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MCSA Forum minutes 09/09/2024

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Memo to: Members of MCSA Forum
From: MCSA Executive Committee
Subject: MCSA Forum Meeting 09.9.24

Join in Turtle Mountain Cafe 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:** Meeting called to order at 6:01pm. Secretary Selig moved to approve the agenda, member Varney seconded agenda. Agenda passed
- II. **Vote to Approve [Minutes](#):** President Tollefsrud moved to approved, member Varney seconded the minutes. Minutes passed
- III. **President remarks:** President Tollefsrud gave remarks, welcomed everyone to the forum, and explained that today's focus will be committee time.
- IV. **Old Business**
 - A. Position vacancies
 1. Executive Assistant ([Apply Here](#))
 2. Campus Assembly Representatives Vacancies (11)
 - a) First Year Council Representatives(4)
 3. Parliamentarian:
 4. Sustainability Officers (2) ([Apply Here](#))
 5. Student Representative to the Board of Regents ([Apply Here](#))
 - a) **Erin Maher has been nominated as the student representative for the board of regents.**
 - b) **Erin Maher passes as student representative to the board of regents, all voting members voted yes.**
 6. Minnesota Student Legislative Coalition Representatives ([Apply Here](#))
 - B. Riley and Skylar meeting with student engagement about voting initiatives
 1. Will have a discussion at forum in a couple weeks after we have more info and context
 - a) **At the moment, Riley and Skylar are waiting to push any voting initiatives until they meet with SEE**
- V. **New Business**
 - A. First year council election update - yay!

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1. Encourage first-year interests in this in the meantime
 - a) We need an election commissioner in order to have the election
 - (1) **Encourage first-year interest. Talk to friends about running for a position.**
 - (2) **Josie: Do we have any posters set up yet?**
 - (3) **Skylar: No, but that is something that we can work on.**
- B. Election Commissioner needed
 1. This is a priority for MCSA. This is a position that is needed to have the first-year election that will be posted soon.
 - a) **Shai Olsen: Can people hold more than one position?**
 - b) **Skylar: Yes and no. It depends on the position. For more information, see Skylar.**
 - c) **Can not seek any office during service but will be a voting member**
 - d) **Alwin Lor is nominated by Hannah Selig. Alwin is nominated by the forum, and Secretary Selig abstains.**
 - e) **Elaina Varney is nominated by Elaina Varney. Elaina Varney is nominated to the forum.**
- C. Campus Assembly Representative Nominations:
 1. **Malak Rawash was nominated to the forum by President Tollefsrud and passed with no objections.**
 2. **Miriam Rawash was nominated to the forum by President Tollefsrud and passed with no objections.**
 3. **Connor Kuhn was nominated to the forum by Vice President Harteneck and passed with no objections.**
- D. Sustainability Officer Nomination:
 1. **Henry Hietpas was nominated by President Tollefsrud and passed with no objections.**
- E. [Climate action plan advisory committee](#)
 - a) Goes until May
 - b) Unknown commitment time
 - c) Student reps wanted (2)
 - (1) **Clement Loo: This is a system-wide initiative to help the campus be as climate-neutral and resilient as possible.**
 - (2) **Vice President Harteneck: The chancellor would appreciate two student reps on this committee**

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F. Adjunct Committees (Campus Assembly Reps)

1. Steering committee
2. Curriculum committee
3. Equity and diversity
 - a) Campus reps are expected to serve on this committee. Students serve on these committees and give a voice to the student body.
 - b) President Tollefsrud: The consultative committee has also specifically requested that a student be on the committee.
 - c) Erin Maher: Do you need to be a member to serve on committees?
 - d) Vice President Harteneck: Going to check on that for the future.
 - e) Nona Harrison: Where can I find information about committees?
 - f) Clemen Loo: Speak to Clement about Committees and

Info about Committees from Clement Loo:

- 4. Steering: Takes issues and problems and brings them to the general assembly**
- 5. Consultive: Does many things and consults with the campus and chancellor.**
- 6. Curriculum: Decides what gets into the catalogue and votes on accepting proposals to different class changes. Plans change to general electives.**
- 7. Scholastic: Committee that reviews things from students. Reviews appeals from students.**
- 8. Equity and Diversity: Body in all committees and make sure other committees consider equity and diversity.**
- 9. Finance: The people who help plan the University budget and spending.**
- 10. Student Affairs: All issues that apply to student life, including non-academic aspects.**

G. Is there interest in a MCSA G-Cal?

- 1. Creating a Gcal for all major events**
- 2. Josie Barber: Believes that this seems like a good idea**
- 3. Clement Loo: Student Affairs is also pushing the Gcal usage**
- 4. Hannah Selig: We have the campus groups calendar. Would you use the Gcal step on the campus's toes?**

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5. Josie Barber: Most students dont use the campus groups calendar feature

6. Nona Harrison: I agree with Josie

VI. Organization Reports

A. Nona Harrison: The UR is doing well. The first issue came out late last week.

B. Josie: MQSIE is trying to get funding for a conference. MBLGTACC is the conference. The KUMM homecoming conference went well compared to last year. Merch was also sold and did well.

C. Elaina: Mock Trial is still looking for new members. The case is a murder trial this year. If you are into acting or debating, come try out Mock Trial!

D. Matty: CNIA is having a meeting on Friday from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm to discuss the Pow Wow in the NASS lounge

E. Connor: The philosophy club will be in the TMC tomorrow, watching the presidential debate. The debate two Saturdays ago went great and was productive.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Nona Harrison has been adding things to a planning doc

B. No other committee updates

VIII. Announcements

A. [Join MCSA on Campus Groups](#)

B. Campus assembly meetings

1. Starting on September 24th at 11:40am

2. Zoom link will be sent out beforehand

a) Student representatives are expected to attend these meetings

b) Speak up and speak for other students on these committees.

C. Movie on the Mall - September 13th, 8pm-10pm

D. Hosting a public debate for the locally running candidates - somewhere between October 18 and October 23

1. Student leader moderators will be assisting in this public debate

2. Candidates have been contacted

3. Closer to the actual date, we will need more help with setup and advertising.

E. [MCSA Instagram](#)

F. [Committee goal brainstorming](#)

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IX. Adjournment

- A. President Tollefsrud: Thank you for attending. Find a committee that interests you the most. Talk to the secretaries. In the future, we will have a lot more time to discuss things.**
- B. President Tollefsrud motioned to adjourn.**

Committee time will be following the forum