



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR  
Tuesday, March 19, 2013 2:15 PM, Forum 3-130**

**Student Senators:**

Media Senator Savarese  
Residence Hall Senator Walters  
At-Large Senator Halloran  
At-Large Senator Williams

**President:**

Shanel Montalvo

**Speaker:**

Rabbil Jackson-Harris

**Deputy Speaker:**

Kyle Savarese

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart

**Faculty Advisor:**

Joseph McCauley

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Rebecca Herzog

**SA Secretary**

Elizabeth Flanagan

**Visitors:** Suzanne Fava, WMCC, The Fuse; Daniel Steiner, Mini Baja Club; Sean Jopson, Student; Melissa Fromm, Xavier Goodrum, Quinton White; Health and Physical Education; Richard Ryther, Student Services; Susan Baker, Student Services; Suzanne Fava, WMCC the Fuse; Andy Binder, Student

**I. CALL TO ORDER (2:15 pm)**

**A. Roll Call**

(See attendance above)

**B. Approval of March 12, 2013 Minutes**

Speaker Rabbil Jackson-Harris called for a motion to approve the minutes of March 12, 2013.

Senator Walters so moved, seconded by Senator Halloran. There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

*Be it resolved*, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association unanimously approves the March 12, 2013 minutes as written.

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

Suzanne Fava of WMCC approached the Senate. She reminded all that Lou Gramm will be visiting Campus on April 26<sup>th</sup> and will be available for autographs for some time in the afternoon. Also, a meeting of the Tobacco-free Committee will be held tomorrow at 10:00 AM in Building 1.

Richard Ryther and Susan Baker then approached the Senate regarding the implementation plan for the smoke-free policy. Mr. Ryther explained that in June 2012, SUNY passed a resolution that all SUNY campuses are to be tobacco-free. This policy must be implemented by January 2014, and he wants to make sure everyone is fully aware of what is happening. He indicated that January 2014 will be a soft-implement of the policy, but it must be fully implemented by September 2014. He went on to say that this is not to punish smokers, but to protect non-smokers from the dangerous effects of second-hand smoke. In particular, young people are some of the heaviest smokers in the country.

Senator Walters asked about the implications for the residence halls. Dr. Baker indicated that smokers must smoke off-campus. Mr. Ryther mentioned that the residence hall issue is one of the most controversial issues being discussed. Senator Walters asked if a special program could be done to inform residence hall students. Mr. Ryther expressed that this is a good idea. Dr. Baker mentioned that there will be programs offered to help people to stop smoking, and that we're learning how best to handle the implementation of the policy from other SUNY campuses. She and others of the Committee welcome students' ideas. Senator Williams asked how many students are on the Committee, and Mr.

Ryther replied, “Not enough,” welcoming Senator Williams and others to join them. Senator Williams mentioned that there are many violations of our current no-smoking area policy, and asked about penalties. Mr. Ryther shared that there are two codes of conduct; one for faculty and staff, and one for students. In both cases, there are approaches detailed for corrective action. There is a policy in place for violations by students, and in the case of faculty and staff, there are contractual issues and possibly the involvement of Human Resources. Speaker Jackson-Harris asked if after implementation, students will be permitted to sit in their cars and smoke. Mr. Ryther indicated that this is now the case as a car is a person’s personal property. That said, this is open for discussion. Speaker Jackson-Harris asked if this policy applies to all tobacco products. Mr. Ryther indicated that it does. No chewing tobacco, and no vapor cigarettes will be permitted in addition to the prohibition of conventional cigarettes. Dr. Baker added that this is a big change and there is going to be some push-back. Suzanne Fava noted that people attend MCC by choice, and they have the choice to not attend if they cannot abide by the college’s policies. Senator Walters suggested that we start enforcing the current policy in order to change the current *laissez-faire* mindset, and show that breaking policy will no longer be tolerated. Dr. Baker mentioned that signs will be everywhere that should raise awareness and drive the change. Mr. Ryther indicated that we will be asking for voluntary compliance and see how that goes. Senator Walters asked if there could be a separate body to enforce the policy. Mr. Ryther responded that this would be very costly. Suzanne Fava encouraged the SGA to discuss this issue at Roundtable meetings. She also mentioned that teen cancer survivors will be coming to campus to have discussions and help to encourage people to comply, and more importantly, to quit smoking. Mr. Ryther also mentioned how quitting can benefit people financially. \$10 per pack adds up. Speaker Jackson-Harris suggested a more visible presence of public safety to help enforce the policy. Mr. Ryther appreciated all the great ideas, and reiterated his welcoming of feedback.

