PREAMBLE
We, the Morris Campus Student Association, are hereby established to represent the student body of the University of Minnesota, Morris and to promote the general interest and welfare of the students. We strive to advocate for the best education possible for our fellow students by furthering the values of academic excellence and integrity on our campus. We encourage student participation in the affairs of our university and aid in the development and implementation of policy relevant to student interests while seeking a cooperative and productive relationship between students, faculty, and staff. As a governmental organization we seek to develop future leaders through service to the global and local community. We represent the study body regardless of race, religion, color, sex, creed, marital status, public assistance status, national origin, disability, age, veteran status, gender identification, or sexual orientation. Accordingly, the Morris Campus Student Association agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the University of Minnesota and the University of Minnesota, Morris while always acting in the interest of the student population.

ARTICLE I: NAME
This organization shall be named the Morris Campus Student Association and shall hereinafter be referred to as the MCSA.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP
The general membership of the MCSA shall consist of all duly registered students of the Morris campus of the University of Minnesota.

ARTICLE III: ORGANIZATION

Section 1: MCSA Forum
The MCSA Forum shall serve as the student government of the UMM students, and no policy shall become the official policy of the MCSA until approved in a manner set forth by the Forum. The MCSA Forum has the right to accept, amend, or reject the actions of the officers or committees of the MCSA Forum.

A. Membership of the MCSA Forum
The MCSA Forum shall consist of the following:
1. All duly elected student members of the UMM Campus Assembly;
2. The MCSA President, Vice President and all members of the cabinet: Secretary of Academic Affairs, Secretary of Resources and Operations, and Secretary of Student Services;
3. All duly elected members of the All-University Senate;
4. The UMM student representative to the Board of Regents;
5. The UMM Student Legislative Committee Chair;
6. The UMM student representative to the Student Senate Consultative Committee;
7. Four duly elected first-year students who shall comprise the First-Year Committee;
8. No fewer than eight student organization representatives from traditionally under represented minority student organizations.

B. Student Organization Representatives
1. A student organization officer must notify the Secretary of Resources and Operations twenty-four hours prior to the new student organization representative taking office for attendance purposes;
2. Any student organization may seek official representation on Forum. Procedures for obtaining or forfeiting representation on MCSA Forum are outlined in the bylaws.

C. Meetings
1. The MCSA Forum is hereinafter referred to as the Forum;
2. The Forum will meet at least six times each semester during the regular academic year;
3. Meetings may be called by the President of the MCSA or by petition of either one-third of the voting membership of the Forum, or two-thirds of the Executive Committee;
4. All meetings shall be open to students, faculty, and staff; all persons may gain privilege of the floor through regular parliamentary procedure;
5. Operation of the Forum is defined in the bylaws.

D. Duties and Responsibilities
1. The Forum shall take action on proposals given to Forum by the MCSA Executive Committee, and on proposals initiated by members during Forum;
2. The Forum shall have the power to reverse any action of the MCSA Executive Committee by a majority vote of the Forum;
3. The Forum shall approve the annual budget of the MCSA;
4. The Forum shall have the power to confirm or reject nominees from the President and/or MCSA Executive Committee;
5. The Forum shall have the power to set up those commissions and committees as deemed necessary and to specify their function and membership as defined in the bylaws;
6. Forum members may have the responsibility of serving on one Campus Assembly, Adjunct, or special committee;
7. Shall have the responsibility for regular attendance at all Forum and committee meetings in which they hold membership;
8. Student Organizations shall be able to designate an alternate from their organization;
9. Forum members shall have the responsibility of serving on at least one Forum committee.

Section 2: Executive Committee

A. Membership

The MCSA Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

1. The President of the MCSA, who shall preside over the Executive Council, and shall vote only in case of a tie;
2. The voting membership shall be the Vice President, the Secretary of Academic Affairs, the Secretary of Resources and Operations, the Secretary of Student Services, and four other members, one being a member of the First-Year Committee, who shall be elected at large by and from the Forum.

