morris transit being included in fees.

Scovil- Today I was thinking about getting tampons and pads into bathrooms on campus.

Rosemark- I want to remind you all that you are the student government, you have been elected to do things for the students, and there is a certain level of responsibility that comes with that. So take the initiative and make some change!

VI. Committee Reports

MCSA Committees

Academic Affairs

Scovil- We are meeting after forum for five minutes.
Happ- We are aiming to release the tech fee application on Friday. So they have all of February to apply! And to my committee members, it’s about to get real.

Maxwell- We are working on food insecurity. We are drafting a memo to meet with the student affairs committee to unify our efforts.

**Campus Assembly Committees**
- Consultative
- Curriculum
- Equity and Diversity

Pryor- We’re meeting with AACRAO tomorrow.

- Finance
- Membership
- Planning

Pittman- We heard a proposal to group Community Engagement, center for small towns and sustainability things to name them after someone.

- Scholastic

Lund- We are meeting with AACRAO tomorrow.

- Steering
- Student Affairs

Johnson- We are talking about posters. Please send me messages about how you feel about the tunnel.

**VII. Organization Reports**

- **BSU**
  - Pryor- Meeting next Monday

- **CNIA**
  - Powwow March 20th. Tomorrow we have a meeting. NASS is doing a workshop Feb 1 and 2.

- **InterVarsity**

- **KUMM**

- **Woodley-** First meeting Wednesday 6:15 to 6:45 to get people to sign up for shows.
MoQSIE
Kara Black- We elected a new MCSA rep, it’s me. We have pie and pronouns coming up and also we are starting to be looking for help for the drag show which is April 10th.

Saddle Club
Beuning- We are thriving. We got a mammoth donkey, his name is Russel. Our first meeting is Wednesday and we are painting horseshoes.

VIII. Old Business

For Information:
  1) Legislative Kick-Off Breakfast
     a) January 30th 8am
     b) Tabling 10am-2pm

Westfield- This is on Thursday, please be there. They have chocolate croissants and breakfast tacos. And ice cream during community hour. We need people to sign up for tabling.

For Action:
  1) Community of Scholars Sign-up Sheet
     a) Friday, January 31st
     b) Saturday, February 1st

Westfield- Please sign up.

Loechler- If you sign up, please show up. If you don’t show up, we don’t get paid. You need to go if you sign up.

IX. New Business

For Information:
  1) Equity and Diversity Advocate training
     a) February 3rd during Forum time

Westfield- We have this next week, all committees will be meeting here to do EDA training.

For Action:

IX. Announcements

  1) Pie & Pronouns on Thursday, January 30th

Black- So, this is from 9-3, it is 6, 1 hour sessions. So don’t feel like you have to be there for more than one session. We’re going to be talking to people about the new gender identity, names, and pronouns policy that was recently put into place. Also, there will be pie! Please come to the prairie lounge for a session!

Feather- I sent MCSA an email about the tuition waiver talk, please look at that.
X. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned 6:59pm.