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Memo to: MCSA Forum Members
From: MCSA Executive Committee
Subject: Forum Agenda for Monday October 13th, 2014.

The Forum will meet on Monday October 13th, 2014 at 6:00 pm in the Cow Palace, IH 109.

I. Roll Call

- A. Vice President Schroeder called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.
- B. Executive Assistant utilized the “card swiper” tool and tracked attendance on Campus Connections. Roll call was not needed.
- C. Representatives Prince, Ledermann, Lerner were absent; all other forum members were present.

II. Open Forum

- A. Lowell Rasmussen Visit *Presented by Vice Chancellor Lowell Rasmussen*
 - 1. Rasmussen started off by stating that costs are always a big concern; Rasmussen stated that President Kahler has asked for another tuition waiver for another 2 years; Rasmussen stated that President Kahler has a 5 year plan for continuation allocations- reducing current base and use reinvesting in a way to provide U of M students with a better education. Rasmussen stated Cuts have been made without serious consequences on campus. Rasmussen stated the goal is to watch costs, and not cutting in critical areas.
 - 2. Rasmussen stated that the campus has been able to manage on a balanced budget for the last four years; a balance between recruiting and retention.
 - 3. Rasmussen stated that major topics are space utilization, how we use our facilities, classroom capacity, costs of tuition, use of national historic buildings on campus that cannot be torn down or rebuilt, parking fees, cost of books, hours of campus services, self supporting budgets such as food service, and a capital bonding plan. Rasmussen stated that the campus wishes to renovate “mall buildings” for more functional use.
 - 4. Rasmussen presented data from the U of M scheduling system Astra on classroom use.

5. Rasmussen stated that if any students have any questions or input, to email him. Rasmussen's contact information is <rasmuslc@morris.umn.edu>.
6. Advisor Blodgett stated that in the library, there will be a "collaborative table" in which devices can be plugged into the table and have a display on a tv above the table. It will be tested to see if it could be utilized in classrooms.

III. For Action: Approve Agenda.

- A. Vice President Schroeder motioned to approve agenda; second by Representative Jacobson.
- B. Motion carried.

IV. For Action: Approve Minutes

- A. Representative Dial motioned to approve minutes; second by President Wolf.
- B. Motion carried.

V. President's Remarks:

- A. President Wolf stated that she is very pleased that Vice Chancellor Rasmussen was able to come to forum.
- B. President Wolf thanked forum members for their time and effort during Wellness Week. President Wolf also stated that profits from Cougar Pawsitivity was very good, the NAMI presentation went great,
- C. President Wolf the new Sustainability Officer will be approved at next forum.
- D. collaborating with "get out the vote"

VI. Committee Reports:

- A. Representative Dial (Secretary of Student Services) stated that Student Services will not be meeting after forum; email expected by 10:00pm on Monday October 13th about the outdoor learning space.
- B. Representative Wealot (Secretary of Resources and Operations) stated that instead of a meeting, there will be a Green Tour tomorrow at 4:00pm in the Welcome Center.
- C. Representative Sunderman (Secretary of Academic Affairs) stated that the founders scholar forum is moved to november 18th from 7-9 in hfa, the briggs library book sale is on thursday and friday, and all of the proceeds go to the library, you can enter to win

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a gift certificate for book sale at the info desk in the library, and looking for a student for the online learning task force.

- D. Representative Koester (Secretary of Campus Relations) stated campus relations created a video for MCSA, and that Campus Relations will not be meeting this week.
- E. Vice President Schroeder (First Year Council) stated first year council will meet after forum.

VII. Organization Reports:

- A. Representative Dial state it is MoQsie's coming out week; they will tabling and selling buttons;
 - 1. Monday October 13th: Workshop about people of color in the queer community in humanities
 - 2. Wednesday October 15th: Coming out stories & the guest speaker is Natalie Clark.
- B. ISA will be meeting at 7:00pm in Louis Lower Level.

VIII. Old Business:

- A. None Presented.

IX. New Business:

A. For Action:

- 1. Vice President Schroeder motioned to hear Organization applications; second by Sunderman.
- 2. Organization Representative Hearings *Presented by Commissioner Arnold*
 - a) Etiquette
 - (1) Representative Arnold explained the process and etiquette.
 - b) Cougar Cheerleading
 - (1) Representative Arnold presented the Cougar Cheerleading application.
 - (2) Vice President Schroeder motioned to approve Cougar Cheerleading; second by President Wolf.
 - (3) Motion Carried.

