



Senate Meeting Minutes

February 7th, 2023

2:15 pm – Forum, 3-130

Student Senators

Senator Raymond
Senator Krieger
Senator Tran
Senator Allen
Senator Nguyen

Election Coordinator

Angelo Romero

President

Paula Barlow

Vice President of Governance

Dalianne Millet

Vice President of Programming

Rasa Barmak

Vice President of Downtown

Mandie McGinnis

Chief of Staff

Jason Sager

Secretary of Governance

Ana Santos

Office of Student Life Advisor

Jodi Oriel

Faculty Advisor

Mark Sample

Visitors: Ryan Messenger – Student Affairs, Ginny Geer-Mentry – MCCA, Kimberly Collins - Academic Services.

Call to Order (2:15 pm)

A. Roll Call (see attendance above)

Vice President of Governance Millet called for a roll call to start the senate meeting

B. Land Acknowledgement

C. Approval of Minutes

- i. Vice President of Governance Millet called for a motion to approve the January 31st, 2023, Student Government Association minutes.
- ii. Senator Krieger so moved, seconded by Senator Allen.
- iii. A vote was taken.
- iv. Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the January 31st, 2023 minutes as written.

Speak to the Senate

A. There was no one to speak to the senate

Reports

A. President Barlow

On Monday, January 30th, 2023, President Barlow gave the SGA report to the Board of Trustees. At this meeting, there was a discussion about the tragedy of Tyre Nichols. I concurred with President Dr. Burt-Nanna that SGA stands in solidarity against police violence.

On Wednesday, February 1st, 2023, President Barlow and other SGA members met with the President of the Black Student Union, Megane Nganmo, to form a candlelight vigil in memory of Tyre Nichols. This will also be live-streamed so that other campuses can join.

President Barlow has reached out to Yolanda Johnson to get permission to use the R. Thomas Flynn Campus Center Building 3 for February 15th, 2023, from 2:15 pm until 3 pm. We hope to get this on Dr. Burt-Nannas and Dr. Gant's schedule to speak at the vigil. Also, SGA and Black Student Union are trying to put together a memorial to remember some who have suffered at the hands of police violence. SGA is also planning a student and faculty panel to discuss why tragedies like this still occur in our society today.

President Barlow has reached out to Dr. Kimberly Collins to come to our Senate meeting on February 7th to help answer any questions about the CircleIn app that is promoted through MCC and some faculty as a tool for students to use for studying.

President Barlow also attended the Intercollegiate Conference hosted by St. John Fisher's Student Government on February 5th, 2023. Other SGA members and SGA faculty advisor Mark Sample and Student Life Advisor Jodi Oriel attended with us. This event was the first of its kind in the college community in Rochester. As student leaders, we gained much introspection from other student leaders. We listened to a beautiful speech by Mayor Malik Evans on how we, as this generation of student leaders, are what he called "drum majors." We learned that collectively we could make a change against injustice. This conference also included learning workshops on legacy, sustainability, conflict resolution, and many other topics that enhanced our leadership skills and allowed us to network with other Student Governments. It is our hope that a conference like this can continue every year and grow by getting more colleges to attend. Student Government Association at MCC thanks St. John Fisher for putting on such a successful event to unite us all. We are all brothers and sisters, and this conference indeed drove that notion home.

B. Vice President Millet

This Sunday, SGA members and VP of Governance attended the intercollegiate conference held in St John Fisher for SGA members in Rochester campuses. It was a great experience and hope we can do it again in the future. SGA learnt many ways other colleges are doing promotion of their events, a little bit about how other colleges SGA's work and how they try to make sure that their students are being heard. VP of Governance took away from this conference that leaders are always the best if they are trying to learn how to become a better person. VP of Governance thinks that attending conferences like this will help improve ourselves as people and as leaders. One of the workshops that we attended was how to manage conflict and VP of governance think what we learnt will help us in any moment of our lives.

C. Vice President of Programming Barmak

This past week, I met with Chloe and cab members on Thursday (2/2) to talk about upcoming events and our plans for the semester. We are currently working on some last-minute programming for Valentine's Day which is going to be held Tuesday next week (February 14) in the atrium from 11:30 – 1:30 in Brighton campus.

