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MCSA Forum minutes 11/14/2022

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Minutes taken by Captain/Cameron Berthiaume

President's remarks (Dylan Young):

Had lunch with Steve Sviggum with some other students. Sviggum was invited to showcase diversity as a strength on campus. Dylan says Sviggum came with different intentions. For the first half of the lunch, students told their stories, where they come from, why they came to Morris, challenges faced, aspirations after Morris. Good job on that. Dylan says he wanted to give a space to reflect on those things. Sviggum interrupted mid-sentence and shifted conversation to what people had to say about his comments in the Regents meeting (not planned). Talking points that we've all heard during the last month. Dylan says he thinks we were looking for some kind of apology. Instead, Sviggum focused on defending himself. Dylan says thanks to Sviggum for accepting the invite and it's unfortunate it didn't go "the way it should have". Dylan was hoping for some kind of closure. Dylan does not believe that Sviggum supports diversity. Dylan will be meeting with EDI orgs on campus to get their opinions on how to move forward and will be meeting with others as well. The chancellor search committee and Pres. Gabel were on campus for listening sessions.

Muthu recapped the chancellor listening session: mostly that it was a wishlist of what we were looking for in a new chancellor, Gabel doing "broad gesturing" as administrator. She also said she was charging the committee and then stepping back. We raised issues about listening to student concerns and more which I cannot type fast enough with a good enough memory to type. Gabel said Morris won't be closing.

There was a student listening session earlier today. The consensus is that communication was poor and getting the invite out was badly done. Dylan notes that there were barely any students at the event and expressed amusement. Dylan brought up worker's issues, rising cost of tuition, dealing with complicated history at Morris and reckoning with it, and supporting a diverse institution. Gabel will be coming to a forum in the future! Maybe next semester. Dylan says to think of questions and comments for Gabel.

Noeele Muzzy: there is a chancellor search website up with a Google form for questions and comments. The comments don't go to the search committee. Search committee members have a lot of classified information

Amalia Galvan's sustainability forum updates: lots of room at the after party for research/student demonstrations, etc. More was said but I didn't get it down. People are encouraged to sign up to table.

Motion to approve Muthu as senator passed, Muthu approved as UMN Senator

Noelle Muzzy: A Campus Assembly Representative just resigned. :(Asked for nominations.

Amalia Galvan was nominated. Amalia declined. Amy nominated, she accepted. Motion to approve passed, Amy now Campus Assembly Rep.

Campus Assembly Committee Updates

[Somebody may have said something here]

Kendra DeRosa: Finance committee met. Numbers not looking good, COVID still dropping numbers. However, there may be an uptick in intntl students coming? Hoping to project growth

Muzzy: Consultative met, engagement and athletics were discussed

Scholastic met but I didn't get to say anything before we moved on lol

MCSA Committees

Dylan's committee (I don't remember what that is) will be looking at resolution on hiring more diverse faculty and staff

Resources and Ops will be looking at sustainability forum stuff

Student Services will be discussing Food Odyssey, which happened, Jay will bug folks about tabling, maybe join Noelle afterwards

Campus Relations: Noelle is chairing tonight, will maybe go to student center and make stuff for sustainability forum

Announcements:

Muzzy: Boarding school teach-in happening Nov 19

Dylan notes that it is an annual event with new presentations every year. Brenda Child is keynote speaker this year

Muzzy: Dance ensemble performance coming up.

[cheering related to heels dancing]

Dylan: American Disability Act Coordinator is visiting campus on Friday and there will be a lunch in the TMC with MCSA from noon to one. People are invited, GCal invite will be sent. Another event: Jaydee? Burton and someone else will be in town, probably a lunch. Meeting will be about govt relations w/ university. People are invited

Hal Johnson: This Thursday, there will be a poetry reading. 5PM in McGinnis room. Another poetry reading (marathon) - Friday, Alumni Room in student center. Hal begs people to sign up.

Dylan: Hal will be performing at the reading. So will Dylan maybe depending on exec.

Shelby Maloney : Panel on affirmative action here at 7 tonight. There will be a post election discussion in the future as well. There will be snacks

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