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c) Meiningens

- (1) Representative Arnold presented Meiningens' application.
- (2) Vice President Schroeder motioned to approve Meiningens;
second by President Wolf.
- (3) Motion Carried.

d) Men's Rugby

- (1) Representative Arnold presented Men's Rugby application.
- (2) Vice President Schroeder motioned to approve Men's Rugby;
second by President Wolf.
- (3) Motion Carried.

e) Women's Rugby

- (1) Mora, Anderson, and Molested stated that the Furies wish to
become involved in campus activities and community outreach.
- (2) Vice President Schroeder motioned to approve Women's
Rugby; second by President Wolf.
- (3) Motion Carried.

f) Mock Trial

- (1) Arnold stated that Mock Trial is a group of student who wishes
to have their voice heard and come more involved in campus
activities, outreach, and events.
- (2) Vice President Schroeder motioned to approve Mock Trial;
second by President Wolf.
- (3) Motion Carried.

g) United States for Africa

- (1) Representative Arnold presented USA's application.
- (2) Vice President Schroeder motioned to approve USA; second
by President Wolf.
- (3) Motion Carried.

h) University Register

(1) Xiong stated that the UR wishes to give more exposure to students on campus by being involved in MCSA events and discussions.

(2) Vice President Schroeder motioned to approve UR; second by President Wolf.

(3) Motion Carried.

i) SlamMo

(1) Koester stated that SlamMo is a new organization that can bring a cultural and artistic aspect to MCSA and have artists' voices to be represented.

(2) Vice President Schroeder motioned to approve SlamMo; second by President Wolf.

(3) Motion Carried.

j) MPIRG

(1) Wentz stated that MPIRG and MCSA have had a long standing relationship that can be continued.

(2) Vice President Schroeder motioned to approve MPIRG; second by President Wolf.

(3) Motion Carried.

3. Cougar Cheerleading, Meiningens, Men's Rugby, Women's Rugby, Mock Trial, USA, University Register, SlamMo and MPIRG were all approved to have student organization representatives on MCSA Forum. All clubs who applied were approved.

X. For Information:

A. None Presented.

XI. Announcements:

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- A. Representative Arnold stated the Bill Nye event is tomorrow at 7:00pm in the RFC. Doors will open at 6:30pm. Please tweet your questions to @UMMorris using #BillNyeInMorris.
- B. Mora stated Women's Rugby is having a bake sale this week from 10:00am-3:00pm in the student center.
- C. Representative Goodsell stated CNIA is having a discussion of the history of Native Americans in Oyate tonight.

XII. Adjourn

- A. President Wolf motioned to adjourn; second by Representative Jacobson .
- B. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

XIII. MCSA Committee Meetings

Enclosures: Minutes 10.6.14, Student Organization Applications

Forum Minutes-October 6th, 2014:

I. Roll Call

- a. Vice President Schroeder called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.
- b. Executive Assistant utilized the "card swiper" tool and tracked attendance on Campus Connections. Roll call was not needed.
- c. Representatives Prince, Swanson, Johnson, and Batchenkova were absent; all other forum members were present.

II. Open Forum

- a. Office of Community Engagement Updates *Presented by Parliamentarian Jacobson*
 - i. Representative Jacobson informed forum that ONCE has a lot of volunteer events for students to take advantage of. The next event is Tuesday October 28th, 2014. They will also be holding soup and substance informational meeting about off-campus information, the community meal, the gather in the park, as well as translator and interpreter volunteer training. President Wolf requested that Representative Jacobson's presented information is sent to Vice President Schroeder so that it can be distributed.

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- b.** CAC-Films Fundraising *Presented by Executive Assistant Montbriand*
- i.** Representative Montbriand stated that if any student organizations on forum wish to fundraise at CAC-Films events, either by selling their own goods or popcorn, to contact Representative Montbriand.

III. For Action: Approve Agenda

- a.** President Wolf motioned to approve agenda; Second by Dial.
- b.** Motion carried.

IV. For Action: Approve Minutes

- a.** Vice President Schroeder motioned to approve minutes; Second by Dial.
- b.** Motion carried.

V. President's Remarks

- a.** President Wolf stated that she met with the board of regents and Alumni Association and discussed future MCSA topics and events with them.
- b.** President Wolf stated that if a spreadsheet send out from anybody on the Executive Committee, respond as soon as possible and communicate accordingly.
- c.** President Wolf stated that this Thursday October 10th from 7:00pm-9:00pm, the National Association for Mental Illness will be presenting in the Cow Palace to talk about mental health.

