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Memo to: Members of MCSA Forum
From: MCSA Executive Committee
Subject: MCSA Forum Meeting 10.07.24

Join in the 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](#).

Meeting called to order at 6:11pm

Skylar: For those of you who are new here, this is how we keep records. Shai our executive assistant is writing down everything everybody says, but don't be intimidated. The first two things on our agenda are to approve it and the minutes. You can abstain if you want to.

I. Vote to Approve Agenda

Huebsch
Hietpas

II. Vote to Approve [Minutes](#)

Motion to approve Barber
Frost

Harrison: What was the "Henry quote" in the meeting minutes?

Harteneck: Riley and I already addressed Shai directly about that quote.

III. Campus Groups

IV. Presidents remarks

President Tollefsrud: Thank you all for being here tonight. Today should be a more casual meeting, we're going to get through our regular forum agenda, a little presentation on MCSA, and presentations from our committees to tell our new members what they've been working on. If you have any questions for MCSA to address or questions in general, there are post-it notes on the front table (*gestures to the table on stage*). Skylar and I would be happy to answer those. For your icebreaker for this meeting, if you were stranded on a deserted island, and you could pick one person to survive, who would it be and why? I'll give you guys a minute to talk that out.

(A few minutes to discuss the icebreaker with other people)

Tollefsrud: Thank you, everyone, for indulging that icebreaker activity, we're handing it back over to Skylar to handle the meeting.

V. Icebreaker

Harteneck: Since Shai has to write down everything you guys say, including anything she herself says, she will give a little handwave if she ever needs something to be repeated. Onto the presentation.

VI. Old Business

A. [Intro to MCSA](#)

Harteneck: We are the Morris Campus Student Association, and we serve as a voice for the student body to communicate between students and faculty, giving feedback on the decisions that faculty makes for students.

Harteneck: We will not be having a meeting next week because of fall break.

Harteneck: You guys will be meeting our secretaries today. Any questions on what the MCSA forum is? Who we are or what we do?

B. MCSA Retreat

1. October 16th, 7pm-9pm

La Fave house

Harteneck: This retreat will be where we go to get to know everybody in MCSA outside of forum and meetings and things like that. This is also where Vae will go over the rules for forum during the MCSA retreat. Any questions on the retreat?

Day: Can you still send me *that thing*?

Harteneck: Yes, any other questions?

2. TMC?
3. Open to everyone
4. Get to know each other
5. Pictures
6. Roberts Rules (Forum rules)

VII. New Business

A. First Year Council Election plan

Harteneck: Transfer students also qualify for the first-year council position. This is a council of four first-year members who are

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elected to speak as a voice for the first years. Maybe you didn't like something about Welcome Week or something about the dorms or the CAs. But if you have any more questions talk to Elaina Varney (varne089@morris.umn.edu)

Varney: The nomination form is out, we're trying to get it sent out to all of the first years, currently the indy first years have it. There is a QR code on the MCSA instagram that will let you sign up.

1. What is it?
2. Dates
 - a) Oct. 7th - 11th: First-years can fill out [the form to put their name and statement of purpose on the ballot](#)

Harteneck: This form requires your name and email, and 500 words or less about why you want to run, stating your purpose.

- b) Oct. 13th - 19th- First year campaigning

Huebsch: Are other people allowed to help campaign for first years?
Harteneck: First-years are allowed to ask for endorsements.
 - c) Oct. 21st - 23rd- Voting

Harteneck: Voting is only between first years.

3. Promotion
 - a) Posters will be up around campus w/ QR code to form
 - b) Social media

Varney: Is there a possibility that we could get a promotion up on the Morris official page?
Selig: I think so, but there are extra steps to be taken for putting things up on that page.
Harteneck: Any other questions, you can email Elaina (Skylar puts Elaina's email on the board)
4. Campaigning
 - a) Rules will be sent out to the names on the ballot

VIII. Organization Reports

MoQSIE: Finishing up planning for MBGLTACC (mumbultech)

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Morris Sustainability Club: Working on revitalizing the club, first meeting is Saturday 26th of October, will be watching Madagascar in Louie's Lower Level from 8:30 to 10:30.

