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Memo to: MCSA Forum Members
From: MCSA Executive Committee
Subject: Forum Agenda for Monday, February 21st, 2022

The Forum will meet on Monday at 6:00 pm on 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 6:04 pm on February 21st, 2022

I. Approve Agenda

- 1) Julia Scovil
- 2) Dylan Young
- 3) This motion passes

II. Approve Minutes: [2.14.2022](#)

- 1) Julia Scovil
- 2) Zander Roemer
- 3) This motion passes

III. [Student Conduct Code](#) Discussion with Adrienne Conley

Adrienne Conley: About a year ago I talked with forum about the student conduct code, and if there was anything that should be changed, improved, or updated. We review the policy every 5 years. I took the feedback from MCSA and other groups that were consulted and shared it with the Twin Cities. Those are part of the red writing on the document, which are the proposed changes. We're consulting with a variety of groups, if you know any more that you think should be part of the consultative process let me know. We'll send any more feedback to the working

group and in early summer the Board of Regents will receive the changed version of the policy. In Fall of 2022 the updated policy will go into effect. Non inclusive language (fixing things with pronouns and clear description of discrimination/prohibited behavior) was removed from the code by an equity group in the Twin Cities. The definition of amnesty was added in the code more clearly and there were alternative resolutions and educative responses added in when violations happen. Also added some things pertaining to online school and other things were made more clear.

Dylan Young: Given the overall DEI audit in the conduct code, I think it would be appropriate to reach out to Black Student Union, Asian Student Union, CNIA, MoQSIE, La Union LatinX and other EDI organizations on campus for feedback.

Noelle Muzzy: Did the University add caste to protected characteristics? It's not listed, but students at the Twin Cities were working on getting that added to their conduct code.

Dylan Young: There's a resolution in the University Senate around that.

Cal Mergendahl: A senate resolution does not require the Board of Regents to act.

Grace Hitlner: Dave Israels-Swenson wanted us to ask about how the definition of student changed.

Adrienne Conley: A student is anyone who has taken a course or enrolled in an academic program in the past 3 years and hasn't transferred or graduated, including those who have shown intent to take classes in the university. That means you could break the conduct code before ever coming to campus, which is interesting.

Gabby Holboy: I partially like this definition of student because if someone does something bad after committing to a university, their acceptance can be revoked.

Cal Mergendahl: The disruptive behavior definition still seems a little broad. I'm not sure how it will be interpreted in action. I'm concerned around the section about participating in a campus demonstration. Adrienne will email Cal about how to word this concern.

Adrienne Conley: Rioting and disorderly conduct is under disruptive behavior because one action could fit under all three of these definitions.

Noelle Muzzy: What is the line between a peaceful protest and something that is too violent and will have repercussions?

Adrienne Conley: You can write directly on the document. Your feedback is important in shaping the document and I'll reach out to the other groups you suggested consulting. I will be checking the document up until Spring Break, but feel free to email me with any questions/concerns.

IV. President's Remarks

V. Committee Reports

MCSA Committees

Academic Affairs

Campus Relations

Gabby Holboy: Tomorrow Dylan, Grace, and I are meeting with Jen Hermann again.

Resources and Operations

Dylan Young: Tech fee is going fantastic.

Griffin Peck: Bryan Herrman said they were looking at installing individual dispensers for menstrual products in every bathroom on campus. There are over 400 bathrooms on campus so it is way too expensive to do that, so they will be doing baskets with menstrual products instead.

This could be done by the end of the semester. The Tech Fee application is live, we haven't received any applications yet.

Cal Mergendahl: When is the application due?

Griffin Peck: March 14th, which is the first Monday of spring break. We'll probably extend the deadline to Monday the 21st.

Student Services

John Barber: Committee members should have the outline open, we're going to try to go through some of that at the next meeting.

Executive Committee

Dylan Young: Focused on Prairie Gala at the last meeting. At the next meeting we'll figure out what to do with the remaining budget, and focus on what to do about off campus student work conditions.

First-Year Council

Denisse Carreon: We talked about making posters for the Earth Month Art Contest.

All University

Campus Assembly Committees

Finance

Kendra DeRosa: There will be a small percentage increase to all faculty wages, but the amount is less than inflation. Janet Shrunck Ericksen asked the committee about raising Morris's tuition above the board of regents recommended 1.75% increase to a 3.5% increase. We are against that. I have asked people across campus and they are against that. Dylan Young and Cal Mergendahl are also against this increase. Morris is staying at the 1.75% tuition increase.

Scholastic

Zander Roemer: We had a meeting with the student success team and learning center, we pretty much just got introductions done.

Consultative

Grace Hiltner: We talked about how the University is working on getting more students to attend and stay at the University. They're working on social media campaigns.

VI. Organization Reports

La Union LatinX (LUL)

Vanessa Mora: Noche de Baile, the dance, will be on April 15th from 7pm-12pm.

Black Student Union (BSU)

Grace Hiltner: The Soul Food dinner is this Wednesday in Oyate, go to that! Tickets are \$5

Circle of Nations Indigenous Association (CNIA)

Jade Allard: On Wednesday, we're trying to put together an event of watching a zoom about language revitalization.

Morris Queer Student Initiative for Equality (MoQSIE)

Grace Hiltner: They will be having a movie night on Friday and will be watching Moonlight.

Students for a Democratic Society (SDS)

Cal Mergendahl: We'll be meeting tomorrow at 7:45pm in either the Moc Flower Room or on Zoom to continue to plan the University and Campus governance teach in.

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

For Information

- 1) [Election Filing](#)

Grace Hiltner: Elections are open! The positions are President and Vice President, Student Senate, Student Senate Consultative, and Campus Assembly Reps. Tell your friends and get a lot of people to run!

Dylan Young: Everyone recruit your friends to run in the elections, it's the best way to get people involved in MCSA.

2) Prairie Gala Updates

Gabby Holboy: I'm preparing the agenda for the meeting tomorrow and meeting with Dave Israels-Swensen tomorrow morning as well.

3) Tuition Increase Discussion

Cal Mergendahl: Until students are getting a living wage and decent benefits to the point where they do not face food insecurity, I do not think we should increase tuition, even a 1.75% increase. I do know there is not much that can be changed about that now, but I will be putting an editorial in the UR about this on Friday.

Zander Roemer: What is the reason for bringing up an increase greater than the 1.75% tuition increase?

Griffin Peck: Bryan Herrmann said that the campus is in debt and has low enrollment, so we're having a hard time pulling ourselves out of that debt. Our campus doesn't have enough money and also doesn't have enough support from the Twin Cities to get out of our debt.

Dylan Young: I've talked to Cal and Kendra about drafting a resolution about this that we will be presenting at next Monday's forum and we will also be presenting that resolution at campus assembly. The final decision will be up to the Board of Regents.

Motion to table this discussion and continue it when we have the resolution

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

For Action

- 1) Letter on Extreme Winter Weather- Draft and Vote

Dylan Young: It does not make sense that classes did not go online or get canceled today since a lot of offices on campus were shut down. This is a letter to Bryan Herrmann, Peh Ng, and Janet Shrunck Eriksen explaining that it was difficult for off campus students to get to class today and asking for clarification/conversation around snow day policies. If anyone has testimonies or suggestions for changes to the letter please comment on the document.

Motion to approve inviting Peh Ng, Janet Schrunck Ericksen, and Bryan Herrmann to forum to discuss snow day policies

- 1) John Barber
- 2) Gabby Holboy
- 3) This motion passes

IX. Announcements

X. Committee Time

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting

- 1) Dylan Young
- 2) Gabby Holboy
- 3) This motion passes