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Memo to: MCSA Forum Members
From: MCSA Executive Committee
Subject: Forum Agenda for Monday, November 29th, 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 6:03pm on November 29th, 2021

I. Approve Agenda

- 1) Noelle Muzzy
- 2) Shelby Maloney
- 3) This motion passes

II. Approve Minutes: [11.22.21](#)

- 1) Noelle Muzzy
- 2) Julia Scovil
- 3) This motion passes

III. Committee Reports

MCSA Committees

Academic Affairs

Vanessa: Last forum the committee got questions for the Morris 1101 class on the SRT.
Encouraging freshmen who are in Morris 1101 to fill that out.

Campus Relations

Shelby: Going to chalk for the Sustainability Forum in Louis Lower Level and looking at the survey Dave and Simon have talked about

Resources and Operations

Student Services

Julia: Talked about limits, expectations, etc for the Public Safety Advisory committee. There is a memo in the student services folder about the committee. Trying to figure out how much information the committee is allowed to get about public safety, and how that affects what the committee does.

Executive Committee

Julia: Did not meet last week because of the break. Will discuss updates later in forum.

First-Year Council

Robert: Met last week and talked about the sustainability month/theme FYC is working on.

Julia: Troy responded to the email about doing a sustainability month

All University

Henry: The infrastructure survey will be in the campus newspaper

Campus Assembly Committees

Steering

Julia: Discussed modality of campus assembly. Campus assembly tomorrow is on zoom only, everyone in campus assembly should have gotten a zoom invite over email from Julia today.

Planning

Noelle: The meeting got canceled

Equity and Diversity

Student Affairs

IV. Organization Reports

Black Student Union (BSU)

Circle of Nations Indigenous Association (CNIA)

Morris Queer Student Initiative for Equality (MoQSIE)

Students for a Democratic Society (SDS)

Cal: Wednesday 12/3, SDS is planning on having a protest against the Kyle Rittenhouse acquittal from 2-2:30pm on the Campus Mall. RSVP on the SDS facebook and there is also information in the MCSA discord.

V. Old Business

For Information

1) Update on Meeting with Karen Diver presented by *President Scovil*

Julia: Karen Diver said that the program is a measured approach, because they are unsure of how the program will influence enrollment. They took an approach with a bunch of guidelines to make sure that the University can keep their promise. They are holding back until they have more data on the program's effects. The program is also only funded by resources being relocated, no new outside funding is coming in for this. Karen did not know as much background information about the program since she is newer to her position, so Julia is going to reach out to Bob McMaster, Vice Provost.

2) Spring Open House Update

Shelby: On the first Friday of next semester from 4-8pm there will be student orgs scattered throughout the student center either performing or tabling. There will be food for everyone in the dining hall. It will be a fun, reenergizing event where people can try new activities.

Grace: Some people are concerned about covid safety with the food being served.

Shelby: The whole student center will be open, so hopefully it will be more spread out. The food will be walking around food so hopefully that helps as well. It's important to consider that safety and that's something we'll ask about.

3) Sustainability Forum Update presented by *Secretary Muzzy*

Noelle: We need more money. Forum would have to approve \$200 for food and prizes.

Julia: Dave informed us that there was an extra \$500 in the MCSA budget we did not know about. The \$200 could come from that

Kendra: We had a budget of \$130 for the sustainability forum. We probably don't need to take the entire \$500 for the forum, but some of it would work

Noelle: \$200 would be the perfect amount needed. \$130 were spent on tote bags, still need about \$40 for other stuff, and told Tony Nemmers we could pay around \$200 in food

Motion to amend the agenda to add for action item to approve and extra \$250 that Noelle earlier discussed

1) Julia Scovil

2) Noelle Muzzy

Shelby: Point of info: We have money saved for impromptu events, so we have enough room in our budget to approve more funds

Motion passes

Henry: What will the \$250 be used for?

Noelle: Seeds, potting soil, candy, and food from sodexo

Dylan: How much have we spent on sustainability forum this year? For next year should we allocate more funds to the sustainability forum?

Julia: If the \$250 is approved, \$380 would be spent on the forum this year. Try to get \$400 allocated for the sustainability forum in the future.

Henry: What would happen if there's leftover money from the \$250?

Julia: Would go back to the extra \$500 we currently have

Motion to approve \$250 towards the sustainability forum

Motion passes

a) Volunteer Sign-Up ([link](#))

Noelle: New volunteer schedule. Need people to set up and tear down, and anyone can stick around and help out. We'll also need people to ask the panelists questions. Otherwise just come to the forum for the times you can!

b) Tabling Sign-Up and Review ([link](#))

VI. New Business

For Information

1) Dining Hall/Sodexo

Julia: When Julia and Dylan met with Dave last week Dave brought up how the dining hall used to be open all day. Students still have to pay for an unlimited meal plan, even though the dining hall isn't open all day. FYC is going to work with the dining hall to sell leftovers from the dining hall at the C Store, and MCSA may be starting to advocate for lower dining hall plan prices

Vanessa: In Trio we're working with Sodexo to take leftover frozen food and give it out for free as a part of the campus food pantry

IX. Announcements

Campus Assembly 11/30

Julia: Campus assembly is only over zoom tomorrow

X. Sustainability Forum/Committee Time

Noelle: Go to the sustainability forum!

Dylan: Good job running forum Grace!

XI. Adjournment

1) John Barber

2) Shelby Maloney

Meeting adjourned 6:40pm