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**Memo to:** MCSA Forum Members  
**From:** MCSA Executive Committee  
**Subject:** Forum Agenda for Monday, August 30th, 2021.

The Forum will meet on Monday at 6:00 pm in Imholte 109 and Zoom.

Zoom link: [z.umn.edu/MCSAForum](https://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 at 6:03pm August 30th, 2021

**I. For Action: Approve Agenda**

- 1) Shelby Maloney
- 2) John Barber

This motion was approved

**II. President's Remarks**

Presentation

- President Scovil gave an overview of MCSA and campus government. She explained the University Governance structure includes the chancellors at each campus and the University Senate. The U of M University Senate is made of faculty, students, and staff from each of the campuses. There are two student senators from each U of M campus on the Senate. They meet once a month. The University Senate also has committees. To join one of these committees you do not have to be a Senator. President Scovil also explained how Morris currently has Interim Chancellors and 3 Vice Chancellors.

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- Campus Assembly is Morris's campus-wide governing body, and it includes faculty, staff, and students who meet once a month to discuss campus issues. Campus Assembly also has committees, and Forum fills the student rolls on the committees.
- President Scovil explained who can and cannot vote in forum.
  - Who can vote: elected positions (campus assembly, senators, consultative committee members, election commissioner), student org reps, appointed positions (secretaries and officers).
  - Who can't vote: VP, exec assistant, 1st years (until FYC is established), parliamentarian, election commission
- President Scovil went over current MCSA Initiatives
  - Prairie Gala (a big annual event that has a lot of activities to raise money for scholarships)
  - Resolution on Consultation (a resolution letter from last spring that gave student input on the recent leadership transitions. The google docs about this and other important documents are in the shared MCSA drive)
  - Tuition Waiver Resolution (working on getting the Indigenous tuition waiver to apply to all U of MN campuses. MCSA members are currently working on that)
- Everyone played Kahoot!
- Everyone introduced themselves

### **III. Committee Reports**

#### **MCSA Committees**

##### Academic Affairs

- Unfortunately the secretary transferred :( . Exec will figure out a way to find a new secretary soon. President Scovil gave an overview of the committee. Academic Affairs will focus on Gen Ed revisions, and this year the campus will most likely pass one of the gen ed plans that's been worked on over the past few years.

##### Campus Relations

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- Secretary Shelby Maloney explained that the Campus Relations Committee manages social media and runs the Prairie Gala.

Resources and Operations

- Secretary Noelle Muzzy explained that Resources and Ops is the “Green Committee” that handles finances and sustainability. The committee's goals this year include increasing student engagement in sustainability and hosting a sustainability forum.

Student Services

- Secretary Claudia Iron Hawk explained that the Student Services Committee advocates for student welfare on campus. The committee works on issues affecting students like accessibility.

Executive Committee

- The executive committee includes the President, Vice President, Secretaries, Parliamentarian, Exec Assistant, and Budget Manager. Soon the Forum will elect 4 (1 first year and 3 non-first year) reps from the forum to join Exec Committee. This committee plans agendas and sets goals.

First-Year Council

- 4 1st year council members are elected by the 1st year class. They meet once a week with President Scovil. They’ll focus on one main issue all year and will be helped by President Scovil.

**Campus Assembly Committees**

- Vice President Young explained that Campus Assembly is made up of Morris students, faculty, and staff. The committees and how to join them will be discussed at a later forum.

Consultative

Curriculum

Equity and Diversity

Finance

Membership

Planning

Scholastic

Steering

Student Affairs

#### **IV. Organization Reports**

- Vice President Young explained that org reps are students elected by organizations they are a part of to represent that org in forum

BSU

- Naeem Williams is the rep, and you can go to him with any questions about the org

CNIA

- Jade Allard is the rep for CNIA

MoQSIE

- MoQSIE is doing elections for a new org rep. There'll be an email sent out about who you can contact if you would like more info about being a MoQSIE rep.

InterVarsity

KUMM

SDS

#### **V. Old Business**

- None!

For Information:

For Action:

#### **VI. New Business**

For Information:

##### 1) Vaccine Mandate

- Vice President Young explained that all students got an email from the VC of Student Affairs (Sandra Olson Loy) giving them a link to report their vaccination status. Fill it out!

##### 2) Open Positions

- a) Secretary of Academic Affairs ([Position description](#))

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- Vice President Young explained that the Secretary of Academic Affairs is on exec and forum. Their committee focuses on curriculum, instruction, academic freedom, and other academic issues. They oversee the Academic Affairs committee of MCSA. President Scovil said that the Exec Committee will discuss how to fill this position and will give an update later on. This is also a paid position, and whoever fills the role will get \$850 into their student account (you don't need to be work study eligible to get this stipend or any stipend).

b) Government Relations Officer ([Position description](#))

- Vice President Young explained that this position used to be the MCSL representative, but it's changed now into the Government Relations Officer. This role is a voting member of forum who does government advocacy for the U of M. This role is also an ambassador to the Twin Cities Campus. President Scovil explained that there will be an update on how the position will be filled during the next forum. This is a paid position with a \$150 stipend (you do not need to be work study eligible to get this stipend)

c) Consultative Committee representative.

- Vice President Young explained that this position will be discussed at a later time

3) Tuition Waiver Resolution

- President Scovil said to let her know if you're interested in working on this resolution
- Secretary Maloney asked if the goal of the resolution is to have the tuition waiver at all of the U of M campuses
- President Scovil: Yes
- Secretary Maloney: Cool

4) Violence Prevention Partnership Committee

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- President Scovil explained that Green Dot is being replaced by a Violence Prevention Partnership Committee with people from MCSA and Student Activities. Henry Hubred, Kendra DeRosa, Grace Hiltner, and Biz Rathbun are all interested in being a part of this committee.

**IX. Icebreakers!**

- Each committee met and did icebreakers

**X. Announcements**

- Cal Mergendahl announced that the KUMM general staff meeting is tomorrow (8/31) at 6:30pm in the same room where we had forum (Imholt 109). Go to that meeting if you're interested in being involved with the campus radio station.

**XI. Adjourn.**