B. Meetings

1. The Executive Committee will meet at least six times each semester during the regular academic year;
2. Meetings may be called by the President of the MCSA or by petition of the majority of the members of the Executive Committee;
3. All meetings shall be open to students, faculty, and all persons who may gain privilege of the floor through regular parliamentary procedure;
4. Operation of the Executive Committee is defined in the bylaws.

C. Duties and Responsibilities

1. Shall have the responsibility for initiating proposals and resolutions to be sent to the Forum for their consideration;
2. Shall prepare the agenda for the Forum meetings;
3. Shall administer policies approved by the Forum;
4. Shall set the direction for Forum.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS OF THE MCSA

Section 1: President of the MCSA

1. Serves as a member of the MCSA;
2. Must be duly elected and shall assume office on the second Sunday in April;
3. Shall be the official representative and spokesperson of the MCSA;
4. Shall run for election in coordination with and on the same ballot as a Vice Presidential candidate;
5. Shall serve as presiding officer of the Executive Committee;
6. Shall be responsible for enforcing and upholding the MCSA Constitution;
7. Shall maintain communications with administration, alumni, and other friends of the University;
8. Shall carry out such other duties and responsibilities as delegated by the Forum;
9. May act for Forum when both Forum and the Executive Committee are unable to meet; any action taken on behalf of MCSA by the president must be presented to the MCSA Forum at the next MCSA Forum meeting;
10. At the end of each semester, must submit a State of the Organization address to the Forum;
11. Shall formulate policies relating to MCSA for ratification by Forum;
12. Shall coordinate all task forces and committees of the MCSA relating to campus relations;
13. Shall appoint the three members of the cabinet in consultation with the Vice President.

Section 2: Vice President of MCSA

1. Serves as a member of the MCSA;
2. Must be duly elected and shall assume office on the second Sunday in April;
3. Shall be responsible for enforcing and upholding the MCSA Constitution;
4. Shall assume the duties of the President of the MCSA in the absence or incapacity of the President;
5. Shall run for election in coordination with and on the same ballot as a Presidential candidate;
6. Shall serve as the presiding officer of MCSA Forum, only voting in the case of a tie;
7. Shall carry out such other duties and responsibilities as delegated by the Forum;
8. Shall coordinate all task forces and special committees of the MCSA relating to first-year students and experience, in accordance with other relevant officers of the MCSA;
9. Shall provide consultation to the President for matters concerning appointments;

Section 3: Secretary of Academic Affairs of the MCSA
1. Serves as a member of the MCSA;
2. Must be duly appointed and confirmed by Forum, serving until the third Sunday in April or until removal / resignation;
3. Shall maintain communication with University committees and groups concerned with areas relating to curriculum, instruction, advising, academic freedom and other educational affairs;
4. Shall serve as a member of a Campus Assembly, Adjunct or special committee addressing academic affairs;
5. Shall formulate policies relating to academic affairs for ratification by the Forum;
6. Shall coordinate all task forces and special committees of the MCSA relating to academic affairs;
7. Shall carry out all actions as delegated by the Forum.

Section 4: Secretary of Resources and Operations of the MCSA
1. Serves as a member of the MCSA;
2. Must be duly appointed and confirmed by the Forum, serving until the third Sunday in April or until removal / resignation;
3. Shall coordinate and supervise all economic and budgetary operations of the MCSA;
4. Shall prepare and present an annual budget for the MCSA;
5. Shall maintain communication with University committees and groups concerned with areas relating to campus resources and operations;
6. Shall serve as a member of a Campus Assembly, Adjunct or special committee addressing campus resources and/or operations;
7. Shall formulate policies relating to campus resources and operations for ratification by the Forum;
8. Shall coordinate all task forces and special committees of the MCSA relating to campus resources and operations;
9. Shall carry out all actions as delegated by the Forum.

Section 5: Secretary of Student Services of the MCSA
1. Serves as a member of the MCSA;
2. Must be duly appointed and confirmed by the Forum, serving until the third Sunday in April or until removal / resignation;
3. Shall maintain communication with University committees and groups concerned with areas relating to student services and/or student welfare;
4. Shall serve as a member of a Campus Assembly, Adjunct or special committee addressing student services and/or student welfare;
5. Shall formulate policies relating to student interests for ratification by the Forum;
6. Shall coordinate all task forces and committees of the MCSA relating to student services and/or student welfare;
7. Shall carry out all actions as delegated by the Forum.