D. Vice President of Downtown McGinnis

On Tuesday January 31st Vice President McGinnis met with Kim DeLardge and Disability Awareness Club advisor Jean McCrumb to collaborate and felicitate the organization and cleaning of the club

storage room at the Downtown Campus. Members of the club will meet weekly with Vice President McGinnis to complete this project, then as needed throughout the semester. Vice President McGinnis met with Jean McCrumb again that day to discuss how SGA and other clubs and organization could be a part of a school wide collaboration for Spread the Word event to be held March 29th at the Brighton Campus. Spread the Word is a campaign that promotes and asks you to pledge for inclusion.

“The thematic for 2023 is Going All in(clusive): This thematic is action oriented—a motivational rallying cry that doubles down on the belief that everyone is the goal of our efforts. Going all in(clusive) also means speaking up against the wrong and demeaning use of the R-word in conversations. It is part of an education effort that showcases that language informs attitudes and attitudes impact actions (<https://www.spreadtheword.global/theme>).”

So, Vice President McGinnis ask you, will you pledge to spread the word?

Sunday February 5th, Vice President McGinnis along with her fellow SGA team members had the honor to attend the inaugural intercollegiate leadership conference held at St. John Fisher University. Student Governments from other colleges and universities from around the area attend with the keynote speaker being Mayor Malik Evens. Mayor Evens thanked us for our roles as drum majors. He encouraged us to continue as advocates for change and most importantly reminded us that we must be our brothers and sisters' keepers. Information presentations filled the remainder of the morning, with Vice President McGinnis sitting in the conflict management and organizational development sessions. Both presentations provided great tools that will be added to my toolbox. Being a part of roundtable discussion about leadership and diversity, equality, and inclusion topics. Vice President McGinnis would like to share with her fellow SGA members how proud she is to be a part of such a special unique team and that they inspire her to be a better self.

E. Secretary of Governance Santos

Secretary of Governance Ana Santos attended the black-tie event held by the Black Student Union and worked on the minutes for the past week.

On February 5th, Santos attended the 2023 Intercollegiate Student Leadership Conference in St. John Fisher University where she learned how to be a leader using justice, peace and righteousness from keynote speaker Mayor Malik Evans. Secretary Santos took things such as mental health, programming and diversity on Campus, just to mention some, from the conference and from other SGA members from across the Rochester area, the conference and workshops empower her to be the best leader she can be and try to involve other students in the process.

Last week, Secretary Santos also discussed with their professor regarding their and students concerns with the number of counselors available at MCC. Secretary of Governance Santos knows about the importance of mental health and learn so much more about it in the St. John Fisher University Leadership Conference, about how it impacts the students learning process; and with the SGA Santos is going to try to get to the bottom of this and try to implement what she learned from other leaders.

On February 6th, Secretary Santos shortly went to Professor and SGA advisor Sample very interesting lecture about The Little Rock crisis, where she learned more about the event and what lead to it.

F. Chief of Staff Sager

Chief of Staff Sager along with other members of the SGA met with the Black Student Union president Megane Nganmo on Wednesday February 1st to start planning a number of events to honor the life of Tyre Nichols. On Sunday February 5th Chief of Staff Sager attended the first annual Intercollegiate Conference hosted by St. John Fishers Student Government where he attended seminars on Conflict Management and Legacy and Sustainability, along with group discussions on Leadership and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

G. Health and Wellness Senator Raymond

Senator Raymond attended the conference at St. John Fisher and enjoyed the seminars and discussions.

H. Club and Organizations Senator Nguyen

Hello everyone, Phuong Nguyen will be joining SGA and be the new Club and Organization Senator. This week, she worked with Senator Raymond to draft the Travel Resolution for the Travel Club to get their plan going. She was also introduced to the SGA workplace and the officers. Everyone is very friendly and welcoming. She ended the week by writing a weekly report and attending the Pre-Agenda meeting.

I. Veterans Senator Krieger

Senator Krieger, on February 1 at 12:30 met with the veteran's club and welcomed some of the new members to the new semester, Eric Wheeler, was describing the possibility of a Washington Trust trip during the month of May most likely around May 5 to May 7 more details to follow the Jason Durham documentary titled "to hell and back" was showcased Saturday. We are going through some ideas on working with the conservation club in the hospital club with collaborating with warrior salute in Penfield creek to help clean up the area over there as well. More details to follow on that. with helping out.

