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MCSA Forum minutes 12/05/2022

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Memo to:	Members of MCSA Forum
From:	MCSA Executive Committee
Subject:	MCSA Forum Meeting 12.5.22

Join in Cow Palace at 6PM or on Zoom ([Zoom](#) passcode: Pounce22, please mute when not speaking or voting. All students are welcome and can join in discussion, but only voting members can make motions and vote. List of voting members can be found [here](#).)

I. For Action: Vote to Approve Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes
1) Motion to approve today's agenda
2) Shelby
3) ???
4) This motion passes

Motion to approve the minutes as a slate

       A. Forum Minutes 11.28.2022 ([link](#))

       B. Forum Minutes 11.7.2022 ([link](#))

       C. Forum Minutes 10.31.2022 ([link](#))

1) Henry Hubred
2) Gabby Holboy

II. State of the Organization Address

Dylan: The state of the organization is strong. We started the year with one of the most exciting first year elections, and each of the members, Amy, Rachael, Muthu, Bonita, have shown great leadership and care for their peers. This is the most diverse first year council we've had in awhile, which is also a strength. On National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding schools we encouraged students to wear orange shirts and we had tye die events for that. Special thanks to Paisley and Madi for organizing that. We also wrote a resolution calling the Univeristy to create a plan to Indiginize locations on campus. The resolution calls to update the display case in the student center to capture the scope of the harm done by the industrial school. The

second thing the resolution calls for is to have an Anashanabe artist work with students on campus to paint a mural in the TMC. The resolution has a lot of support from various staff and faculty. Recognizing the impacts of the boarding school is one of this administrations top priorities. During election season, one of the most important things we did was organizing a debate between local candidates. Thank you to Nani, Noelle, and Shelby and the political science club for planning the debate and getting out the vote. During elections we also wanted to remind everyone that reproductive rights was important in this election. Thank you to Gabby, Daleney, and the R+O committee for working on getting out the vote related to reproductive health care. Delaney has been working hard to get a birth control vending machine on campus. This semester we also continued the food odyssey, which were trips to Alexandria and . The MCSA food odyssey is the most well known food service on campus according to a survey. Thank you Jay and your committee for organizing that, and we're hoping to also get ARFC funding for this next year. The sustainability forum was the most ambitious event MCSA has ever done. Thank you Amalia for putting all of that together. Also thank you to Delaney and the R+O committee. In the upcoming Board of Regents election, MCSA will have a lot to say on who should be in those seats. We'll have more plans on this soon. Thank you to our BOR rep Hal for representing Morris students well. Thank you all, I have a lot of fun being MCSA president. This semester has been strange, but I think it has turned out very well.

   III.   Letter for Higher Education Funding (From United Coalition) ([link](#))
- A. Description: This letter argues for the importance of the governor following through on the State of Minnesota's promise that a student should only have to pay ⅓ of the costs of higher education, and encourages Governor Walz to allocate $1 billion in his budget for higher education in his budget that will be voted on by the legislature.

Noelle: This letter calls the president

Motion to sign the letter as MCSA

1) Captain Berthiaume
2) Gabby Holboy

3) This motion passes

IV.   Sustainability Forum Reflection

    A. If you haven't taken the survey please do ([link](#))

Amalia: I saw a lot of networking and relationship building happening at the forum. One of my goals was to expand people's view on sustainability and I heard some people learn about how broad sustainability is. Some people also commented that it was nice to get exposed to new speakers on campus.

Noelle: If you went to the Sustainability Forum fill out the survey. The survey will help us get funding and plan for next year.

Noelle: If you were at the forum, I recommend wearing a mask until the 12th and testing for covid on the 8th. We had one attendee test positive for covid. The forum was inspiring, thank you Amalia for all the work, and thank you Daleney and R+O.

V.   Tech Fee Changes

    A. 📄 Technology Fee Guidelines - Proposing Change Dec 2022

Noelle: Tech fee is an opportunity for anyone to apply to get funding for technology on campus. Then we decide what proposals get funded. R+O looks through the proposals, but everyone can read through the guidelines over break. We want to add in a question to the funding application that asks how the applicants

Henry: Would that get rid of proposals (like cookware) that don't relate to accessibility?

Noelle: I don't think so. Accessibility is pretty broad, so the argument could be made cookware makes food accessible.

Dylan: This new clause would function like the sustainability part of the guidelines. This new guideline would be to just make proposals try to follow universal design. For some proposals we may also decide that accessibility isn't as important of a concern, it would be up to forum. We wouldn't automatically throw out a proposal

Henry: So this is more of a recommendation?

Noelle: The guideline calls for an effort to be made for accessibility

liz: You could also add in that guideline a requirement about disability justice. People have different definitions about accessibility, so you might want to add in your definition of accessibility into the guideline.

Henry: The way this is worded, I think people writing proposals would think that this was a requirement and that certain proposals would get denied by not exactly meeting the guideline.

Motion to add in ??? to the clause on sustainability

1) Captain
2) Daleney

Motion to add a clause about accessibility into Tech Fee guidelines

1) Daleney
2) Gabby

Shelby: I'm a little confused by what our definition of accessibility is in the guidelines. I really like the principle of the idea, but I think people writing the proposals would be confused on how to relate their applications to this accessibility guideline.

Henry Hauser??: Wouldn't every proposal be able to make the argument that by buying this new technology there would be more access to technology for students? Could people just propose any sort of technology they want?

Henry Hubred: I think some of those concerns are already addressed in previous guidelines.

Dylan: Suggested added guideline: Must show reasonable efforts to increase physical accessibility and advance disability justice on campus

i. [INCLUDE DEFINITION OF DISABILITY JUSTICE]

Motion to approve the two previous motions as a slate

1) Shelby Maloney
2) Captain Berthiaume
3) This motion passes

VI.   Policing and Public Safety Survey ([link])

Everyone took the survey individually.

VII.   Announcements

Captain: Tomorrow 7:45pm Mocassin Flower room, Gripes and Glasses is going on.

SDS is hosting a discussion with free snacks (cookies and mocktails) about what it's like to be a student worker. The goal is to build solidarity among student workers.

Gabby: Yule Ball is Saturday 8pm-midnight. The table in the student center has stickers and chocolate frogs. Yule Ball is free.

The NASS talent show is 6-8pm on Wednesday

VIII.   Semester Reflection

       A. Survey (link)

Noelle: Fill out this anonymous survey.

 IX.   Goal Discussion

       A. Notes (link)

We discussed goals and took notes on the above doc.