VI. Committee Reports

- a.** Representative Dial reported Student Services will be meeting in the Cow Palace immediately after forum.
- b.** Representative Sunderman stated Academic Affairs tabled today and distributed a lot of printouts and has also produced a plan to do a Community Council presentation of flyers. Representative Sundermann also stated Academic Affairs will not meet tonight
- c.** Representative Koester stated Campus Relations is creating videos in attempt to break the standard of MCSA being "rigid." They will start filming Tuesday October 7th at 4:30pm. The theme will be similar to the "Happy" by Pharrell music video. Representative Koester also stated that Campus Relations is open to suggestions. If you would like to be involved or have any ideas, attend the filming tomorrow.
- d.** Representative Wealot stated that Resources and Operations will be meeting in the Cow Palace immediately after forum. Representative Wealot also stated that if any forum member would like to

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accompany the Resources and Operations committee on a green tour next Tuesday at 4:00pm, contact Representative Wealot.

- e. President Wolf stated the Scott Studham meeting was productive and topics discussed were tech fee and accessibility.
- f. Vice President Schroeder stated First Year Council will be meeting in the Cow Palace immediately after forum.

VII. Organization Reports

- a. Representative Dial stated SlamMo is doing a mock slam during their meeting tomorrow Tuesday October 7th from 8-9pm in the Cow Palace. If you would like to see performances or perform, attend the meeting.

VIII. Old Business

- a. For Action: *It's On Us Presented by Secretary Koester*
 - 1. Representative Dial motioned to hear proposal; Second by Jacobson.
 - 2. Motion carried
 - ii. Koester explained that "Its on us" is a government wide campaign for communities to reform policies on sexual assault and creating and implementing campus initiatives to take better care of their residents. It ties in with the Green Dot program and Campus Save Act.
 - 1. Koester moved to endorse involvement in the "It's On Us" campaign second by Jacobson.
 - a. President Wolf asked about the task force; Koester stated that a set of people have gathered and started to form. If you are interested, Contact Representative Koester.
 - 2. Motion approved.
- b. *Cougar Positivity Tabling Presented by Representative Dial*
 - i. Representative Dial asked someone to table tomorrow for physical health day from 2-3pm in the Student Center. Representative Smith volunteered.
 - ii. Representative Dial also reminded tablers to remind people about flu shots, and the mental health presentation on Thursday.

IX. New Business

a. For Information:

- i.** Organization Representative Approval Process and Etiquette *Presented by Commissioner Arnold*
 1. Representative Arnold stated that next week we will be approving organization reps that wish to be on forum. Application emails will be continued to be sent out. 7 student organizations have applied. Applications are due Thursday October 9th at 5:00pm.
 2. Representative Arnold explained that the elected representative will becoming a voting member of forum, will be responsible for coming to forum every week, and will be put on a MCSA committee.
 3. Representative Arnold stated that forum members must take into consideration whether it will benefit MCSA to have that org on forum and if that org will benefit from being on the MCSA forum.
- ii.** Fundraising Opportunities *Presented by Secretary Wealot*
 1. Representative Wealot stated that on October 31st popcorn MCSA will be selling popcorn and needs 2 volunteers. Email Representative Montbriand or Wealot if interested.
 2. Representative Wealot stated that on February 16th, MCSA will be bussing tables for Pizza Ranch. It will take the place of a forum and attendance is required.

X. Announcements

- a.** None presented.

XI. Adjourn

- a.** Vice President Schroeder motioned to adjourn; Second by Representative Riley.
- b.** Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

Name of Student Organization Seeking Representation

Cougar Cheerleading

Estimate of Active Members in Student Organization

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Short overview (no longer than one paragraph) of student

Organization's mission, goal, or purpose

We, as UMM Cheerleaders, are here to represent the University with spirit for our sports teams. We are a dynamic group that consists of all women whose goal is to promote and provide support for Cougar Football and Basketball.

Brief statement on how the student organization will select their representative (ex: popular vote, appointment by officer, etc.)

We will select our representative based on appointment by officer.

How would having a representative from your student organization benefit MCSA?

Having a representative from UMM Cheer would benefit MCSA by being another support system for the school. We could help at events and possibly help out MCSA with their needs as well.

How would your student organization benefit from having a representative on MCSA?

Having a rep on MCSA would benefit cougar cheer because as promoters of UMM, we like to know what events are coming up so we can be a part of them. We want new ideas so we can better provide support for UMM.

