MCSA Forum minutes 01/24/2022

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Memo to: MCSA Forum Members  
From: MCSA Executive Committee  

The Forum will meet on Monday at 6:00 pm on Zoom.

**Zoom link:**

https://umn.zoom.us/j/92605258042?pwd=QUhqVDduTTd6ZFY0ek5FcnB5R1dkUT09. 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 6:05pm on January 25th, 2022*

I. **Approve Agenda**
   1) Dylan Young
   2) John Barber
   3) This Motion Passes

II. **President’s Remarks presented by President Dylan Young**

Dylan: Hope the first week of the semester has gone well. Last week the executive committee voted unanimously to hold the first two forums over zoom as a precautionary measure with the omicron surge and also it’s really cold. We’ll reassess meeting format later, but we’ll probably be back in Imholte by the 3rd forum. Omicron spreads very quickly and I strongly encourage people to wear higher quality masks like KN95s. These masks aren’t cheap however, and students shouldn’t have to pay for them, so Grace and I will be working to get more for students.
Gabby Holboy is now Secretary of Campus Relations, Griffin Peck is Secretary of Resources and Operations, and John Barber is secretary of Student Services.

III. Committee Reports

MCSA Committees

Academic Affairs
Vanessa: Went to a curriculum innovation meeting where they ranked submissions for grants.

Campus Relations

Resources and Operations
Griffin: Looking at tech fee days. Looking at March 26th and 27th as Tech Fee days. Still deciding whether it will be in person or online. Everyone make sure that you can take a weekend off at the end of March for Tech Fee.

Student Services
John: Met with Dylan and Grace to talk about the memo about the police committee and the dining hall issues.

Executive Committee
Dylan: Exec is working on covid 19 resources (master document), a resolution on paid sick leave, and a letter about mask distribution on campus.

First-Year Council
Ethan: Will be meeting after this forum. Will be talking about sustainability month and this semester’s activities.

All University

Campus Assembly Committees

Finance
Kendra: Had a meeting with people who discussed recruitment. Our recruitment is up from last year. Also discussed how there are gaps/vacancies of people who do the recruitment.

Scholastic
Zander: Met last Thursday. Petition for counting a 2 credit upper level math as an IC, that was approved. Environmental velocity got changed to an HUM gen ed. The last petition was approving a student for 23 credits, and they were approved for 22 credits.

Consultative
Madi: Organizing for the rest of the semester

IV. Organization Reports

   Black Student Union (BSU)

Naeem: Soul food dinner (free food!) will be on February 23rd at 7pm in Oyate, and February 10th is the international fashion show (also free to get into) at 6pm in Edson. Everyone should go to those!

   Circle of Nations Indigenous Association (CNIA)
   Morris Queer Student Initiative for Equality (MoQSIE)
   Students for a Democratic Society (SDS)

Cal: Will be doing a zoom meeting with Twin Cities folks tomorrow. Considering hosting a tech in sometime in February about University governance and administration, and would like to work with MCSA on that.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

For Information

1) Resources and Aid Master Doc and Resources Outreach

Dylan: Since the Pandemic is still going on, we’re working on putting together resources for students. Click on the Resources Outreach link above and add links that you think would be helpful for students (things like ways to get food, financial support, mental health resources, etc) to that google form.

Julia: There should be a form where students can submit with issues that professors that are not following covid policies. There were issues with students who were out of school for a while and teachers did not provide zoom links (someone was out for two weeks last semester and had a professor not provide a zoom link for them to attend class).

liz: this could also be a part of the Bias-Reporting Incident form. Also, here is the form that already exists to report those not following covid mitigations:

https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?UnivofMNMorris&layout_id=21

Cameron: Would be nice to have a form/way to keep students who aren’t correctly wearing masks accountable. Still an issue that some students are not wearing masks correctly.
2) Vacancies
   a) At-Large Representative (selected by Forum)

Nominations
Julia Scovil
   1) Gabby Holboy
   2) Noelle Muzzy
Cal Mergendahl
   1) Noelle Muzzy
   2) Julia Scovil

Julia is voted in as the At Large Representative
b) Government Relations Officer (application)
c) Sustainability Officer (application)

Applications for Government Relations Officer and Sustainability Officer are open from 1/25/22-1/31/22.

For Action
1) Approval of Secretaries
   a) Campus Relations: Gabrielle Holboy

This motion passes unanimously
b) Student Services: John Barber

This motion passes unanimously
c) Resources and Operations: Griffin Peck

This motion passes unanimously
1) Elect Parliamentarian

Madi Ferguson
   1) Gaby Holboy
   2) Julia Scovil

Zander Roemer
   1) Julia Scovil
2) Noelle Muzzy
Naeem Williams
   1) Dylan Young
   2) Noelle Muzzy
Cal Mergendahl
   1) Dylan Young
   2) Noelle Muzzy
   3) Cal politely declines the nomination
Kylen Running Hawk
   1) Noelle Muzzy
   2) Julia Scovil

Unfortunately we do not know how to do rank choice voting over zoom, so
Gabby: Motion to suspend the rules of the rank choice voting and elect the person who got the majority of the vote
2) Cal Mergendahl
This motion passes
Zander Roemer is elected as Parliamentarian
   2) Elect an Elections Commissioner
Julia Scovil
   1) Julia Scovil
   2) Noelle Muzzy
Henry Hubred
   1) Henry Hubred
   2) Cameron Berthiaume
Julia Scovil is elected as the Election Commissioner
   3) Approve Campus Election Dates: March 7th - March 13th

IX. Announcements

X. Committee Time
XI. Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at 6:54pm