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Memo to: Members of MCSA Forum
From: MCSA Executive Committee
Subject: MCSA Forum Meeting 09.16.24

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

Skylar: Move to approve agenda

Agenda passed with no opposition

II. Vote to Approve [Minutes](#)

Skylar: Move to approve last meetings minutes

Minutes unanimously approved

III. Presidents remarks

President Tollefsrud: Feel free to come to us with concerns about MCSA committees

IV. Old Business

Tim Lindberg: The main thing a parliamentarian does is to keep everything orderly, the parliamentarian needs to be able to help the body through collecting votes and keeping the process going. You can come to me to talk about being the parliamentarian for MCSA.

A. Position vacancies

Skylar: Are there any nominations for these positions?

No nominations

1. Campus Assembly Representatives (non-first year) Vacancies (2)
 - a) First Year Council Representatives(4)
2. Parliamentarian

V. New Business

Skylar: We want to hold our attendance to higher standards, meaning that forum members with three or more unexcused absences will have their forum membership revoked. You cannot get any position back until the semester is over. This includes committee attendance.

A. Membership changes

1. Student senator resignation
2. 2 campus assembly reps resignation

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Forum members who accumulate three unexcused absences from Forum meetings in a single semester will have their membership revoked.

- a) Any member of the Forum removed for absence may not return to serve in the same position for the remainder of the semester in which they were removed.
 - b) Also applies for committee attendance
 - c) To notify executive members of your absence email Skylar 24 hours in advance to Forum
3. Election commissioner elected! **Elaina Varney**
 4. Executive Assistant elected! **Shai Olson**
 5. Sustainability Officer elected! **Henry Hietpas**
 6. Student Representative to the Board of Regents nomination:
Lindsey
 7. Minnesota Student Legislative Coalition Representative nomination
Erin Maher

Barber: Why do you think you would be a good representative for this position?

Maher: I care a lot about people on campus and think I could serve them well.

By unanimous vote Minnesota Student Legislative Coalition Representative elected:
Erin Maher

By unanimous vote Minnesota Student Legislative Coalition Representative: **Lindsey**

B. Another first year council election update - yay!

1. Election commissioner was selected.
2. They will start the training process this week
3. Election should be up by end of the month

Skylar: What ideas do you have to get more first year students participating in this upcoming student election?

Hannah: We could have a social event on the mall to promote voting.

Landon: We can do a meet and greet so they can know why they are voting for.

Varney: I think we should table in the student center and provide them information for how they could vote.

Barber: I think there should be one upperclassman and one freshman for tabling to have a perspective from both.

Landon: I think there should be one table for each.

Riley: I like the idea of tabling, we can generate more awareness about MCSA, as a piece of advice, you should separate your tabling role from advertising for the election.

[Person]: Who can vote in student elections?

Landon: Would we get trained, and then the election would take place the first week of October?

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Riley: Yes

Skylar: We are going to go back up the agenda

Person: If Lindsey is a board of regents rep, can she run for other positions?

Skylar: Yes, though if you are a first year rep you can't run for president.

C. [Adjunct Committees](#)

Skylar: Faculty wants more student representatives in committees, tim lindburg will elaborate

Tim: There are a number of campus assembly committees, Morris has a unique shared governance model. There is no faculty/staff only body that is part of the governing structure. The vast majority of people on campus care about what students want. Students are really important in these committees. If you can't consistently make committee meetings, that is okay, but let the committee know so that they can find somebody who can. Relaying information between the committees and the main governing body is crucial, it's important that everybody knows what happens during these committee meetings.

Hannah: How do you join the committees?

Skylar: We place you on them. We took all voting members of the forum and placed them in a committee that fit them best. If you have any questions about the committees you are placed on, Riley and I have limited knowledge about those questions, Tim knows more about that.

Skylar reads out which committees each person is on

Maxim: Can I be placed on the finance committee?

Riley: Finance is a tricky committee to be placed on, we can answer more questions about it after the forum.

Emily: Can assembly reps join committees?

Riley: Yes, but I took a look at your schedule and it looks scary.

D. Intergroup Dialogue participants needed!

Skylar: A three time conversation that starts on october 8th, participants will receive a stipend for their time. We need to know if you will be participating by Sept 30th.

VI. **Organization Reports**

Josie Barber **MoQSIE: Will be watching But I'm a cheerleader Thursday, then setting up a meeting with actor from the film**

Nona Harrison **UR: What's up Wednesday - paper mache pumpkins**

Elaina Varney **Mock Trial: Case review - Wednesday 18th 7:30-8:30**

Improv/theater: First

Landon: I have enough people to start a men's tennis club

Zoey Lovold **Swing Dance: Sundays from 3-4pm**

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Henry Hietpas **OCE: Co-pal reached out through email, they are doing a speaker tour late October, early November, a possible collaboration.**

Mat **CNIA: Meetings are now**

Zoe **Ultimate Frisbee: The club is waiting to get approved**

Connor: **Philosophy club: Last event was very successful with high attendance**

VII. **Committee Reports**

VIII. **Announcements**

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

B. Campus assembly meetings

1. September 24th at 11:40am
2. Zoom link will be sent out beforehand
3. Everyone who holds a position

Elijah: I have already been given the g-cal invite. I have the student senate and university faculty senate ones.

C. Movie on the Mall event went great!

Skylar: The event had about fifty people show up.

1. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped!

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

1. Leaning towards Oct. 21st

Josie Barbar: For outside of regular meeting time events (generally), is there a way that we can come and help set things up?

Riley: We will let you know if we need help. Otherwise Hannah was a rockstar

Skylar: Other questions?

Elijah: Are the senate meetings excused absences from classes.

Tom: It should be a verified excuse.

Skylar: Any other questions?

Riley: To clarify these are candidates running for the city council initiatives.

E. Voting initiatives planning will take place...eventually

Skylar: There was talk about hosting a march. We wanted a popup voting station on campus, but we were denied because there was a voting popup one mile away from campus. We want to encourage students to vote, but voting initiatives on the whole are still in the works.

Riley: Likely that we will have a voting registration event before October 15th, pairing with student organizations. We will have two different groups going to each polling

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station in Morris, more details to come. First there will be a registration event, then on election day we will walk to the polls.

Tom: The number of voting stations in Morris was reduced due to financial reasons. The popup voting station on campus is likely to start in 2026, it was too late to get it started this year, and there was not enough local support for it.

Henry: It might be good to notify those at the registration event where and when the march to the polling stations will be occurring.

Varney: Can we make excused absences if students are going to vote?

Riley: The university will not be hosting attendance mandatory meetings on election night.

Tom: the only required thing will be classes:

Nona: Will there be shuttle services to the voting stations?

Riley: Yes

F. [MCSA Instagram](#)

Skylar: Follow the Instagram page, please. If you have any ideas for the social media page, contact Hannah our campus secretary.

IX. Adjournment

Skylar: Following the adjournment of this meeting, you will be joining your committees and solidifying any following plans for the semester and coming year.

No other announcements

Motion to adjourn

Committee time will be following the forum