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**Memo to:** MCSA Forum Members  
**From:** MCSA Executive Committee  
**Subject:** Forum Agenda for Monday, April 4th, 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=QUhqVDduTTd6ZFY0ek5FenB5R1dkUT09>

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 April 4th, 2020.*

**I. Approve Agenda**

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

**II. Approve Minutes: [3.28.22](#)**

- 1) Daleney Teske
- 2) John Barber
- 3) This motion passes

**III. State of the Organization Report**

Dylan: I created a kahoot on the state of the org.

John: Motion to suspend the rules

2) Dylan

This motion passes

We played a kahoot and discussed MCSA's work during the past school year.

#### **IV. Committee Reports**

##### **MCSA Committees**

###### Academic Affairs

John: Motion to reinstate the rules

Grace: This motion passes

Vanessa: No update.

###### Campus Relations

Gabby: Prairie Gala is this Saturday 5-9mp, tell your friends and sign up to table.

###### Resources and Operations

Griffin: I'll talk about a tech fee emergency later.

###### Student Services

John: Wrapping things up and getting things reading for the next secretary.

###### Executive Committee

Dylan: Next week is the first forum for next year, so we're wrapping things up.

Cal: What are the requirements for those still in campus assembly?

Dylan: Showing up to forum is still recommended for campus assembly representatives.

###### First-Year Council

Denisse: The art contest is going on.

###### All University

###### DEI Representative

Biz: We have a CHP visit on Wednesday to talk about the scope of EDI on campus and in the university. They'll look at strengths and opportunities for growth.

##### **Campus Assembly Committees**

###### Campus Assembly

###### Finance

###### Scholastic

Zander: No updates.

###### Consultative

Madi: We met with Janet Shrunck Eriksen and talked about how we want to move forward with online classes. The Twin Cities wants us to be fully in person next year.

## **V. Organization Reports**

La Union LatinX (LUL)

Denisse: The dance is next Friday from 7-12.

Black Student Union (BSU)

Circle of Nations Indigenous Association (CNIA)

Jade: Powwow was this past weekend.

Morris Queer Student Initiative for Equality (MoQSIE)

Jay: No update.

Students for a Democratic Society (SDS)

Cal: Meeting tomorrow to discuss next year's plans.

## **VI. Old Business**

For Action:

- 1) Vote on Additional Prairie Gala Budget

Gabby: Catering costs a lot of money. We're asking for \$250 from our surplus to cover more of the food costs. Any leftover money will be donated to the SAGE Grant.

Dylan: This money will be coming from the Support the U Day budget.

Cal: Gabby can you send a link to the donation in the Discord again?

Gabby: Yes, I'll send it to the Discord again.

Cameron: Were we not allowed to donate directly to the SAGE grant?

Gabby: Dave explained an ethical way for us to do this. We can also donate our attendance fee to the SAGE grant. We're able to donate because the grant is within the university and it is managed by faculty.

Dylan: Motion to approve the allocation

- 2) Cameron Berthiaume
- 3) This motion passes

## **VII. New Business**

For Information

- 1) [Tech Fee Procedural Changes Discussion](#) *presented by Regents Representative Mergendahl*

Cal: Everyone can read through these suggested amendments on their own time. The goal of the proposal is to bring Tech Fee's procedures more in line with the ARFC's procedures. The ARFC allocates the student activity fee money. I've served on the ARFC the past two years, and I feel that making Tech Fee's procedures more like the ARFC's would make Tech Fee more efficient and workable. These proposals would have deliberation right after a presenter has presented (while the presenter is still there to answer questions). Another suggestion is to assign presentations a grade based on how well it fits the Tech Fee guidelines before the proposals. These suggestions also discuss when a general estimate of funds should be told. I think we should give some estimate before formal deliberations, because having a rough estimate of how much money there is to allocate will make the deliberations go more smoothly. This also discusses whether we should have Tech Fee as 1 or 2 days. 1 day is a long time to spend on this, and doesn't give people time to think about the information. 1 day would keep things fresh in people's minds and would help with scheduling purposes for students.