Name of Student Organization Seeking Representation

Meiningens

Estimate of Active Members in Student Organization

35

Short overview (no longer than one paragraph) of student organization's mission, goal, or purpose

Our goal is to strengthen the performing arts of the University of Minnesota Morris. We do this by improving play literacy through script readings, providing training practical training (e.g. stage combat, play writing, and audition preparation) through workshops, and opportunities for performance, directing,

designing, and management, through stage readings, full length plays, Plays in a Day, among other events. Through providing opportunity, we feel this will improve the pool of passionate performers already present in Morris, and inspire creativity in other areas of campus.

Brief statement on how the student organization will select their representative (ex: popular vote, appointment by officer, etc.)

Appointed.

How would having a representative from your student organization benefit MCSA?

MCSA would benefit by having a key entertainment organization on their side to collaborate with and be able to communicate the MCSA message to the rest of campus. Meiningens also has been a long established organization who has had to deal with budget restraints, creative collaboration, problem solving, and multi-dimensional understanding of the issues at hand; we understand what you need.

How would your student organization benefit from having a representative on MCSA?

We would benefit through further collaboration on advertisement, funding, and space use issues.

Name of Student Organization Seeking Representation

UMM Men's Rugby Football Team

Estimate of Active Members in Student Organization

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Short overview (no longer than one paragraph) of student Organization's mission, goal, or **purpose**

The purpose of the UMM Rugby Team is to instruct, teach, and promote the sport of rugby throughout the university, student body, and community.

Brief statement on how the student organization will select their representative (ex: popular vote, appointment by officer, etc.)

Popular Vote

How would having a representative from your student organization benefit MCSA?

MCSA would benefit with our representative because many people that play rugby aren't in many other clubs which in turn makes our representative very important to let the voice be heard of the under-represented.

How would your student organization benefit from having a representative on MCSA?

The Men's Rugby Team would benefit from having a representative on MCSA because we have many fans throughout the school body and community and we would like to keep this bond to our fans as tight as possible. The team would also benefit because sometimes we don't hear about what the big issues are on campus and this would help us make sure we know the goings on around campus.

Name of Student Organization Seeking Representation

Morris Women's Rugby Club

Estimate of Active Members in Student Organization

25

Short overview (no longer than one paragraph) of student organization's mission, goal, or purpose

Morris Women's Rugby Club seeks to further educational and performance skills throughout the university about the game of rugby.

Brief statement on how the student organization will select their representative (ex: popular vote, appointment by officer, etc.)

Morris Women's Rugby Club has already elected MCSA Representative, Joy Smith, by popular vote.

How would having a representative from your student organization benefit MCSA?

Having a representative of Morris Women's Rugby Club will benefit MCSA by representing athletes of the Morris community that are not a varsity sport. Morris Women's Rugby Club members are hard workers and are eager to get involved with MCSA forum and the Morris campus community.

How would your student organization benefit from having a representative on MCSA?

Having representation on MCSA will benefit our organization by allowing our club to remain involved and active members of our campus community.

Name of Student Organization Seeking Representation

Mock Trial

Estimate of Active Members in Student Organization

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Short overview (no longer than one paragraph) of student organization's mission, goal, or purpose

The purpose of Mock Trial is to build speaking, performing and arguing skills through competition in Mock Trial as well as providing support for students preparing for law school with the LSAT, choosing a law school and going through the application process.

Brief statement on how the student organization will select their representative (ex: popular vote, appointment by officer, etc.)

Popular vote.

How would having a representative from your student organization benefit MCSA?

Our organization is a unique group of people with diverse views about UMM – especially student activities at UMM. Having a representative will help MCSA to represent more viewpoints on campus.

How would your student organization benefit from having a representative on MCSA?

Mock Trial is an activity that is both incredibly dependent on institutional support and so time-consuming that most members do not have sufficient opportunity to advocate for it or anything else in campus governance. Having a dedicated representative will help Mock Trial as an organization to pursue its interests in a focused manner. Furthermore, having a representative will help promote our group in order to continue growing our organization.

Name of Student Organization Seeking Representation

United Students for Africa

Estimate of Active Members in Student Organization

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Short overview (no longer than one paragraph) of student organization's mission, goal, or purpose

USA aims to increase awareness of the various struggles facing the people of Africa. We also work towards emphasizing the beauty of the variety of cultures that are present in the continent. It is our aim to break stereotypes about Africa that are commonly perpetuated by ignorance. We engage in philanthropic work, by giving our time and resources to causes that improve various conditions in Africa. This includes donations to hunger relief and educational organizations that focus on Africa.

Brief statement on how the student organization will select their representative (ex: popular vote, appointment by officer, etc.)

Appointment by Officer

How would having a representative from your student organization benefit MCSA?

