MCSA Forum minutes 02/07/2022

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Memo to:     MCSA Forum Members
From:        MCSA Executive Committee
Subject:     Forum Agenda for Monday, February 7th, 2022

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 6:03 pm on February

I.  Approve Agenda

   1) Cameron Berthiaume
   2) John Barber
   3) This motion passes

II. Approve Minutes: 1.31.22

   1) Dylan Young
   2) Noelle Muzzy
   3) This motion passes

III. Committee Reports

    MCSA Committees

    Academic Affairs

    Vanessa: Sent the MCSA email the poster about masks.

    Campus Relations

    Gabby: Prairie Gala planning! Showing everyone what we’re ordering and seeing if people have ideas.

    Resources and Operations
Griffin: Will be discussing Tech Fee

Student Services

John: Will be talking about PSAC and about the memo to Rob and liz.

Executive Committee

Dylan: Last week we sent a letter to Chancellor Janet about getting more free masks for students, and N95 masks are now available to pick up at the student services office, office of residential life, the post office, and the athletics office. This is in addition to the masks you can get at the library. Get masks from those locations!

liz: Remember to change out your masks especially if you’re wearing them all day!

Gabby: We should make social media posts about how to re wear masks (how often and for how long)

First-Year Council

Dylan: Will be meeting in Green Prairie tonight.

All University

Campus Assembly Committees

Campus Assembly

Dylan: We talked about enrollment. There was too much of an emphasis on marketing when the best way to improve enrollment is improving campuses themselves

Cal: Bryan said there will be a tuition increase next year

General Education Meeting

Julia: Students gave good feedback and staff and faculty supported some of that feedback

Noelle: Staff were really awesome about accepting student feedback

Julia: If you have notes/comments/suggestions submit them through the form in the discord

IV. Organization Reports

Black Student Union (BSU)

Circle of Nations Indigenous Association (CNIA)

Morris Queer Student Initiative for Equality (MoQSIE)

Jay: Currently looking for a camera person for the drag show. If anyone is interested, email Kara Black by Friday.

Students for a Democratic Society (SDS)
Cal: Will be meeting tomorrow to plan for the semester. Posted about an event in the All U channel on the discord, check that out.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

For Information

1) Student Sick Leave Resolution

Grace: Students are limited in hours to work per week and that means they can’t get benefits from the University. A lot of the University policies don’t apply to students. This will be important even after the pandemic’s over.

Julia: I would suggest having a clause about having this information still being included in contracts after the sodexo contract is renegotiated

For Action

1) Vote on Annual Funding Budget Request 2022 - 2023

Kendra: MCSA’s mission is to represent the student body and to help the student body. We’re requesting 1-575 this year which is 70 more than in the previous year. We’re adding 170 to the sustainability forum, removed the spring recruitment event, added a stipend position of 150 for public relations manager to help with social media, As of Feb 7th we have a total of 1435 carryover with plans to redistribute remaining money to different categories and all other categories not mentioned remained at their previous request amount

Cal: So the carryover is money that we plan on spending by the end of the year?

Kendra: Yes. The budget spreadsheet has the money we haven’t spent yet highlighted in green with notes on what we’ll use it for

Dylan: 300 of the 1435 might not be carryover, it might be used for campaigns

Motion to approve the Annual Funding Budget Request

1) Dylan Young

2) Cal Mergendahl

3) This motion passes

1) Approve MCSA Referendum + Amendment Proposals

Dylan: These are three referendums we can add to our ballot for this spring’s elections. They are should student workers get paid sick leave, should students have a 15 minimum wage, and
should UMM offer more learning opportunities on US INdian boarding school history and impact. The constitutional amendments are to separate the roles of student senate consultative committee member and vice president of MCSA. This is because if someone is vice president in MCSA, they can’t run for leadership roles in the student senate and it would get another person involved in MCSA

Julia: Is there paid sick leave on other campuses?

Cal: I can ask

Motion to approve the referendums and amendment proposals

1) Cameron
2) Julia
3) This motion passes, but Jade Allard opposes and Gabby Holboy abstains

2) Elect an At-Large Representative

Grace: This person will go to exec and represent the student body.

Delaney Teske
1) Julia Scovil
2) Cameron Berthiaume

Jade Allard
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2) Cal Mergendahl

Delaney Teske wins the election

3) Committee Reassignments

Dylan: We need to get Prairie Gala going and we need more people in campus relations. Grace and Julia will join campus relations.

Vanessa: Our committee doesn’t have a big project, so we can help with Prairie Gala

Dylan: Once we get closer to Prairie Gala, academic affairs can help campus relations.

IX. Announcements

Briana: JOIN PHYSICS CLUB. DO IT. IT WILL BE A PARTY. If you’re interested in coming to the first meeting and seeing what the club will be (/planning what the club will be, we get to
decide that), send an email to dokke083@morris.umn.edu and we’ll find a time when everyone can meet. There will be free snacks. Also we may see if we have a budget and if so if we can put that towards more free masks.

Cal: Got an email today from Verizon Public Health and they’re giving out free masks at public buildings in Morris. More info in the discord

Gabby: This Thursday, Friday, Saturday is Meningans night of one acts.

Noelle: Tuesday Feb 15th there’ll be a zoom alumni panel about sustainable careers and agriculture, on Wednesday the 16th from 11:30-12:15 there’ll be free pizza in Oyate to celebrate dining services and facilities for composting, and SELF Sustain conference is next Friday 2-4:30 there’s presentations and networking and on the Saturday after that there will also be activities.

Vanessa: Free meals at the dining hall Tuesday and Friday this week from 7:30-8pm.

Griffin: Tech Fee is April 2nd and 3rd. Deliberations on April 3rd will be in the Science Auditorium (or over zoom if you want) and the hearings on April 2nd will be all over zoom.

John: Friday the 11th from 4-10pm and 9am-10pm on Saturday will be the ARFC hearings

liz: This Thursday is BSU’s international fashion show in Edson from 6-7:15ish. You can still sign up to be a model. Tickets for the soul food dinner are on sale. The dinner is on the 23rd

Denisse: La Union Latinx will be having a dance on April 15th in Oyate.

X. Committee Time

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting

1) Cal Mergendahl
2) John Barber

This meeting was adjourned at 6:41pm on February 8th, 2022