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Memo to: MCSA Forum Members
From: MCSA Executive Committee
Subject: Forum Agenda for Monday, September 27th, 2021.

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 September 27th 2021

I. Approve Agenda

- 1) Kendra DeRosa
- 2) John Barber
- 3) Motion Passes

II. Approve Minutes: [9.20.21](#)

- 1) Noelle Muzzy
- 2) John Barber
- 3) Motion Passes

III. Committee Reports

MCSA Committees

Academic Affairs

Julia: Academic Affairs is looking into getting feedback on first year experience course from first year students. They talked about having all campuses on 1 academic calendar. Dylan and Julia have one more interview for the secretary of academic affairs position, and they're hoping to have that done by Wednesday so a secretary will be named at the next forum.

Campus Relations
Resources and Operations
Student Services
Executive Committee
First-Year Council

Campus Assembly Committees

Consultative
Curriculum
Equity and Diversity
Finance
Membership
Planning

Cameron: Model for Living and Learning Program came to an end. Exceeded campaign goal and there's no more hiring freeze at the University!

Scholastic
Steering
Student Affairs
All University

Dylan: On Friday the University announced that over the next 5-7 years fossil fuel investments will be phased out

EDI

Biz: EDI is looking for another representative and would do EDA training for that position. Still looking for a committee officer (chief diversity officer-similar job as what Liz is doing, but instead of working with students this person would be working with staff)

Liz: Chief Diversity Officer (formerly Dr Becca Gercken) is a global position around equity and diversity. Currently Chancellor Erickson wants to fill the position because there should be one Chief Diversity Officer on each campus. The position has more reach and EDI wants to fill it soon.

Julia: If your committee has met, we should hear about it. Make sure you're reporting on your committee!

IV. Organization Reports

BSU

Hosting the homecoming dance and Naeem is DJing so go to the dance! (Saturday 10pm-2am in Oyate)

CNIA

Jade: Tabling for Boarding School Awareness Day on September 30th.

MoQSIE

Jay: Week of the 11th is coming out week and MoQSIE's planning events. Scheduled an intersex speaker to come on campus that week.

KUMM

Cameron: KUMM is always taking new DJs. They're tabling outside the dining hall and handing out KUMM shots and rags. Go get some free stuff from them.

V. Old Business

For Information:

- 1) National Boarding School Remembrance Day - Thursday, September 30th
 - a) <https://boardingschoolhealing.org/>

Dylan: Reflect on campus history and wear orange on Thursday. The link above has resources for people from Native communities or allies to take action and learn about boarding schools. You can get reading resources and search the school information from CNIA while they're tabling.

Would MCSA be interested in passing a resolution like the ones on the website?

Discussion

Cameron: In favor of it. What's in the resolutions?

Dylan: The resolutions call on congress to create a commission and report on our boarding school history. Similar what happened in the past few years in Canada. We would send this resolution to the government (not school admin).

Noelle: Would MCSA be writing our own or singing on to an existing resolution?

Dylan: Writing our own. This would be a good thing for Henry and Delaney to bring to the University Senate.

- 2) First Year Council Election Update presented by *Commissioner Barber*
 - a) Filing Deadline: Monday, September 27th (TONIGHT!)
 - b) Election Dates: Wednesday, September 29th - Friday, October 1st

Dylan: Follow MCSA on social media where first year council candidates will post messages. John has ½ of the candidate's social media posts.

Julia: WGLs or others connected to 1st years should remind them to vote on Wednesday!

VI. New Business

For Information

- 1) Discussion of Chancellor's Upcoming PEAK Initiative Meeting

Dylan: Chancellor Erikson is going to meet with system leadership people. They are going to develop a roadmap for service delivery and making that efficient across the system. They said they talked to students but they didn't talk with us so Janet is looking for our feedback. She wants us to think about what services should stay at Morris and which could be centralized.