MCSA benefits from our organization because we will provide a more diverse forum and we will contribute more diverse inputs into the discussions and decisions.

How would your student organization benefit from having a representative on MCSA?

Having a MCSA Representative would help keep us informed about the activities/plans/events going on campus. It's also a platform for us to discuss, learn and share ideas with other student bodies. It will also allow us to share what our org is all about and bring more cultural awareness to campus.

Name of Student Organization Seeking Representation

University Register

Estimate of Active Members in Student Organization

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Short overview (no longer than one paragraph) of student organization's mission, goal, or purpose

The University Register is a student-run newspaper dedicated to covering campus happenings and being an outlet for all student writers, journalists, photographers, designers, and other hobbies that can be used towards the paper. We want to not only want to build our staff and participant's skills, but also cover the Morris student experience.

Brief statement on how the student organization will select their representative (ex: popular vote, appointment by officer, etc.)

Popular vote.

How would having a representative from your student organization benefit MCSA?

The UR and MCSA will have a beneficial relationship. The UR can be a public outlet for MCSA to display forum happenings and voice concerns that student representatives may have about campus life. Sections such as News and OP-ED will be appropriate places to have press releases and discussions about issues and discourse raised within the student government.

Having a UR representative present will ensure that the discussions raised in the student government can be relayed back to the paper and to the students affected by these discussions. This will aid MCSA's transparency of its actions and causes to students who are otherwise unable to attend forum or gain information regarding lesser-known concerns. Since MCSA is also comprised of representatives from different orgs and groups, this transparency will extend to students that MCSA works to help.

How would your student organization benefit from having a representative on MCSA?

By having a student representative on MCSA, we will be able to have an extra ear to listen to student concerns and events regarding students. We can then use student opinions, concerns, and events brought up within the student government as stories to feature in our paper. It will provide us with content while also help give MCSA and its student representatives exposure.

Name of Student Organization Seeking Representation

SlamMO

Estimate of Active Members in Student Organization

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Short overview (no longer than one paragraph) of student organization's mission, goal, or purpose

We write, engage with, and compete in slam poetry. We're a community of writers and artists and like to make sure there's safe open space on campus to perform and create poetry.

Brief statement on how the student organization will select their representative (ex: popular vote, appointment by officer, etc.)

Popular vote.

How would having a representative from your student organization benefit MCSA?

Getting to hear a new voice, and one representing a specifically art focused organization, of which we don't have many on MCSA.

How would your student organization benefit from having a representative on MCSA?

It would be great to engage more with the rest of campus, and make sure that our events are reaching everyone on campus. We also want to make sure the voices of poets and spoken word artists are represented in campus.

Name of Student Organization Seeking Representation

MPIRG (Minnesota Public Interest Research Group)

Estimate of Active Members in Student Organization

30-35

Short overview (no longer than one paragraph) of student organization's mission, goal, or purpose

MPIRG seeks to promote student activism and leadership on campus. As members of the statewide coalition of students who make up the non-partisan, student directed non-profit that is MPIRG, we give students a variety of important opportunities. Students will learn how to organize for economic, environmental and social justice on campus through campaigns that they design. Examples of these campaigns in recent years include working to defeat the proposed Marriage and Voter ID Amendments in 2012, increasing our relationship with Pomme de Terre Foods, and working to reduce the sale of bottled water on campus. MPIRG also allows students to lobby for policies pertinent to young people at the capitol in Saint Paul at least once every semester.

Brief statement on how the student organization will select their representative (ex: popular vote, appointment by officer, etc.)

Popular vote.

How would having a representative from your student organization benefit MCSA?

MCSA would benefit from having an MPIRG member within their ranks because MPIRG shares its goal of seeking to represent the interests of students on our campus. An MPIRG representative would be sure to advocate for the interests of students through the focus on student issues and concerns within the realms of social, economic and environmental justice. MPIRG students are also devoted to helping develop strong leadership skills and civic engagement within students at Morris, which is integral to the interests both of MCSA and the Morris campus as a whole. Students who participate in MPIRG are able to discuss and learn both leadership and organizing skills, so an MPIRG representative would be able to help continue fostering these skills within MCSA's student leadership as well.

How would your student organization benefit from having a representative on MCSA?

MPIRG would benefit from having a representative on MCSA for several reasons. First, it would allow us direct representation within our campus' student government. MPIRG would have a direct say in

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matters that affect students that are interested in social, economic and environmental justice. The core of MPIRG's mission is to make change not only in Minnesota as a whole, but also in the communities surrounding its chapters — in our case, this means advocating for change on the UMM campus and in the broader Morris community.