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Memo to: MCSA Forum Members

From: MCSA Executive Committee


The Forum will meet on Monday at 6:00 pm on Zoom: https://umn.zoom.us/j/195099183.

Westfield - I cannot start the meeting as I am not VP anymore.

Rosemark - We could do a motion in the chat or Parliamentarian Barber could make a motion for Westfield to be acting Chair.

Barber - I entertain a motion for Josh Westfield to be acting Chair.

Rosemark - So moved

King - Second

Motion passes

Meeting is called to order at 6:05 pm

I. Open Forum

II. For Action: Approve Agenda

King motions to approve.

Maxwell seconds.

Motion passes.

III. For Info: Minutes from 4.6.2020

Maxwell motions to table

Barber seconds

Motion passes

IV. President’s Remarks

If you were elected in the most recent elections, you have voting power. If you were a Campus Assembly member, you still are. Please fill out applications for appointed positions. I was selected to be on the Academic and Research Planning Work Group. Meets once a week on Fridays.

V. Committee Reports

MCSA Committees

   Academic Affairs
   Campus Relations - Nothing to report
   Resources and Operations
   Student Services
Executive Committee - We sent a message to LCM to suggest them not post as much

First-Year Council - Nothing to report

**Campus Assembly Committees**
- Consultative - Still has not met
- Curriculum - Will not be finishing Gen-Eds
- Equity and Diversity - Meets tomorrow
- Finance
- Membership
- Planning - Meeting tomorrow
- Scholastic
- Steering - Meeting tomorrow
- Student Affairs

VI. **Organization Reports**
- BSU - Meeting tomorrow
- CNIA
- InterVarsity - Nothing to report
- KUMM - Nominations are open, elections to be held end of april. Shows are happening online.
- MoQSIE - Elections happened. Drag Show this Friday.
- Saddle Club - Elections just ended.

VII. **Old Business**
For Information:
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For Action:
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VIII. **New Business**
For Information:
  1) MCSA COVID-19 Survey Results presented by President Rosemark
For Action:

1) Approve Appointed Positions
   a) Becca Bertalotto - Secretary of Student Services
   b) Cole Maxwell - Secretary of Resources & Operations
   c) Lindsey Roemeling - Secretary of Campus Relations
   d) Amelia Nelson - Sustainability Officer

Westfield - Congrats

2) Elect Parliamentarian

Nominations open
Lochler - I nominate John Barber
Romeling - Second
Barber - I accept
Westfield - Is there a motion to approve John?
King - So moved
Loechler - Second
Motion passes and John Barber is elected Parliamentarian.

3) Elect Election Commissioner

Nominations open
Maxwell - I nominate Shelby Maloney
Loechler - Second
Maloney - I accept
Westfield - Motion to approve Shelby?
Black - So moved
Maxwell - Second
Motion passes and Shelby Maloney is elected Election Commissioner.

4) Universal Pass Proposal

Rosemark - Kara brought this forward to Exec. Addresses systemwide approach to grading during this time. Allows student to accept their current course grade or as of moving online along with completing supplementary work to improve grade. Students can still choose between S/N or A-F. I’ve sent it to other campus’ student body presidents; have not heard back. If we approve it at Forum, we could endorse the proposal due to time sensitivity.
Black - This idea came up in conversation with faculty, staff, and students. If other student associations pass it, we can run a petition and hope it moves forward. Administration will likely not give unless there is a large push by students, faculty and staff.

Rosemark - Motion to endorse this proposal by MCSA and push it into a resolution

Loecher - Second

Westfield - Do we want to take this to the Student Senate?

Maloney - Is this a grade freeze at Spring Break or current?

Black - If you were passing the class as of Spring Break you can pass, as well as improve grade through the course. Your grade would not be lowered.

Maloney - How would this affect half semester classes?

Rosemark - The date we choose would be the same.

Maxwell - I’ve had a class start after COVID started.

Maloney - Worried about not getting credit.

Black - The idea behind the proposal is to pass everyone who was enrolled. It is ridiculous to hold everyone to a higher standard during this time.

Loechler - Second half semesters should not be counted as they started grading in this new system.

Maloney - Good point. My professor is treating my half semester classes the same.

King - Students on academic probation may have concerns due to GPA.

Rosemark - Half semester courses: professors would encourage students to complete supplemental work to get them to a passing grade. Academic probation: a student can choose S/N for all classes except one to boost GPA.

Westfield - Is there a reason there is no specific date on the proposal?

Black - We haven’t picked one yet.

Westfield - Are you leaning toward before, after, or on the Friday going into Spring Break.

Black - It was initially chosen as Spring Break, but due to system concern, we want campuses to choose what date works best for them.

Rosemark - Students could accept their course grade as the last day before Spring Break or current grade, whichever is higher.

Bertalotto - The proposal does not state that a student could choose what grade they want, could that be added?

Motion passes.

IX.  Announcements

X.  Adjourn.
Meeting is adjourned at 7:00 pm