I. Guaranteed Representation

Traditionally under-represented minority organizations will be guaranteed a seat on the Morris Campus Student Association (MCSA) Forum. Traditionally under-represented organizations are defined as those that are created to provide support to a specific culture or identity that has faced historical or institutional prejudice. The following student organizations and those with similar missions will be guaranteed a seat on the MCSA Forum without submission of a petition.

1. Asian Student Association (ASA); or another organization representing the Asian population, cultures, and advocates.
2. Black Student Union (BSU); or another organization representing the African/African American population, cultures, and advocates.
3. Circle of Nations Indian Association (CNIA), American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), or another organization representing the American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian population, cultures, and advocates.
4. Morris Queer Student Initiative for Equality (MoQSIE); or another organization representing the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered population, cultures, and advocates.
5. International Student Association (ISA); or another organization representing the International Student population, cultures, and advocates.
6. Muslim Student Association (MSA); or another organization representing Muslim populations, cultures, and advocates.
7. Voces Unidas; or another organization representing the Latino/Hispanic populations, cultures, and advocates.
8. Women of Color Association (WOCA); or another organization representing the women of color population, cultures, and advocates.

II. Petition for Seeking Representation to the Forum

Organizations or specific constituencies seeking representation on the MCSA Forum must submit a petition on their behalf.

Petitions will be made available at the start of the semester and turned in no later than four weeks into the semester. Petitions should be returned to the Executive Committee or an Officer of the MCSA.

The Executive Committee will review petitions and present their suggestions about each petition individually to the Forum. Forum, having the final decision, will then accept or deny petitions. Acceptance of petition will be judged by a simple majority of Forum. Those organizations granted a seat on the Forum shall be seated at the next forum meeting.

Petition

Student Organizations may petition to gain a seat on the MCSA Forum at the start of each academic semester for a position lasting the duration of the academic year if the organization
meets the following criterion:

1. The organization should be recognized as an official student organization starting the semester before membership is sought. The student organization needs to show stability before being granted a seat on the MCSA Forum.
2. The organization must petition the Executive Committee with the following information:
   a. Date of group establishment
   b. Estimated number of members
   c. Mission statement of organization
   d. Reason for seeking representation
   e. Signature of two officers

Appeal Process
Those organizations that are rejected may appeal to the Forum at the following Forum meeting. Acceptance will be determined by a simple majority of the Forum. If rejected the organization may apply for representation at regular application period for the next semester.

Removal
1. Removal of Individual
   Organizational Representatives are subject to the same rules and removal processes as any other member of the MCSA Forum. If an individual Organization Representative is removed from the MCSA Forum the organization is responsible for electing a new representative and notifying the Secretary of Resources and Operations twenty-four hours before the next meeting of the MCSA Forum.
2. Removal of the Organization Representation
   a. Organizations will automatically forfeit their representation on the Forum when they cease to be considered an active student organization as considered by the Office of Student Activities.
   b. A 2/3 majority vote of the Forum is required to remove an Organization’s representation for any other reason.
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Application for Seeking Representation to the Forum

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Organization Name: ______________________________________________________________

Organization’s Primary Contact: ____________________________________________________

Number of Members: __________

Mission Statement: (may attach another page)
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Reason for Seeking Representation: (may attach another page)
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Name of MCSA Organization Representative: ___________________________ E-mail: __________
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Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________