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Memo to: MCSA Forum Members
From: MCSA Executive Committee
Subject: Forum Agenda for Monday, February 14th, 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 6:00pm on February 14th, 2022

I. Approve Agenda

- 1) Griffin
- 2) Cameron
- 3) This motion passes

II. Approve Minutes: [2.7.2022](#)

- 1) Daleney
- 2) Griffin
- 3) This motion passes

III. President's Remarks

A. [Letter to Alumni Engagement \(link\)](#)

Dylan: On Wednesday the Office of Alumni Relations decided to disapprove the fundraising at Prairie Gala because it was deemed as unsuccessful and damaging to donor relations. I strongly disagree and have written this letter to encourage them to reconsider. The letter has now been seen by the Alumni Relations coordinator Jen Hermann, the Chancellor and Vice Chancellors.

This is a fundraising event and spending \$1,000 on a social event doesn't make sense. Our goal is to support the student body and fundraising is one way we do that. Additionally we have only had 3 Prairie Galas, and two of them have been during a global pandemic, so the judgement of them is harsh. We should not be canceling the fundraiser. Donors also most likely support supporting students through fundraising efforts. Alumni Relations representatives will come to the executive committee meeting this Wednesday. If you have questions, comments, or concerns you want brought up to them, email myself, Grace, Bri, or any of the other representatives. At the meeting we will be deciding where we will be allocating the funds we want to raise at Prairie Gala. I suggest we put the funds all in the SAGE grant, as that is important as the pandemic continues.

IV. Committee Reports

MCSA Committees

Academic Affairs

Vanessa: Still working on posters for violations and concerns around COVID.

Campus Relations

Gabby: Prairie Gala planning. The official date of Prairie Gala is April 9th. I'm planning on connecting with potential corporate sponsorships for the silent auction.

Resources and Operations

Griffin: Tomorrow an email will go out with the Tech Fee application, that application is currently open.

Student Services

John: Discussion and making drafts

Executive Committee

Dylan: Will be meeting with Jen HERman and Susan Schmigdall and Cal will be discussing the recent board of Regents meeting and the tuition increase. If we have extra time we will discuss ways to make local businesses more fair towards student workers.

First-Year Council

Denisse: Will be rescheduling last weeks meeting

All University

Campus Assembly Committees

Steering

Planning

Cameron: The budget meeting is coming up where the budget for all campuses is set. The regents will be setting the new tuition rate.

Equity and Diversity

Gabby: Talking about getting the word out about campus awards.

Student Affairs

Daleny: Talked about improving a club and focused on drafting the resolution for the experiential learning course. That resolution is almost done.

Membership

Julia: Working on finding staff representatives on campus assembly, and went over changes to campus assembly committees.

Curriculum

John: Discussed the campus wide gen ed discussion and talked about course reviews.

V. 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: Meeting tomorrow and will be planning for hosting a teach in about campus and university governance sometime in the end of February. Hoping to work with MCSA on this.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

For Information

1) [Food Rescue Sign-Up](#)

Vanessa: There is more food rescue days this semester. Today there will be food at the dining hall at 7:30, if you volunteer you can go in by the door by the Cstore and go in the offices that are off that hallway. It's easy to volunteer and it usually only takes about an hour to pack food.

Dylan: I highly encourage everyone to volunteer, it helps with food insecurity.

John: Will this continue for the rest of the semester?

Vanessa: Yes. Lily is graduating this year so we need volunteers

For Action

- 1) Vote to Approve Denisse Carreon as an At-Large Representative

Motion to approve Denisse Carreon as an At-Large Representative

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

- 2) Vote on [Student Sick Leave Resolution](#)

Grace: This resolution is that if students are sick and have to miss work they should still get paid.

Cameron: The reason students can't get sick leave is because they can only work up to 29 hours per week. Should we push for students to be able to work more hours and then get benefits?

Cal: I think that the problem isn't that the University is limiting hours students can work, it's that the University has worked to make it difficult for students to get by. This is less true here because the minimum wage is close to being able to get by, but that's not true in the Twin Cities. I think the solution isn't getting students to have to work more hours, I think it's about respecting students and giving them sick leave.

Julia: I agree with Cal, I don't want there to be a situation where only students who work 30+ hours per week get benefits.

Robert: I agree with Julia

Dylan: I think one of the reasons for the policy is to make the point that our jobs shouldn't take away from focusing on academics. Students shouldn't have to focus on work over school, even though that's a reality for a lot of students. Also, I think the last clause should be amended to cover all students working for independent contractors hired by the university.

Motion to approve the Student Sick Leave Resolution

- 1) Dylan Young
- 2) Griffin Peck
- 3) This motion passes unanimously

- 3) Vote on [Prairie Gala Fundraising Allocations](#), presented by Secretary Gabby Holboy

Gabby: I strongly recommend forum to vote for the SAGE Grant to raise money for. One Stop has said the SAGE Grant is in very high demand on our campus. We raised \$260 last year at the silent auction, which could be extremely helpful for someone. We can do a lot of good with the SAGE Grant.

Motion to Allocate all Prairie Gala funds to the Sage Grant

- 1) Dylan Young
- 2) John Barber
- 3) This motion passes unanimously

IX. Announcements

Noelle: Wednesday is a celebration of the composting facilities, dining services, and other folks have done. Oyate 11:30-12:15 there'll be free pizza and tomorrow will be a sustainability networking event over zoom with 3 alumni who have backgrounds in agriculture. Lily Sugimura sent an email with that information over UMMOfficial. Register for Self Sustain. The Office of Community Engagement is hiring child care workers for the ESL class. Apply if you know even a little spanish or want to work with kids.

Vanessa: La Union Latinx is having Loteria night from 8-9pm in the MRC lounge on Wednesday.

Dylan: On Wednesday I'll be presenting to the MN House of Representatives about campus, by tomorrow afternoon my presentation will be available for everyone to look at. Let me know if you have feedback on it.

X. Committee Time

XI. Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at 6:32pm February 14th 2022