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Memo to: MCSA Forum Members
From: MCSA Executive Committee

The Forum will meet on Monday at 6:00 pm in Imholte 109 and 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 at 6pm on Monday Nov 8th

I. Approve Agenda
   1) Jade
   2) Shelby
   3) This motion passes

II. Approve Minutes: 11.01.21
   1) Julia
   2) Shelby
   3) This motion passes

III. Committee Reports

   MCSA Committees
   Academic Affairs
   Will be coming up with questions for the Morris 1101 survey.
   Campus Relations
   Will be working on ads for the sustainability forum. Spring activities fair. Spring
   engagement survey
   Resources and Operations
Sustainability Forum
Student Services
Will discuss meeting with Bryan Hermann
Executive Committee
Membership and sustainability forum
First-Year Council
Will be planning a sustainability month
All University

Campus Assembly Committees

IV. Organization Reports
Black Student Union (BSU)
Circle of Nations Indigenous Association (CNIA)
Griz will be presenting at culture hour and they will partner with another
Indigenous students group
Morris Queer Student Initiative for Equality (MoQSIE)
Students for a Democratic Society (SDS)

V. Old Business
For Information
1) Tuition Promise Program Resolution presented by President Scovil
   a) Discussion

Julia: Last Spring Julia and Dylan started a resolution surrounding tuition waivers for Native
students on all campuses. There’s a new Native Tuition Waiver Program for the entire university.

Morris’s requirement for the Native Tuition Waiver is being enrolled or being a descendant of
someone enrolled in a federally recognized tribe

The requirements for the new program are that you have to be under a certain income, can’t
transfer from a nontribal institution, current students won’t qualify, have to be a full time student,
you have to be enrolled in a tribe, and it’s only for tribes within Minnesota.
Dylan: There are tribes that were forced out of Minnesota and members of those tribes won’t qualify for this tuition waiver

Julia: There were and still technically laws that ban Dakota people from living in Minnesota, and Dakota students wouldn’t qualify for this tuition waiver. The resolution will be brought to CNIA as well.

Henry: When will this reach the system senate?

Dylan: The earliest it’d reach the student senate is December 2nd. Otherwise it’d be at the student senate around mid February

Griffin: Have you heard reasoning from administration of why the new policy is set up the way that it is?

Julia: There was an assumption that the new policy is based on budget and what could be currently afforded.

Cameron: Is the resolution asking the U to provide a tuition waiver to members of all US tribes?

Julia: Yes

Julia: We’re going to figure out how many current students would miss out on the waiver. If there are smaller numbers of Native students on those campuses, we could argue that their tuition could be feasibly covered.

Cal: Crookston also only has 50% of their students full time. Total number of Native American students across the entire system is 1,416 students.

Shelby: Has heard some concern from people that expanding this program would pull enrollment away from Morris. This isn’t the best argument, but it is a concern

Julia: There might be some drop in Morris enrollment, but it’s more important to do the right thing even if it hurts Morris in the short term. This would give students more opportunity

Shelby: Agrees, and thinks Morris will have to find other ways to be sustainable

Dylan: The university should create a strong Native Studies program and strong Native Community and that would make students still want to come to Morris

Julia: Currently the resolution doesn’t give money to graduate students. Usually grad students get a lot of aid, but they are also under a lot of stress. Feedback on what people think should be done with grad students?

Dylan: We will continue to discuss the resolution at future forums and anyone can make comments on the resolution.
VI. **New Business**

For Action

1) Nomination and Selection of Membership Committee Member (1 member)

Madison Ferguson nominates Gabby Holboy
Julia Scovil Seconds
Gabby is approved as a Membership Committee Member

2) Nomination and Selection of Scholastic Committee Member (1 member)

Nominate Zander Roemer
Second: Noelle Muzzy
Zander is approved as a member of the Scholastic Committee

IX. **Announcements**

Julia: Denisse won the international photo contest! You can see the picture she took in the email sent out this morning

Dylan: If anyone has suggestions of what they want MCSA to work on in the future that can be mentioned now

X. **Committee Time**

XI. **Adjournment**