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Memo to: MCSA Forum Members
From: MCSA Executive Committee
Subject: Forum Minutes for January 23, 2017

The Forum will meet on Monday at 6pm in IH 109/ Cow Palace.

- I. Open Forum**
- II. For Action: Approve Agenda**
 - A. approved
- III. For Action: Approve Minutes**
 - A. approved
- IV. President's Remarks**
 - A. State of MCSA Second Semester
 - 1. Goal: get resolutions passed
 - 2. What did we accomplish last semester:
 - a) Hosted ice cream social
 - b) Wrote and sent out 2 surveys to student body
 - c) Hosted GOTV partay
 - d) Wrote on whiteboards around campus
 - e) Tabled and took pictures on Election Day
 - f) Hosted Green Tour
 - g) Volunteered and tabled at Community of Scholars
 - h) Participated in a System Wide Strategic Planning Meeting
 - i) Worked on getting a MCSA logo
 - j) Helped set up and run the 4th Annual Founders Scholar Forum
 - 3. Agenda for this semester:
 - a) Meet new chancellor
 - b) Finalize an official MCSA logo
 - c) Write and pass an IC course resolution
 - d) Tech Fee
 - e) Hold an info session about MCSA leadership positions and roles
 - f) Host Sustainability Forum
 - g) Co-host a Native American Panel

- h) Volunteer and table at Community of Scholars
- 4. MCSA term ends at the end of March
- 5. Start thinking about positions you want to hold next year
- 6. Thank you for participating in MCSA

V. Committee Reports

A. MCSA Committees

1. *Let Katie and Sarah know if you cannot make your committee meeting, so you can be placed on a different committee. Weekly schedule conflicts are not an excuse for absences.*

Academic Affairs:

- IC course Resolution: looking to incorporate Native American history and culture and Sustainability curriculum required for all first years
 - A For Info about resolution sometime in February
 - Will be our main focus
 - Hope to run some sort of open forum/community discussion session for students and faculty
 - Will want wider community support than just from students
- Meetings: Thursdays @ 6:35-7:35pm
- Let Coco know if anyone is interested in sitting in on committee meetings

Campus Relations

- Working on getting an official MCSA logo for branding.
 - Will be making an official banner for tabling and pins for graduating seniors to wear at commencement
- Meeting: Tonight, stay after forum

Executive Committee

First Year Council

- Will be working on traditional project for first year council
- Meeting: Tonight, stay after forum

Resources and Operations

- Tech Fee
 - Still waiting for tech fee applications

- Anyone can apply as long as it affects/benefits student body or campus
- What is Tech Fee? A pool of money that comes from every student's tech fee they pay as part of tuition. The money goes towards innovative technology that benefits UMM students and body as a whole. MCSA has the power to choose where the money is allocated. If it is not spent it is transferred over to next year.
- Examples: 3D printer in the library, irrigation system for OGC, charging tables/stations, computer lab updates
- Talk to Salvi or any other Resources and Ops members if you or your org has any questions about Tech Fee
- Planning Sustainability forum and potential sustainability art project

Student Services

- Ruby DeBellis is the new Secretary (took over for Elsie Wilson who is studying abroad)
- Planning to implement a suggestion box for MCSA
- Still want to continue sending out surveys to student body
 - Email Ruby or any other Student Services member if your club has anything it wants to ask campus.
- Will be consolidating suggestions from tabling last semester to see if there's anything SSC can do right away.

B. Campus Assembly Committees

Assessment of Student Learning Academic Support Services

Consultative

Curriculum (*Elinson*)

- Looking at Global Village Requirement
 - Right now split into 3 requirements
 - Want to gauge what MCSA thinks about the requirements and if they see any possible changes. Maybe have 1 class satisfy 2 categories?

- Coco: Talked to Dean about open forum discussion. Coco and Maggie will be in contact.

Faculty and P&A Affairs

Faculty Development

Finance (*Hakala*)

- UMM received last of budget instructions from UMTC to finish budget for next year
 - UMTC has 2% tuition increase
 - Other campuses have tuition freeze
 - Non MN resident students have 10% tuition increase

Functions and Awards (*Schewe*)

- Will be sending out calls for nominations for awards
- Consider nominating someone

International Programs

Membership

Multi-Ethnic Experience

Planning

Scholastic

Steering

Student Affairs

VI. Organization Reports

AISES

Chemistry Club

Biology Club

Sport Leadership at Morris

CNIA

Student Democratic Farmer-Labor Party Morris

Marksmanship Club

International Student Association (*Ratul*)

- Spring Festival this Friday 1/27 at 6pm in Oyate, \$5 for students

MPIRG

MoQSIE

University Register

Women's Rugby

VII. Old Business

A. For Information:

B. For Action:

VIII. New Business

A. For Information:

1. Sustainable and Healthy Food on Campus Resolution *presented by* Officer Dickhudt, Officer Tetrick and Katherine Duram

a) Resolution writing committee

(1) Interested: Katie Ledermann, Maggie Elinson, Mckenzie Dice, Autumn Johnson, Bri Sakaria, Sara Carmen, Emily Trieu, Josiah Gregg, Sierra Brown, Prince Nwaonicha

(2) Will meet weekly or so to have written in the next month

(3) Will need to be passed through MCSA, pass through chancellor, and can even go to the Student Senate

b) Will be proposing resolution to chancellor to show we have a strong student voice and have an opinion about food at UMM

c) Focus on sustainability, healthy eating aspect (NOT taste or specific meals), local foods

d) STARS rating -- rates how sustainable college campuses are

(1) 400-600 colleges in the US

(2) UMM is rated highly except when it comes to food on campus because of how our food is sourced

(3) Could improve rating:

(a) Become Fair Trade Certified: switch out coffee and provide Fair Trade Certified chocolate

(b) Buy food locally from a food hub in Fergus Falls, MN. Local farmers bring food to Fergus Falls and then sell to local places. Supports local farmers, economies, and reduces carbon footprint

B. For Action:

1. Elect representatives for Assessment of Student Learning (1), Scholastic (2) and Steering Committee (1) *presented by* President Ledermann

a) Assessment of Student Learning (1)

(1) Colin Wray

(a) Approved

b) Scholastic (3) Thursdays at 8:45-9:45

(1) Emily Trieu, Parker Smith, Josiah Gregg

(2) Vote in as slate

(a) Approved

c) Steering (1) Monday 2/20 and Monday 3/20 at 3:30pm

(1) Maggie Elinson

(a) approved

2. Purpose of MCSA *presented by* President Ledermann

a) https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_ac0RpE4QrHU7VskOFJttPS7-KODE5fV76iRSYHVQYY/edit

IX. Announcements

X. Adjourn