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### **MCSA Forum minutes 04/03/2023**

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**Memo to:** Members of MCSA Forum  
**From:** MCSA Executive Committee  
**Subject:** MCSA Forum Meeting 4.03.23

**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**

- A. Motion to approve agenda Maya
- B. Seconded Gabby
- C. Motion Passed
- D. Motion to approve last week's minutes Gabby
- E. Seconded Muthu
- F. [Minutes link](#)
- G. Motion passed

**II. Budget Reallocation**

In our budget there is 270 dollars that haven't been used for advertising, and is asking for 200 dollars to use in the bookstore for prairie gala

Motion to approve budget change Nani

Seconded Daleney

Discussion: Previous discussion was to reduce spending for prairie gala to below \$1,000 so what changed to make the budget go over that. Drawings were very popular last year so having more and better prizes would help this

Motion Passed

**III. Vote to Approve Resolution on Graduation Donation Program ([link](#))**

- A. Description: Asks for the University to maintain a program that collects unwanted caps and gowns and reuses them for the incoming class to

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access without cost. An option to purchase gowns will be available as well, but you will be able to charge it to your student account.

- B. Meeting with Dave this week about logistics of charging to student account primarily because it does not cause a cost warning.
  - C. Motion to approve Dylan
  - D. Seconded Muthu
  - E. Changes in robe design may discourage using high school graduation robes. There is also not a dress code policy for graduation. Simone is not fully on board with the idea, and that the robe is of nostalgic value. Talk of disinfectant spray for the upkeep of robes and caps.
  - F. Motion Passed
  - G. Daleney abstains
- IV. Vote to Approve Resolution on Dakota Language Professor ([link](#))**
- A. Description: Asks the University to hire a Dakota language professor to teach in person Dakota classes.
  - B. Motion to approve Nani
  - C. Seconded Allie
  - D. Motion Passed
- V. Discussion on Student City Council Summit ([link](#))**
- A. Meeting with Exec from 7-8 on Wednesday in Welcome Center
  - B. Talk about what student government what and what initiatives are being done. What the city government does, and things we may ask them to do differently. Openness to having a polling place on campus. Sending out an email about the meeting. Talk about student worker survey, especially for off-campus. Also, talk about the election of the new city manager and what their goals are. Sustainability talks. Transit fee discussion since the referendum failed and there is not broad support from the student body. Tribal IDs not being accepted as a valid government ID even though it is.
  - C. Public Meeting for Student Body from 8-9 in Welcome Center
- VI. Prairie Gala Update**

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- A. Volunteers Needed ([link](#))
  - B. Need people to help set up and tear down the event. Every 30 minutes you volunteer you can receive a drawing ticket.
  - C. Could use extra money from Prairie Gala budget for food shelf donations.
  - D. Reach out to friends, professors, staff, and others to help donate and attend.
  - E. Donate here at [z.umn.edu/SAGEgrant](http://z.umn.edu/SAGEgrant)
- VII. State of the Org Address ([link](#))**
- Thanks and recognize Reign Doty for stepping into the Executive Assistant role midway through the year. Progress done for students on the campus with the help of everyone in MCSA. Wanted organization to be run by a strong and united front. Create an agenda made by students, and made a bunch of goals for each organization, and most of these goals have been completed or are in the works. Funded the organization for one of the largest budgets since 2010. Some of these things include funding for things such as boarding school remembrance day, increases for sustainability forums, and fully fund 4 food odysseys to Wilmar that are more affordable and inclusive. Thanks to Noelle and Kianna for representing MCSA to receive this funding. Last semester we learned that not everyone is in support of inclusion, so we made an effort to show the campus our devotion to diversity. This is the most diverse student body that MCSA has ever had. Paisley has been working to complete a report on the diversity of MCSA. A celebration of diversity, and that had filled the TMC almost to capacity. Amy and Nani as freshman have been great leaders and have passed legislation to leaders to help address issues on campus. Supporting everyones health in all perspectives. A very successful food odyssey that shall be continued in future. This has been one of the most exciting things to be done. Furthermore, there is successful funding for cookware in dorm halls. This will be very important especially in freshman dorms. Another change to dorms is the passing of meditation spaces in each dorm hall for people to practice spiritual practices.

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In the fall passed a resolution to make Narcan more readily available and are likely in a small rural area to overdose on opioids. Funding for a emergency contraceptive vending machine to help support students' reproductive health. Emails will be sent out to help communication between professors and students. Passing of the letter that would allow students excused absences for mental health reasons. Making sure that the campus acknowledges the school's history and for spaces that teach about the campus' history. Now have a secretary of external affairs that allows for reaching out to senators as a student body. Passed a letter that would upgrade the MRC. Thank members of MCSA and the student body for their hard work this last semester. Serving as the president of MCSA has been one of the greatest experiences in his life.

**VIII. Committee and Org Reports**

R&O: Met with Tony who was receptive to our issues but was avoidant of certain questions. The biggest thing that has come out of it is that there was more attention given to food products during making.

Community Affairs: Grab hand-outs for Prairie Gala.

Academic Affairs: Finished resolution for assisted hearing technology.

**IX. Announcements**