Julia: Feedback is due tomorrow so you can send it straight to Janet. One Stop wouldn't be centralized, but things like payroll could be centralized. Think about what's better to talk about in person and what could be done over email or zoom when deciding what should be centralized/moved to the Twin Cities campus and what should stay here.

Griffin: By centralizing services are they hoping to cut costs of on campus operations?

Dylan: They gave efficiency as their reasoning

Cal: Seems it'll be easier for them to have anything in Minneapolis. Will we see a delay or decline in service quality if things are moved?

Dylan: Ideally no, but not a guarantee

Claudia: Which offices are moving?

Dylan: They're still figuring that out

Julia: At this point they're just looking at what could be centralized if they move forward with this

Delaney: Career services could be centralized because not a lot of students go there

Dylan: That makes sense

Julia: Some grad school resources could also be centralized

Noelle: We could focus more on what we can gain with centralization rather than what we could lose. For example, the Twin Cities campus has more information on career services and grad school, so it could be beneficial to us to centralize that.

Griffin: The guiding force in our decision making could be that things that if moved would make it less useful for MORris students shouldn't be moved. Shouldn't move offices that won't benefit students or that'll make it harder for students to access the resource. Underutilized resources could be moved.

Cal: The main thing is making sure that they're not just deciding what's cheapest but also what's easier for students.

Noelle: Should centralize email domains. It allows for more electronic access to resources, it'll make it easier to take classes on different campuses, and a lot of people have had issues with this. A lot of people agree with that point

John: Point of Info: You can go to IT and change your domain to a Morris domain if you have a general U of M domain currently

Shelby: Having these services overlapping will help us advertise we have connections to and resources from the cities campus

Julia: Agrees with Shelby. Thinks websites for grad school could be the same across campuses. The office of the registrar could be centralized because other than commencement time they don't have much face to face interaction with students.

Summary:

Things we think could be centralized: Career and Grad school services, potentially email domains, and the office of the registrar.

2) March for Reproductive Rights in Morris

- a) Saturday, October 2nd, 11am - 12pm Stevens County Courthouse

b) Schedule a time for a sign-making workshop this week.

Dylan: Organizers in town are hosting a march for reproductive rights. MCSA will be making signs and showing up on Saturday.

People interested in attending the march: Jade, Grace, Sloane, Kendra, Henry, Delaney, Claudia, Biz, Julia, Noelle, Cal, Cameron, Leah, Shelby, Naeem, John, Jay, Lucas, Griz, and Ethan.

Will be scheduling a sign making workshop this week (either Wednesday or Friday) for the march. At the march masks are required and social distancing is recommended.

Making Signs: Henry, Grace, Jay, Sloane, Leah, Maureen, Shebly, Ethan, and Julia

3) Homecoming! presented by *Secretary Maloney*

a) Sodexo Volunteering, Saturday, October 2nd, 10:30am - 12:00pm
at Big Cat Stadium

b) Games at Halftime

Shelby: Comedy show tonight. We fund Prairie Gala (which then funds scholarships and the SAGE fund) by volunteering at a few community of scholar events. This year sodexo is unsure of how many community of scholars events we'll have. This Saturday we can serve food and if we can get 10 volunteers we can get all the proceeds from it. Unsure of how we'd fund Prairie Gala without getting these funds.

People interested in serving food: Julia, Briana, John, Shelby, Noelle, Lucas, and Jay

Dylan: If student org reps can get 3 students from their org to volunteer, that org can get part of the proceeds. That's usually how it has gone in the past.

Julia: If you miss the march for the homecoming stuff you can still make signs for the march

Shelby: Talked to the lead of intramurals and we'll have yard games that can be played before the game and during halftime. Everyone should try to be there for the yard games to have fun, hangout, and get the word out about MCSA.

