MCSA Forum minutes 10/25/2021

Morris Campus Student Association

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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.

I. Approve Agenda
   1) Noelle Muzzy
   2) Julia Scovil
   3) This motion passes

II. Approve Minutes: 10.11.21
   1) Noelle Muzzy
   2) Kendra DeRosa
   3) This motion passes

III. Committee Reports

MCSA Committees
   Academic Affairs
   Met with Carry and will be discussing the questions answered in that meeting.
   Campus Relations
   Will talk about University Senate positions that the student body can get involved in. Will also talk about the meeting that happened with Dave and what work they will do with the Sustainability Forum.
   Resources and Operations
Talking about the sustainability forum and who we’re inviting.
  
  Student Services
Talking about the meeting with TJ.
  
  Executive Committee
Creating Discord guidelines and finishing up the Facebook guidelines.
  
  First-Year Council
Will figure how to pick their exec committee rep
  
  All University
They’ve decided to focus on advocating on infrastructure because 50% of UMM’s infrastructure is in poor condition.

**Campus Assembly Committees**

Finance
Meeting on Thursday this week
  
  Membership
  
  Consultative
Tammi Berberi is creating a task force on disability accommodations (awareness of resources, poor signage, inaccessible areas, and financial aid).
  
  Membership
  
  Curriculum
A debrief of the campus wide discussion of Gen Ed. Have an updated draft of the new Gen Ed plan.
  
  Steering
Made campus assembly agendas. All campus assembly members have until 8am tomorrow to vote on if members can participate electronically.

**IV. Organization Reports**

Black Student Union (BSU)

Circle of Nations Indigenous Association (CNIA)

Oct 30th 7am-1pm in Oyate Hall UMM will be holding our 3rd annual healing ceremony. Everyone should go! Liz passed out flyers with more information, and CNIA is meeting this Thursday at 5pm in the MRC lounge. There will also be a teach in about boarding schools on November 6th.
Delaney A: CNIA is interested in participating in the walkout against line 3, but they did not have enough time to officially work as a cohost on the event.

Morris Queer Student Initiative for Equality (MoQSIE)
Students for a Democratic Society (SDS)

Cal: Thurs Oct 28th 1:45pm on the mall is a walkout against Line 3

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

For Information

1) Campus Assembly Tomorrow
   a) Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 11:40am
   b) Science Auditorium or Zoom.

New first year reps aren’t required to go yet, but are strongly encouraged to.

2) Discord Guidelines

This is the first draft of the guidelines. If you have feedback you can leave a comment on the guidelines document. In person feedback on the guidelines:

Cal: Discord is a faster changing thing than facebook, so should we review the guidelines yearly instead of every two years?
Dylan: That’s an excellent point
Henry: Confused on how discord is a “faster moving medium” than facebook
Cal: There’s more posts and turnover in the discord than there is in the facebook forum. There’s more happening in the discord so there’s more to regulate
Dylan: There are less posts and slower posts on Facebook because posts are moderated in the facebook forum
Shelby: Could be good to bring up the guidelines and how to join the server at the beginning of the school year. Instead of doing a full review every year people could just bring up concerns and we can edit if we need to
Cameron: What does a petition entail?
Julia: Email the mcsa email or contact someone on exec and then it will be looked at
Noelle: Don’t think there’s a need into looking at it every year since there’s an option to petition
Julia: We should add guidelines on what the moderators should do in the moment when a rule is broken. Think of what we should do about this.
Kendra: Should add language about allowing moderators to use slow mode if necessary
Henry: Should renew the discord guidelines the opposite years that we renew the facebook guidelines. One year we look at the discord guidelines and the next we look at the Facebook guidelines
Claudia: How do we verify who’s joining?
Dylan: On facebook you fill out a survey. Could make a google form for the discord where people can put their discord info in. Not worried about this being too big of an issue.
Kendra: We could have a welcome channel with a link to the form. People would have to fill out the form before being able to go into other channels
Cal: Other servers have a welcome or vetting area where people post why they should be in the server. Don’t think impersonation will be a big issue in this server.

For Action
1) Letter to Peter Wyckoff - Sign here.
Dylan: Peter Wyckoff was a biology and esci professor here, and now is Tina Smith’s environmental advisor. This letter calls him to take a strong stance against the Line 3 pipeline. Encourages everyone to sign the petition.
Julia: The petition represents Morris values very well, and reminds Peter Wyckoff of those values. Peter Wyckoff is nice and this letter will add positive pressure.

IX. Announcements

Noelle: 11:30-12 is the Green Campus dialogue tomorrow. Tell Troy your opinions and get involved! The Green Ambassador training (training to give green tours of campus) is getting rescheduled.

Dylan: Humphrey School of public affairs is hosting a talk about climate action and Al Gore will be speaking. It will be at 6pm tomorrow online. Go to Humphrey School of Public Affairs website
Griffin: You should go Al Gore is really good at talking about climate change
Noelle: Get excited about the sustainability forum on Dec 10th!

X. Committee Time

XI. Adjournment