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Memo to: Members of MCSA Forum

From: MCSA Executive Committee

Subject: MCSA Forum Meeting 11.28.23

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. **Vote to Approve Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes**

> Vote to Approve Agenda
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> Motion Passed

A. Minutes ([link](#))

> Minutes Accepted

II. **President's Remarks**

Two resolutions sent out. Noelle has been taking care of presidential duties for the last week due to personal conflicts. Funded aty 12,100 dollars which is 250 lower than our request. Largest issue is the stipend increases, which shouldn't exceed 8,500 dollars. Our proposal met this mark exactly. Our budget was ok except for the stipends. Money will be cut from stipends first. How it will be cut is the main factor now. Whether from the Vice/Presidents only, or from everyone's by about $8. People who are graduating should not be a part of this decision. Next MCSA Administration will decide what to do with that money. This year was asking for 2,000 more but we managed to get actual funding for the food odyssey. Got a secretary hired. Unfortunately compensation is linked to student fees.

III. **Vote to Approve Prairie Gala Funding**

A. Options include MCSA Emergency Fund or SAGE grant

1. Annual fundraiser and we have to decide where to put the money. Either the MCSA or SAGE grant. MCSA can be applied for through student activities up to $200. The SAGE grant is another emergency fund for people who need money and can receive up to $1,000. MCSA fund has not been used in recent time and was relatively unknown before now.
2. Dylan moved to put funding for the MCSA Emergency Fund
3. Because the SAGE grant has a 1,000 cap and this allows people to get money from the SAGE grant and the MCSA fund.
4. The SAGE grant is the most funded and has been gaining popularity/support. The MCSA fund is unknown to others and would need to be advertised so students know about the fund. Possible solution is a pamphlet with a QR Code to make access easy and known.
5. MCSA and SAGE Grant fulfill very similar roles.
6. Motion Passed

IV. **Vote to Approve Meditation Spaces Resolution (link)**
   A. Description: This resolution asks to create meditation spaces in more dorms than just Indy and updating them to have more cultural items
      1. Want to create a list of educated people about various cultures to allow students to ask questions if they want to. The current meditation space is very bare with only a desk and a mat on the floor. Hopes to get more attention to them for use. Look to update the smudging policy to expand it for more circumstances. Looking to add more firekeepers to prevent accidents and to minimize risk without disrespecting anyone.
      2. Space should be an unoccupied dorm room to allow for more space instead of the small space in Indy. Apartments are added in the resolution but logistics still need to be worked out.

     3. Dylan Motions to approve

     4. Muthu Seconds

     5. Motion Passed

V.   **UMN Advocacy Day Update**

    A. [Sign-Up link](#)

      1. February 23rd is the day to go to the capital to meet with legislators and talk about funding. Can drive up yourself unofficially. Will be an all-day event. Speak to professors beforehand if missing a class. Tabling with the university, while doing this pairs will meet lawmakers and talk about student related legislation. Talk about what Morris students want from legislation.

VI.   **Resolution on 24/7 Access to MRC Lounge ([link](#))**

    A. Description: This resolution asks for us to have 24/7 access to the MRC lounge as there is a food shelf, ceremonial items, and free printing that students need at all hours.

      1. Motion to table by Dylan

      2. Seconded by Cameron

      3. Motion Passed

VII. **Letter Supporting HF 1143 ([link](#))**

    A. Description: This letter supports a house and possible senate bill that will fund updates to the MRC including an elevator and a new HVAC system.

      1. Motion to table by Dylan

      2. Seconded by Cameron

      3. Motion Passed

VIII. **Committee Reports**

    A. Campus Assembly Committee

      1. Elections: Add the ability to share a person's information on social media by a certain date. Elections are opening up soon.

      2. Campus Assembly is meeting tomorrow

B. MCSA Committee

1. Election Commission: Form to enter election is prepped to go live on Wednesday

a) Link to view: https://forms.gle/vV55Adt6rN8zpak59

2. Will be going over boarding school locations.

IX. **Announcements**

$500 stipend for being a WGL next semester, apply now if interested.

Thanks to everyone who came to the fashion show, tomorrow there will be cake celebration interracial and same-sex marriage 11am-1pm.

Search email for campus climate survey and fill it out, takes 15 minutes.