ARTICLE V: REMOVAL OF FORUM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF THE MCSA

Section 1: Reason for Removal
Any Forum member or officer may be removed from office for not fulfilling the duties of the office, violating the Constitution, dismissal from the University, or conduct unbecoming an official of the MCSA.

Section 2: Removal of Forum members and elected officials of the MCSA
1. Removal procedures may be initiated by a member of Forum. A two-thirds majority vote of Forum members is then required to remove the member or officer;
2. A removal petition may be initiated by a petition of no less than five percent of duly enrolled students, which will be voted on by the entire student body. A simple majority vote by those voting is required to remove the member or officer;
3. After approval by forum or the student body, the individual shall be removed from office immediately and the position filled within three weeks by proper procedures as set forth in Article VI.

Section 3: Removal of Forum members for Insufficient Attendance
Forum members may be automatically removed from the Forum for insufficient attendance at Forum meetings and other meetings that members are required to attend. Attendance policies shall be defined in the bylaws.

ARTICLE VI: VACANCIES

Section 1:
In the event of a resignation or removal of any Forum member of the MCSA, the vacancy will be filled within three weeks.

Section 2:
Upon the vacancy of the President's position, the Vice-President will assume the Office of the President.

Section 3:
In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Vice President, the President shall appoint a replacement for approval by Forum.
Section 4:
Vacancies in the Campus Assembly position will be filled by the person on the election ballots who received the next highest number of votes. In the event that there are no more alternates available to fill the vacancy, the Forum will elect a non-Campus Assembly-member student to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE VIII: ELECTIONS

Section 1: Election Requirements
1. Election procedures shall be provided in the MCSA bylaws;
2. All duly enrolled students may vote in MCSA elections;
3. Yearly elections will be held in March before Spring Break;
4. An Election Commission shall oversee and enforce election rules and procedures pertaining to student elections;
5. The Election Commission shall be composed of no less than four members of Forum elected by Forum;
6. Election Commission composition shall be defined in the bylaws.

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ARTICLE IX: INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM, AND AMENDMENT

Section 1: Initiative
1. Any duly enrolled student may propose a resolution by presenting a petition to the President of the MCSA, signed by no less than five percent of the student body;
2. An initiated measure should be publicly accessible at least two weeks before the student body votes on it;
3. Such an initiated measure must be submitted to the Election Commission for placement in an all-student election;
4. The initiated measure must be approved by a simple majority of at least twenty-five percent of the student body, and becomes binding immediately upon passage;
5. Results of the initiative vote that draws less than twenty-five percent of the student body will be void.

Section 2: Referendum
1. Any Student may call for a referendum against any measure passed by the Executive Council or the Forum, by presenting a petition to the Forum which is signed by no less than five percent of the student body;
2. An initiated measure should publicly accessible at least two weeks before the student body votes on it;
3. Such an initiated measure must be submitted to the Election Commission for placement in an all-student election;
4. The initiated measure must be approved by a simple majority of at least twenty-five percent of the student body, and becomes binding immediately upon passage;
5. Results of the initiative vote that draws less than twenty-five percent of the student body will be void.

Section 3: Amendment
1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by a member of Forum or by presenting a petition to the Forum which is signed by no less than five percent of the student body;
2. Any amendment must be publicly accessible at least two weeks before the student body votes on it;
3. The amendment must be approved by two-thirds majority of at least twenty-five percent of the student body;
4. Results of the amendment vote that draws less than twenty-five percent of the student body will be void.
5. Any proposed amendments to this Constitution shall go into effect immediately upon passage of the student body.

ARTICLE X: BYLAWS

The MCSA Forum may enact or amend its bylaws with a two-thirds vote of the Forum, provided that each member of the Forum and the general public has received the proposed changes at least ten days prior to the vote for approval. The bylaws have the full force and standing of the MCSA Constitution.

ARTICLE XI: EFFECTIVE DATE OF CONSTITUTION

Following approval by the Student Services Committee and student body, this Constitution will take effect April 2013.