Ultimate Frisbee: We sent an email to UMM official, those of you who are interested, please sign up. We're going to be planning our first practice for the first Saturday after fall break.

Men's Tennis: Will be officiated 10/8/24

IX. **Committee Reports**

A. Academic Affairs

Barber: Hi, I am the secretary of academic affairs. Academic affairs deals with anything that deals with the academic life of students, from books to classes to academic programs. Our big project right now is finding a solution for courseworks, figuring out what people like or dislike about it and how it can be improved.

Harteneck: I forgot to preface this, but after forum you'll be able to walk around to the different tables to talk to each of the committee secretaries about what ideas you have.

B. [Campus Relations](#)

Selig: We are working on raising visibility and awareness for MCSA, we want to make it fun and engaging so people will want to engage with us. If you like planning events or working the social media, this committee would be a great fit for you.

C. [External Affairs](#)

Dimayuga: I am Lupe with external affairs. I have a drawing of us from UMN Morris. The universities we work with are (find them here). The first half of external affairs' responsibilities will be communication between the UMN and UMM campuses and our relation with the town of Morris and the surrounding area. Right now, the committee is me, Landon, and Shai. We have a passion for community engagement.

Hietpas: Can you describe what you're doing in that picture?

Dimayuga: We were all at a community fun night and we took a picture in front of the firetruck. For external affairs we are working on getting more involved with the community around us, so please join.

D. Resources and Operations

Harrison: I am secretary of resources and operations, which has everything to do with finance, **Talk with Nona afterwards.** I don't

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know if I will be here when we adjourn, but if I'm not please talk to Josie and Henry.

E. Student Services

Lovold: Hi, I'm Zoey, secretary. Basically, we do student needs. The main thing we're working on is the food shelf and helping them out with that, plus hygiene products, and making sure students have everything they need.

X. **Announcements**

- A. [Join MCSA on Campus Groups](#) and [instagram](#)
- B. [Fill out this map survey for the Campus Climate Action Plan](#)

1. **Henry Hietpas**

Hietpas: I am now speaking as a sustainability officer for MCSA. This is part of Morris's plan for the next decade for sustainability on campus. This climate action plan is working to improve Morris' sustainability on campus. If you click the link in the agenda... The committee is trying real hard to improve getting money for resources on campus. If you add onto this map survey, you will add invaluable input that will help to improve the campus for the next few decades.

Harteneck: I also put Henry's email in the agenda.

C. MCSA Hosting a public debate with locally running candidates for city council

- 1. October 28th - cutting forum short that day, encouraging people to attend
- 2. Morris Legion, 7pm

D. MCSA and Mock Trial hosting What's Up Wednesday

- 1. Voting trivia
- 2. Doing voting registration in between
- 3. 100 t-shirts ordered for attending

E. Other announcements:

Hietpas: We are all working as MCSA to plan the annual sustainability forum. There will be speakers, panelists, and other events so that students can come and learn about sustainability. Even if you aren't wanting to help plan the event, please come and attend. That would be greatly appreciated.

Bronze: I'm giving a presentation about Mongolia. If you're interested in knowing more about Mongolian people, then you can

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come to my presentation, **October 16th, 5-6pm, HFA 6**, which is just before our retreat. I will be comparing my hometown sustainability and Morris' sustainability. I also think that some posters are spread around the campus, saying when and where it will be hosted.

Harteneck: Any other announcements or questions?

F. Post meeting plan

1. Secretaries will be at tables to answer any questions you have
2. Feel free to mingle and talk to people
3. Social hour will start at 7pm

Selig: We have a bunch of board games for each of the tables. It's going to be a chill night.

- a) Board games
- b) Music

XI. Open Q&A

XII. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Huebsch