We are also getting some other veteran students to participate in Holly Wheeler's interview for making colleges more accessible and open to veteran students and we are also working on getting a T-shirt fund request for the veteran's club as well.

On February 5th, 2023, I, as well as my fellow SGA members, attended the Intercollegiate Student Government Conference, at Saint John Fisher University where we learned about organizational development, conflict management, legacy and sustainability, mental and wellness, I also met with other students discussing leadership, programming, diversity, equity, equality, and inclusion. And I had the most honor to see Malik Evans's keynote address.

On February 2, I and my fellow SGA members met with the president of the black community, Miss Nganmo to go about the events that transpired on January 7th and January 10th, marking the brutality against Mr. Nicole and his tragic passing of time on this earth that has fit unjustly, hey student association, government association is devising up the memorial and ceremonial event to mark this in justice, as well as to help bring the community together to, while mourn help inspire hope, and light within this dark and dreadful time. On Wednesday 2023 the 13th of February at 2:15 there will be a candlelight ceremony. A Listening circle event will transpire after, helping the community to have a safe space to express their emotional standpoints and be heard by their peers, and the community that this foundation resides on. More to follow within the coming days. Senator Krieger would like to present the senate with a quote he has found to help shed some light "the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlight path of racial justice, now is the time to change racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice ring out for all of gods children"- Martian Luther King.

J. Diversity Senator Tran

On February 2nd, Senator Tran participated in a meeting with BSU and SGA regarding the death of Tyre Nichols and how SGA can show their support for Nichols. In addition, Senator Tran attended one final meeting with students and faculty members for the movie panel discussion on the movie, "Emergency," as a part of a celebration of Black History Month.

On January 5th, Senator Tran attended the Intercollegiate Student Leadership Conference hosted at St. John Fisher University. Many of the highlights include a keynote address by mayor Malik Evans, in which he compared student leaders as "drum majors," based on the sermons of Martin Luther King Jr. He reflected how student leaders should strive to lead properly (similar to a drum major), yet also become agents of change and promote righteousness in the world.

K. Student Relations Senator Allen

Senator Allen attended the meeting with the Black Student Unions President, Megane. At this meeting, the BSU President, the Student Government team, and I devised plans and events to show our support to everyone affected by the death of Tyre Nichols or those who have experienced or know someone who has experienced, an event as tragic and disheartening as this. Senator Allen also attended the St. John Fisher leadership conference on the 5th of February. Mayor Malik Evans spoke about the importance of being a student leader, and the changes we can make in our communities. At the conference, the different Student Governments also met up to collaborate and share ideas on different ways to get more student involvement and get information out there about our association. We also discussed the importance of creating a safer or more friendly view of Student Government so students will feel more comfortable coming to us with their issues, and how to balance that friendliness while also upholding our professionalism.

L. Election Coordinator Romero

Election coordinator Romero attended the discussion about Kentanji Brown Jackson with judge Teresa Johnson as the speaker on January 30th. Election coordinator Romero also attended the circle in & donuts event, talking more about what the app does to students. Elections Coordinator Romero also attended the Intercollegiate Student Leadership Conference on February 5th. He learned Conflict Management is important as a leader, ways to keep attendance of students coming to events, and how to get more people to get out of their comfort zone. Elections coordinator Romero attended Professor Mark Samples lecture on the Little Rock Crisis on February 6th. Elections coordinator Romero also had a chat with Rochester Mayor Malik Evans and took a photo with him.

New Business

A. Kimberly Collins – Associate Vice President, Academic Services

Collins came to the senate meeting to give information about CircleIn and listen to feedback about the app. CircleIn is a free tool for MCC students in which they interact and study with classmates and where they can meet with online tutors. Collins has been trying to make the CircleIn experience more enjoyable and visible for all MCC students, she received the feedback and would like to receive more in the future.

Discussion Items

A. There were no discussion items

Old Business

A. There was no old business

Questions and Comments

A. There were no questions or comments

Adjournment

A. Vice President Millet called for a motion for adjournment

B. Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm

Executive Session

Respectfully submitted,

Ana Santos
Secretary of Governance