MCSA Forum minutes 09/26/2022

Morris Campus Student Association

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Memo to: MCSA Forum Members
From: MCSA Executive Committee
Subject: Forum Agenda for Monday, September 26th, 2022.

The Forum will meet on Monday at 6:00 pm in Imholte 109 (Cow Palace) and on Zoom.

Zoom link: Please mute yourself when not speaking or voting.

Zoom Passcode: Pounce22

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.

I. Approve Agenda
   1) DaleneTeske
   2) Shelby Maloney
   3) This motion passes

II. Approve Minutes: 9_19_22
   1) Daleney
   2) Sam
   3) This motion passes

III. President’s Remarks presented by President Young

Dylan: We had our second food odyssey this weekend. Thank you to Allie and Sam for driving for the food odyssey, and thanks to Jay and the student services committee for organizing the event. We also had the first 1st year council of the year. Some of the initiatives we started planning were related to dining services and housing. I’m excited to work with our campuses new leaders. The student senate retreat also happened this weekend.
Henry: The committee I’m on is looking at finances. We’re looking at how the maximum wage effects undergraduate and graduate students. Henry Houser brought up our infrastructure issues, and it sounds like that will become a priority this year.

Dylan: There’s going to be culture hour in Imholte this week. Two of the speakers will be freshmen who are in MCSA which is awesome! Bonita Young will be giving a presentation on family practices and Nani Mahkuk-Guaman will be giving gender and boarding schools. The culture hour will be from 4:30-5:30pm this Friday.

IV. Committee Reports

MCSA Forum Committees

a. Academic Affairs
Kianna: We’re finishing up brainstorming on the project for getting a physical space on campus to teach about boarding schools. We’re going to have a drafted resolution. Tonight we’re going to go over the outline for that and get input.

b. Student Services
Jay: We’re going to be working on a debrief on the food odyssey and starting a survey for student workers to get a grasp on what support they need and what they want to see changed.

c. Campus Relations
Gabby: We have a list of focuses we’ll be doing for get out the vote around reproductive health rights. I’m also working on a resolution to get Narcan and/or other things similar to that. If that’s something your interested in I’ll share it with you. We currently only have 3 people on campus with Narcan.

d. Resources and Operations
Daleney: We’re working on the resolution for access to reproductive resources, specifically around education and safety.

Campus Assembly Committees

1. Steering
Gabby: We’re working on the resolution affirming that UMM supports the Truth and Healing Commision.
Noelle: That legislature asks the federal government to make a commission to search the schools and work on ways to correct the damage that was done in boarding schools.

Shelby: We also planned out the campus assembly meetings for this week. They’re meeting with a potential donor.

2. Planning

Daleney: We talked about alcohol laws and fun places to hangout on campus.

3. Equity and Diversity

4. Student Affairs

Hal: We met and Simon gave us information on student engagement and how it hasn’t been as bad. We’ve also been discussing the “fun gap” and gaps in student engagement. There’s been talk that faculty could get involved with things students plan.

5. Finance

6. Scholastic

7. Consultative

8. Curriculum

V. Organization Reports

Circle of Nations Indigenous Association (CNIA)

Margot: Wear an Orange shirt on September on the 30th, which is this Friday. This is for Boarding School Rememberance day. There’s a tye dye happening on Wednesday from 6-8pm outside GP for people to make orange shirts.

Morris Queer Student Initiative for Equality (MoQSiE)

VI. Old Business

For Information

1) Updated Retreat Date and Time
   a) October 10th, 6 - 8:30 PM

Noelle: We’re going to have a meal from Sodexo, if there’s Sodexo food you like let us know in the discord.

For Action

1) Approval of appointed positions
   a) Government Relations Officer: Nani Mahkuk-Guaman
   b) SSICC Representative: Henry Hauser
Dylan: Motion to approve the Gov Relations Officer and SSCC Representatives as a slate

2) Daleney Teske

This motion passes

3) Resolution on $15 Maximum Wage presented by President Young

Dylan: We’ve found out students aren’t able to make more than $15 per hour and we’re trying to meet with administrators.

Henry: Is this only for Morris or system wide?

Noelle: This is only at Morris.

Daleney: Bryan said they’re working on getting staggered wages where student workers could make more than that.

Shebly: It sounds like they’ve cut hours to balance out the higher pay

Captain: My hours were cut

Gabby: For TRIO we just didn’t hire as many people. For my other job there’s a stricter cap on how many hours we can work. I think TRIO will be better next year because we’ll be able to get more funding.

Lindsey: I work for the center of small towns. None of the community partners that we work with were aware of this raise before it was mandatory, so some of the community partners pulled out. It doesn’t sound like this was transparent with offices on campus.

Dylan: Friendly ammendment to the resolution: making it clear that we want all campus community members to have more transparency, including community partners.

Motion to approve the resolution pending the previously suggested changes

1) Daleney Teske

2) Sam Lindholm

3) This motion passes

Noelle: If there’s anything you want changed on the resolution you can let us know.

VII. New Business

VIII. Announcements

a. Orange Shirt Tie-Dye presented by DEI Officer Sierra

   i. Wednesday, September 28 at 6-8 PM

Paisely: We’re going to have another tie dye event. We’ll have shirts there, but bring your own if you have one.
b. Peer Health Educator Triad Leader - Mental and Physical Health
   i. Responsible for planning for events around mental/physical health
   ii. $300 stipend per semester
   iii. Contact Jennifer Huntley (huntleyj@morris.umn.edu) for more information

Noelle: There are three Peer Health Educators on campus who plan events around physical and mental health. They’re looking for one more student worker, if you’re interested or have questions you can contact Jennifer Huntley or me or Dylan can get you in contact with the other Peer Health Educators.

Dylan: MCSA is also working with the PHEs and they will be working on the reproductive health resolution with us.

Noelle: There are two campus assembly meetings this week, one on Tuesday and one on Thursday. They’ll only be on zoom, let us know if you didn’t get that. There’s also a film festival at the movie theater this week.

IX. Committee Time

- Dave emailed back about the LaFave house and I have to meet with him at somepoint this week (I can schedule that). There’s a $25 cost to rent the house, do we need a purchase order for that? (talk to Karis about purchase order)