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Memo to: MCSA Forum Members
From: MCSA Executive Committee
Subject: Forum Agenda for Monday, April 19th, 2021.

The Forum will meet on Monday at 6:00 pm on Zoom. Zoom link: z.umn.edu/MCSAForum. Please mute yourself when not speaking or voting.

Reminder that only current voting members are allowed to vote, make motions, and make seconds. However, all are encouraged to participate in discussions. Click [here](#) to check your voting eligibility in Forum.

MCSA core documents like the Constitution, Bylaws, and guide to Robert's Rules can be found [here](#).

This meeting came to order 6:00pm

I. Open Forum:

- 1) [Public Safety Advisory Committee](#) presented by liz thomson and Rob Velde.
 - a) [Dialogue Summary](#).

At the beginning of the forum Liz Thomson and Rob Velde discussed the public dialogue that happened with students. Both Liz and Rob briefly introduced themselves to members of the forum. Some background on the committee is that the Public Safety office wants to have a better relationship with the student body, especially after the events of this past year. A goal for this advisory committee is to bridge the gap between students and the public safety. The main goal is to improve communication effectively and to have a free sharing of ideas. Hopefully can be implemented by next fall. Liz Thomson spoke about the need for dialogue between students and public safety. Liz Thomson discussed how in february students were invited to be active participants in the dialogues. Six students were greatly involved in these four dialogues. Different outreach ideas are heavily encouraged to reach out to Liz and Rob. Something that is being planned to happen is having Archie the comfort

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dog having more meet and greet events in the student center. There was a very brief discussion of the possibility of having nighttime officers dress down their uniforms to be less military like. If anyone would like to reach out to continue this discussion both Liz and Rob are available.

II. For Action: Approve Minutes [04.12.21](#)

1.) Julia Scovil

2.) Noelle Muzzy

This motion passed.

III. President's Remarks

A. Senate Meeting

B. Discord

IV. Committee Reports

MCSA Committees

Academic Affairs

Campus Relations

Resources and Operations

Student Services

Executive Committee

First-Year Councilcenter

Campus Assembly Committees

Consultative- Is now the review committee for the dean search. There are currently two prominent candidates for this position.

Curriculum- was divided into two groups to discuss various things.

Equity and Diversity

Finance- Met with Michele Behr to discuss communication.

Membership

Planning

Scholastic

Steering

Student Affairs

V. Organization Reports

BSU

CNIA

MoQSIE- The Drag Show is this weekend and all students are encouraged to come.

InterVarsity

KUMM- Just finished getting all merch and are continuing to figured out distribution.

SDS

VI. Old Business

For Action:

- 1) Sign-on to [Letter to BOR Regarding Fossil Fuel Divestment](#)

Emily Wittkop discussed the goal to have all student associations on all campuses to help show the regents that this is important to University of Minnesota students. It also important that the U of M denounces the line three pipeline.

President Scovil motioned to sign onto this letter. Cameron Berthiaume seconded the motion. This motion passed.

- 2) Prairie Gala Update *presented by President Julia Scovil.*

President Scovil discussed the upcoming Prairie Gala and encouraged all members of forum to help with getting turnout from the student body.

- a) Fund Donations

- i) The Study Abroad scholarship, the Athletics fund, the Sustainable “Green” fund, the Opportunities scholarship, and the Catalyst fund, SAGE fund

There was a discussion about which of these scholarships to fund. President Scovil discussed what all of these different programs exactly are. The general consensus of the committee is that the Sage fund, a program that helps

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students with financial and circumstances. The end result is to distribute the funds by having the Sage fund get 50%, and at a later date decide the rest of the logistics.

- b) Volunteer [sign up](#)

President Scovil encouraged MCSA members to sign up.

VII. New Business

For Information:

- 1) Concern about Sexual Misconduct Hearing Committee *presented by President Julia Scovil.*

President Scovil discussed the need for the Sexual Misconduct Hearing Committee to revise their requirement that students and or faculty to have never advocated for victims of sexual assault. This is something that will most likely be signed on by President Scovil and Vice President Young. With any following question reach out through discussion.

- 2) [Committee Sign-Up](#) (Academic Affairs, Campus Relations, Resources & Operations, Student Services)

For this portion of the meeting MCSA members worked to assign everyone on each of the committee sign ups.

For Action

- 1) Approve Appointed Positions
- a) Executive Assistant: Briana Dokken
 - 1.) Julia Scovil
 - 2.) Gabby Holboy

This motion was approved.

IX. Announcements

- A. [Discord invitation here.](#)

X. Adjourn.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm