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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](#).*

**I. Approve Agenda**

- 1) Shelby
- 2) John
- 3) Motion Passes

**II. Approve Minutes: [8.30.21](#)**

- 1) Gabby
- 2) Kendra
- 3) Motion Passes

**III. President's Remarks**

Shoutout to Liz for getting the tech set up. We'd prefer if people came to meetings in person if able to.

**IV. Committee Reports**

**MCSA Committees**

- Academic Affairs
- Campus Relations
- Resources and Operations
- Student Services
- Executive Committee

First-Year Council

**Campus Assembly Committees**

Consultative  
Curriculum  
Equity and Diversity  
Finance  
Membership  
Planning  
Scholastic  
Steering

Julia: getting membership stuff done. Got the other committees' schedules finalized. Planned open forums about gen eds.

Student Affairs

**V. Organization Reports**

Cal: how report new org reps? Dylan: notify him and julia

BSU

CNIA

MoQSIE

**VI. Old Business**

For Information:

Dylan: Academic Affairs previous candidates will be reinterviewed and picked by Julia and Dylan. Gov relations officer will be pcked by Pres, VP, and Cabinate. BOR office of student activities is unsure if the student that was in this position is eligible, so if they can't stay in this position the old interviewers will be reinterviewed by Pres, VP, and Cabinet. Campus Assembly Reps will be filled by the runner ups of the past Spring's election. One maybe 2 consultative committee members to appoint. That will be saved for next forum so that any students that want to run can.

Shelby: When campus assembly reps contacted? Julia: in the next week

1) Update on Vacancies

a) Secretary of Academic Affairs

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- b) Government Relations Officer
- c) Board of Regents Representative
- d) Campus Assembly Representative (2)

For Action:

- 1) Nomination and Election of the Election Commissioner
- 2) Nomination and Election of At-Large Representatives (3)

Nominations of Election Commissioner. Dylan: the latest constitution says election commissioner can be anyone from the student body, NOT just forum like Joey had found in an older

constitution. Julia: you can be Election Commissioner and an At-Large Rep

Shelby: These positions aren't super time consuming. At-Large Reps also attend exec.

Gabby

Sloane: Easy to get trained in using the website, a quick job to learn

Julia: It's recommended that the election commissioner is a graduating student so that they aren't involved in elections after being the election commissioner

Nominations for Election Commissioner

- John Barber
  - Julia
  - Noelle
  - Accepts nomination and John is the election commissioner

At Large Reps (3) Dylan: people that represent forum at exec meetings Julia: in exec we plan things for committees and forum. It's the first step to getting things here. Really great way to find out how this organization works. Exec is a lot of peoples favorite part of MCSA.

Sloane: When are exec meetings?

Shelby: Wednesdays 6pm-7pm

Dylan: We've been meeting in person, but there's a zoom option. The time could be moved if needed.

- Naeem
  - Shelby
  - Noelle
  - Asdf

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- Henry
  - Henry
  - Grace?
  - Nomination accepted
- Cal
  - Noelle
  - Shelby
- Gabby
  - Noelle
  - Shelby
  - accepted
- Cameron
  - NOelle
  - Shebly
  - Accepted
- John
  - Julia
  - Shelby
  - Accepted
- Sloane
  - Sloane
  - Shelby
  - Accepted

Cameron: You can be an at large rep and in other positions (like campus assembly) right?

Dylan: yes

At-Large Reps

- 1) Henry
- 2) Cameron
- 3) John

## **VII. New Business**

For Information:

- 1) MCSA Recruitment / Retreat presented by *Secretary Maloney*
  - a) Friday, September 17th at 5-8pm on Tug Lake.

Shelby: Event this Friday (17th) 5pm-8pm at tug lake. Hanging out playing yard games. Shelby put up posters in the freshmen dorms to get freshmen to join and run for first year council. Pizza Ranch or Pizza Hut? Informal vote and it turns out Pizza Ranch is better for allergies. We're going to get about 6 pizzas.

Julia: If you want to see changes made, get first years or run yourself for first year counsel.

- 2) First Year Council Election
  - a) Registration opens Tuesday, September 14th
  - b) Filing Deadline: Monday, September 27th
  - c) Election Dates: September 28th - September 30th

Dylan: There's 13 days for you to register. Register with your name and an up to 250 word written thing to explain why you're running. Results will be posted instantly and then on the social media. First year council will be voting members of forum and will be in campus assembly.

Julia: Election dates will actually be the 29th-Oct 1st

Cameron: Can you explain what first year council is?

Julia: 1st year students (anyone who's at Morris for the first year). They choose a focus and then do projects about that throughout the year. They meet with Julia once a week to work on these projects.

First year council gets a lot of stuff done and has helped with food insecurity and student counseling in the past.

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Julia: either Julia or John will send out an email tomorrow morning with a link to register for first year election

For Action:

- 1) Campus Assembly Secretary Committee
- 2) [Search the School Resolution](#) presented by *CNIA Representative Jade Allard*

Campus Assembly getting an ad hoc committee together to determine how the loss of a secretary (note taking secretary) has affected Campus Assembly.

Julia: It will be Tim, a staff, and one student. He thinks it will be 3-4 meetings that are about an hour each. It should be wrapped up fairly quickly.

Grace: Is interested in the position.

Grace is going to join the ad hoc committee

#### Search the School Resolution

Dylan: Resolution supporting the Search the School Campaign started by Indigeneous members of the campus community. Discusses the petition, Behr's email about potential grave sites, and the details in the petition. It calls upon UMM to collaborate with Indigeneous community and leaders and be transparent in searching for boarding school remains. It also asks for Morris to reexamine its history as a boarding school.

#### Motion to approve the resolution

Julia

Noelle

#### Discussion

Cameron: Don't feel like enough current collaboration? How would MCSA get collaboration?

Dylan: This resolution shows that students care about this issue and it remains on their minds.

Chancellor has met with CNIA reps multiple times. The resolution isn't to say that the campus hasn't been doing the right thing, it's saying they approve of what's going on right now, and wanting them to continue that.

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Noelle: One typo pointed out. Thinks it's well written and does a good job of appreciating what the university has done so far, while pointing out what more they could do and to keep doing the things that they're doing well.

Liz: Totally agrees with the transparency aprt. Could add more detail about what transparency looks like.

Henry: Would be looking at current UMM grounds or former Reservation?

Dylan: Yes, it'd be looking at the grounds on campus

Julia: Janet said that they're working on a website with a search timeline

Sloane: Janet is still wanting to set up a website. Janet/Admin is working well with CNIA leaders, and the resolution is to make sure there is a continuation of this effort

Delaney Anderson: Wants to point out that it is difficult to schedule time/could take longer to meet with Tribal Counsels because they have their own meetings

Vote

- Motion passes

#### **IX. Announcements**

Noelle: Troy Goodnough is putting together a celebration about carbon neutrality during homecoming. Noelle's speaking at it so everybody should go! There's a learning about rugby and eating pizza event. She'll send out information about that

Delaney Anderson: CNIA tabling the 27th-30th to promote orange shirt day (September 30th). Is to bring awareness to residential schools. Dylan: orange shirt day is a holiday in canada is recognized by people in the US too, to bring awareness to lives lost in residential schools. They'll hand out stickers with the orange shirt logo

#### **X. Adjourn.**

**This meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm**