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

The Forum will meet on Monday at 6:00 pm in Imholte 109 and 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

- I. Approve Agenda**
- II. Approve Minutes: [3.7.22](#)**
- III. President's Remarks**

- IV. Committee Reports**

MCSA Committees

Academic Affairs

April 7th during community hour will be an event about hunger awareness

Campus Relations

Gabby: April 9th 5-9pm is Prairie Gala. Tell everyone about it, and invite your family. Every item of food donated will be worth a raffle ticket. If you're in campus relations come to committee time. People can also make donations online. All of the money goes to the SAGE grant.

Resources and Operations

Griffin: Tech fee is coming up.

Student Services

John: Emailed Matt Hoekstra about the accessibility audit. We'll discuss accessibility during committee time today.

Executive Committee

Dylan: Planning for next year's initiatives. We'll discuss that the next few weeks.

First-Year Council

Grace: There will be an art contest for sustainability month

All University

Campus Assembly Committees

Membership

Julia: The last meeting was canceled due to elections. We're meeting this Thursday and we'll be working on committee placement of staff

Curriculum

John: We meet this Thursday and we're doing course reviews.

V. Organization Reports

La Union LatinX (LUL)

Denisse: April 15th from 8-12pm in Oyate is the Baile

Black Student Union (BSU)

Circle of Nations Indigenous Association (CNIA)

1) [Powwow Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

Jade: Powwow is happening April 2nd, sign up to volunteer at the link. Mat Vilanoo is giving a talk next Tuesday about boarding school next Tuesday the 28th 7pm?? In the HFA recital hall.

Everyone go to that!

Julia: In the past MCSA does a lot of volunteering at the Powwow, so please sign up for one of these spots! This is a way to support our community.

Dylan: Matt's lecture is one of the best ones I've been to.

Morris Queer Student Initiative for Equality (MoQSIE)

1) [Drag Show Tickets Available, Friday March 25 8:00 PM](#)

Jade: The Drag show is Friday, everyone should come! We are tabling and selling physical copies in the student center all week (and you can get prizes for buying tickets).

Griffin: Can you tip people?

Jay: due to covid we'll pass around a tip jar.

Jay: It is in Edson at 8pm, doors open 7:30pm

Students for a Democratic Society (SDS)

Cal: We're meeting tomorrow. National SDS is calling for a week of action against US involvement in the war in Ukraine, and we'll be discussing that. We'll also be working on our plans for next year.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

For information

1) Tech Fee *presented by Secretary Griffin Peck*

Griffin: Every year some of the student fees paid get put into this tech fee fund. We get this fund and get to decide what technology it will go to. It is supposed to support technology on campus. Everyone in forum are required to participate in tech fee. This Saturday the 26th is hearing day, where we will all be on zoom and hear the proposals for tech fee. On the 27th we'll be doing deliberations in person in the science auditorium. First we decide which proposals we think we should fund and then we find out how much money we have and where it should go.

Cal: How many proposals?

Griffin: 15. That's about 8 and 1/2 hours on Saturday. Sunday lasts as long as deliberations act

Henry: What happens if we can't stay the whole time?

Julia: If you can't be there the whole time on Saturday you need to read the proposals in your own time to be prepared for Sunday

Griffin: App closes at 11:59pm tonight and after that I'll make a schedule that will be emailed to all of you. I'll do my best to get that schedule out tomorrow morning.

Jay: Is it ok if we miss part of it?

Griffin: If you miss hearings make sure you read through the proposals. You're required to be there both days. The earliest we'll start is at 10am.

Dylan: In the past we have been strict about tech fee attendance. Last year you lost MCSA membership if you had an unexcused absence. I don't think that this would be the case this year, but we'll discuss this at exec. Take this seriously and please show up this weekend. If you will be absent, send an email to Grace, Dylan, and Briana. A legitimate absence is work, getting sick,

etc. Let's take tech fee very seriously because it is students money. The process needs to follow procedure and everyone should look at the Robert Rules cheat sheet in the google drive.

Griffin: This is unique that we get trusted with this much money. We get a portion of the tech fee amount, and in the future we could get more of that money. Doing this well establishes trust between MCSA and the administration, and in the future if we do this well we could possibly get more funds to fund the projects on campus. I strongly encourage everyone to come in person on deliberation day. If you absolutely have to join over zoom we'll work something out but please try to come in person. We'll record Saturdays presentations if anyone needs to watch them. We'll also have food on deliberation day.

2) UMN Advocacy Day

Dylan: UMN Advocacy Day is what was formerly called Support The U Day. It is on March 28th (next Monday). We've heard from Sue Dieder??, but we're unsure what's going on. We're planning on sending letters to legislators and raising the issue of the exclusion of system campuses.

Daleny Teske: Are we still tabling or just writing letters?

Dylan: I don't know yet. I'll have a response to that on Wednesday.

For action

1) [Vote on MCSA Letter Supporting HF 2856](#)

Dylan: In the MN House Legislature there is a bill that would establish Indigenous peoples day as a holiday, make some schools teach an hour about Indigenous peoples day, and replace Columbus day with Indigenous peoples day. I wrote this letter in support of the bill. Teaching about Indigenous people is good for everybody. A few members of CNIA and MCSA have cosigned. Schools that are in session on Indigenous peoples day would be required to teach about Indigenous tribes of Minnesota for an hour.

Jade: Fuck Christopher Columbus

Motion for forum to endorse the letter

1) Dylan Young

2) Cameron Berthiaume

This motion passes unanimously

2) [Vote on LGBT Resolution](#)

Dylan: In the MN house legislature and the rest of the country there are about 6 different LGBTQ discrimination bills. Most target trans peoples participation in sports. I don't these will make it to the house floor in MN, but we should take a stand against this bigotry. This resolution calls be protection of trans atheletes at UMM. Grace and I discussed doing an event around debunking myths and hateful ideas towards trans atheletes to inspire action against bills like this.

Motion for forum to endorse this resolution

1) Dylan

2) Gabby

Cameron: In this letter we're calling on Morris to do more, do we know what MORris is currently doing and should we be more specific?

Dylan: This is a good general start, and if this passes we would send it to appropriate parties and then discuss specific changes with them. We don't know what they're currently doing.

Julia: I think we should figure out what they're currently doing for trans atheletes. I like the idea of doing an event and we can reach out to SAC.

liz: This past fall and spring anti trans atheletic bills have been up, specifically in high schools. You should also check in with Mickey Jacobson and Scott Turnbull?. Last year I talked with people about proactive education and posters, but nothing came about.

John: Should the first resolution be generalized to all UMM athletes. How does the NCAA handle trans atheltes?

Julia: The current rule is that every sport can choose their own rules. Since it sounds like there's dialouge about protections in sports, we should get rid of the term better and just call for protection in sports.

Jade: Since we made changes and have other changes, should we table this until last week?

John: We can tentatively approve the resolution in general and then change language later.

Teske: What would happen after this?

Dylan: We would post this on our social media and it would be sent to Matt Johnson, Mikey, and other people in EDI.

Motion to update the resolution

1) John

2) Julia

3) This motion passes unanimously

IX. Announcements

Henry: This Thursday the political science club is watching Charly Wilson's War and there will be pizza, ice cream, and a fun discussion. It will be in the Cow Palace at 6:45pm and the movie starts at 7pm.

liz: Next Monday we have chef Melanie Myer here for women's history month. She'll be doing a live food demo and tasting with kimchi pancakes and a Korean hummus. Eat before the event, there will be small plates of food there as well.

X. Committee Time (if time)

XI. Adjournment