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Morris, Minnesota 56267

Memo to: Members of MCSA Forum
From: MCSA Executive Committee
Subject: MCSA Forum Meeting 04.01.24

Join in Cow Palace at 6PM 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 Minutes**
 - A. Minutes link
 - B. Agenda
 1. Bethanie
 2. Bella
 3. Passed
 - C. Minutes
 1. Bella
 2. Bethanie
 3. Passed
- II. **President's Remarks**
- III. **Old Business**
 - A. [Letter](#) to Morris Professors- Presented by *Secretary of Academic Affairs*
 1. Gabby
 2. Ella
 3. Passed
- IV. **New Business**
 - A. [PELRA](#)
 - B. Max Korth, student senator-elect
 1. Motion to remove Max Korth tabled for next forum
 - a) Motion made by Hal
 - b) Amy
- V. **Organization Reports**
- VI. **Committee Reports**
- VII. **Announcements**
 - A. Next Monday is the Holboy-Big Crow final forum!
 - B. [Join MCSA on Campus Groups](#)
 - C. [Powwow Setup](#)
- VIII. **Adjournment**
 - A. Gabby

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Committee time immediately following adjournment

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Memo to: *University of Minnesota-Morris Faculty*

From: *MCSA Academic Affairs Committee*

Date: *3/25/2024*

Subject: *Weight of testing and finals on students overall grades*

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Dear University of Minnesota-Morris Faculty,

First and foremost, the Morris Campus Student Association (MCSA) would like to acknowledge and appreciate the hard work that you do. The last several years have been difficult, and we understand this. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the results of the survey MCSA did this semester on the weight of testing and finals on students overall grades. Forty-nine students responded to this survey.

The primary outcomes of the survey are as follows: no student responses indicated that finals are not weighed heavily enough on their grade; every respondent either indicated that their finals are “just right” or “too much” of their grade. The majority of students tend to believe that finals should be worth 20-30% of their grade at most. When asked whether a final test or a final project was more desired, students tended to prefer projects to mitigate test anxiety.

We hope that you take these student perspectives into account when you work on the grading scales in your courses for future semesters. Additionally, we hope that you will provide a deeper explanation to students of why a final project/exam weighs what it does to mitigate feelings of finals weighing too much. If you would like to read through student survey responses, please let us know. We would be happy to share them with you. Thank you, and please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

-MCSA Academic Affairs Committee & Morris Campus Student Association