- 4) Sustainability Homecoming! presented by *Secretary Muzzy*
 - a) Celebrating 15 Years of Sustainability - Saturday, October 2nd, 2:00pm CST at Welcome Center 122 & new Solar PV Field

Noelle: U of M Morris reached carbon neutrality last year, but couldn't celebrate so we're celebrating this year. 2pm-3pm is for folks interested in sustainability careers and there will be a video on our progress and a chance to talk with alums working in sustainability. At 3pm there will be a green tour for anyone who's interested and wants to celebrate (someone will drive the golf cart, so that's an option if you're unable to walk on the tour). We'll go to the solar array (one by the cows) and a bunch of people are speaking (including Noelle). Dylan and Janet are also cutting a ribbon! Invite your friends!

Dylan: Time, day, and location of events will always be in the agendas

- 5) From the Student Affairs Committee presented by *Dr. Viktor Berberi*
 - a) Creation and Classification of Student Organizations on the Morris Campus - ([Draft](#))

Julia: We have our first campus assembly tomorrow. Everyone should have gotten an email and invite. We'll be adding the future meetings to the calendar invite soon.

Dylan: If you attend on zoom unfortunately you currently can't vote

Henry: That rule should be changed

Julia: Steering is bringing a proposal to assembly tomorrow to change it

Briana: Currently the email about campus assembly was not set up as a gcal invite (sorry guys!), but I will try to send it as a calendar invite in the future.

Viktor Berberi: Presented on changes made to the document that outlines how to create and classify student orgs. There's not much language on creating a student org (other than

constitution and campus connections and you have to have at least 2 people) in the old version of the document. Other campuses require more people, and the new version of the document requires 3 members for an org to be created.

Dylan: The form that has to be submitted to create a new org requires 3 signatures, so it was already assumed that you needed 3 people

Viktor: Nothing significant was changed. The 3 categories of student orgs stayed the same.

There's now a table describing the differences between orgs and what they are allowed to do/how they function/how they differ. There's also a list of all the orgs sorted into categories. Take a look at the document and let them know if you have suggestions. Dylan can send it out to everyone, we can give feedback, and the feedback will be given to student affairs. The goal is to take this updated document to campus assembly ASAP, so they want the feedback asap or at least before there next meeting in 8 days.

Julia: A lot of it makes sense to me. We'll bring it back to forum on Monday.

Viktor: The changes don't seem controversial and the committee worked on it for awhile, they just want to make sure it's looked over by students

Dylan: Likes the draft and the guidelines for creating an org are helpful.

Viktor: The updated document doesn't really add additional guidelines, just provides clarity

For Action:

- 1) Approval of Appointed Positions
 - a) Board of Regents Representative: Cal Mergendahl
 - b) Government Relations Officer: Gabby Holboy

Cal Mergendahl Elevator Pitch: Believe in ability to be a rep, knows a lot about how the system works, and has gone over the agenda and meeting times. Goal would be to advocate for needs of Morris Students especially in regards to money. Also wants to work with colleagues at other campuses to ensure a good system for everyone.

- 1) Cal Mergendahl is Approved as the Board of Regents Representative

Gabby had rehearsal and hadn't responded to the email yet, so we'll move approving her to the next forum

IX. Announcements

Liz: Works in EDI and Student Affairs. There's flyers about the public safety committee in the back that people can take and spread. Rob Velde and Liz did research on other campus public safety programs and then did a small group with Morris students. That group created what the advisory committee is. Now they're in the phase of rolling out the committee. It's not really an application, it's more of an interest form. Whatever your opinions/views/feelings are Rob wants to hear from you. Need at least 3 students, otherwise they'll hold off till next spring and will do some dialogue that isn't a committee. The committee is a sub committee of student affairs, so they will report back to student affairs. They will schedule the meetings based on who's interested (probably will be in late afternoon)

Dylan: Chalk for National Boarding School Remembrance day after Forum, anyone can join in!

Noelle: Composting event on Oct 8th 10am. Stevens county is creating a composting program. Pope-Douglas has organic recycling and now there will be drop sites and pick ups at hospitals and restaurants and businesses. Trying to get the public excited and involved because that's what gets gov to do things. It's in the park. Noelle has posters, so if you're interested you can talk to her

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7pm