Julia: Would you recommend longer time slots if we have both presentations and deliberations with the presenter there in one phase/time slot.

Cal: The ARFC fits most proposals into 15 minute time slots. The longer presentations are given 30 minutes. I think it's reasonable to have 30 minute time slots.

Dylan: Since this is not in any of our bylaws, we can just come to an agreement on how we want to change the procedure, we don't need to pass any amendments.

liz: Aren't the ARFC hearings a few hours on Friday and then most of Saturday? It's a little more than 1 day?

Cal: Yes. There is time on Friday evenings, but I don't know if we would need that for Tech Fee. Most of that time last year was spent looking over non annual requests, so in theory the annual requests could just fit into one day and we would not need the extra time for Tech Fee.

Griffin: I support what Cal has presented and I think it will help Tech Fee run better. I think that these ideas are very good and it would be a good investment in the future to support this procedural change.

Julia: On the Feedback part 2, before covid deliberations would be done post forum the next Monday. I think we could just make the forum after tech fee be deliberations. What is the scale the ARFC uses to judge proposals? I think Tech Fee could just have a check/minus grading.

John: We use ABCDE and 1234 for ARFC proposals. Some of the criteria are how many students it will affect, on or off campus request, and other things that clarify what the money will be used for. It's a rubric.

Dylan: Everyone make comments on the document. We'll make the decision on this either in exec or with the new forum.

Grace: Thank you Cal.

#### For Action

##### 1) Tech Fee Emergency

Griffin: Lisa withdrew her proposal because Peh Ng has found alternate funding for the project. We thought about letting this money go towards next years tech fee, but Bill and Dave said that the funding should be reallocate for a project this year because the funds came from currently enrolled students. We now have \$506 to reallocate. Motion to reallocate the funding from Lisa's proposal to fully fund the theater lighting upgrade and any of the extra money can go towards

##### 2) Dylan

Gabby: I think this money should go to KUMM because it sounded like other groups could fund through other sources.

Cameron: I think this money could go to the microwave proposal.

John: This money does not disappear if we don't spend it, the money we don't spend will go to next year's Tech Fee. I don't want to deliberate on this, moving forward this money next year will be similar. We could recommend that any of this years proposals will be funded by this leftover money next year.

Julia: I agree with John. If we have an extra \$500 next year we could put that towards the microwaves this year.

Griffin: Bill and Dave recommended that we don't do that. If we decide to push it forwards it may be a problem.

Cal: As much as I support using the money for this years proposals and that the proposals were good, I think we should all vote on this proposal.

Kendra: Instead of allocating the money to one of the proposals, should we split the money between all of the proposals.

Griffin: My reasoning is that the amount cut from the theater upgrade was \$480, so we can use this money to fully fund the theater upgrade. Every proposal would get \$46 if we go with Kendra's idea.

Jay: I think we should move the money forward because it will make things easier for the current forum and most of us will be back to address this next year.

Cal: The amount that is cut here was from the initial partial allocation. This money would not fully fund the proposal. Call to question

Second: Cameron

This motion passes

Motion to use the \$506 to the theater proposal

This motion fails

Dylan: Motion to keep this money for next year

Kendra: Second

Gabby: call to question

This motion passes

Motion to keep this money for next year

This motion passes (Griffin abstains)

## **IX. Announcements**

Julia: It's Biz's birthday! Happy Birthday Biz!!!

Vanessa: Hunger awareness event with free food in the Student Center Cougar Room (one of the parts of Oyate) from 11:40-12:40 this Thursday.

Henry: Political science club has a seminar not this Thursday, but next Thursday.

John: If you want to come to a facilities meeting with Bryan Hermann talk to me.

**X. Committee Time**

**XI. Adjournment**

Grace: This meeting adjourned at 6:57pm