Andy Binder, student, then approached the Senate and expressed his agreement with SUNY’s no smoking policy. He asked for clarification about the implementation timeline, and Senator Halloran explained the details of the soft implementation, and the complete implementation to follow.

### III. REPORTS

#### **President Montalvo**

The past few weeks have been quite busy:

St. Patrick Day Parade

- Attended with Senator Walters, Senator Halloran, active member Blue, and the Veterans’ Club
- Jason Childers did a great job planning, and the march was fun, despite the cold.

Elections

- Elections packets are now available to all students
- Attended an elections workshop on the 14<sup>th</sup>
- Working with Chris Ngyuen, formulating our game plan for elections

ATC Concerns

- Worked with Ginny, ordered a coffee machine with First Generation Vending; delivery soon.
- Veteran meetings at the ATC (Wednesdays) will be attending 3/20/2013
- Plan on contacting the person in charge of hanging up posters at the ATC (they are out of date)

Green Week

- Last week, 3/15/2013, Green week was initiated with the directorate and OAU. Individuals were given specific tasks according to their positions.
- The 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm in the Atrium and Terrace are locked in dates. \*
- Headline events include: Sorting Recycled Goods Game, Recycle Relay, and a speaker.
- Working with individual clubs to have their own games etc.

Residential Life

- Worked with Ginny to get Credit/ Debit machines for the Laundry rooms in the Residence Halls implemented over summer, available for use next fall

\*Working on getting the 15<sup>th</sup> (that Monday)

#### **Senator Halloran**

“These past few weeks, I have been familiarizing myself with OrgSync a little more. I have been working on getting various internal features up and running for the use of the Senate, and to meet other goals, such as the publishing of an SGA application form, which should be coming soon.

The St. Patrick’s Day Parade was a huge success, and we had a great turnout all around. There was a very good response from the community for MCC. We need to continue such positive interaction with the larger community.

Recently, I have been working with Senator Walters on the Relay for Life, which will be upon us sooner than we may think. I am anxious to see the fruits of our labor as we will surely be putting much of our time and energy into this worthwhile event.”

#### **Advisor Stewart**

Reminded all that the Emerging Leaders Program will take place on Thursday at 4:00 PM. Advisor Stewart also expressed her hope that all are making recruiting efforts as this is essential.

#### **Advisor Herzog**

Club Awards packets will be available on OrgSync and this year, the questions will not require an essay form. The packets will also be available in the OSLD Office, but students are encouraged to instead use OrgSync for this purpose.

Advisor Herzog also mentioned her successful presentation with Amy Greer on the Enough is Enough campaign, and her hope that this positive initiative catches on across the board.

#### **Advisor McCauley**

As we are well into the semester, you may want to develop a sense of urgency with regard to accomplishing your goals.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate Vote)**

##### **Resolution to approve members of the Presidential Cabinet**

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion to this first resolution. Senator Williams so moved with a Second from Senator Walters.

Sean Jopson approached the Senate. He shared his enthusiasm for the position, and expressed his true desire to help others and continue in this direction of service as he moves forward in life. Sean also communicated his positive feelings about his recent meeting with President Montalvo and Senator Walters, and how he looks forward to working with them. He welcomes constructive suggestions, and feels that he has the character and social strengths to shine in this position. Senator Walters asked Sean if he would consider continuing in the position next year. Sean responded that he would be open to the possibility, depending on how things go this year. Advisor Stewart reminded all that each president needs to appoint cabinet members each academic year.

A vote was taken.

**Resolved**, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves the appointment of Sean Jopson as Commissioner of Student Services for the 2012-2013 Academic Year.

##### **Resolution to approve the petition for charter for the Health, PE and Wellness Club**

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion to this second resolution. Senator Walters so moved.

A second was not required as the resolution came from committee.

Xavier Goodrum from Health and Physical Education approached the Senate. Speaker Jackson-Harris

asked Xavier to elaborate on what the club hopes to do. Xavier indicated that the benefits include the well-being that comes from good physical education, positive resume-building activities, and community service and events. Speaker Jackson-Harris asked about the types of events. Xavier detailed two events: the Relay for Life, and the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. The students' advisor, Melissa Fromm added that she has witnessed the importance of a good phys ed club from her experience with SUNY Cortland, where she attended as a student after MCC. She expressed that such a club gives students great experience and community involvement, which in turn gives them great experience to put on their resumes. She specifically mentioned the Punt, Pass and Kick event as an example. She stressed how essential it is to encourage students now to build such strengths beyond their classes, and build their resumes. The club would also be largely student-driven. There was consensus with all that such a club would be positive for students.

A vote was taken.

**Resolved** that the Senate approves the charter for Health, PE and Wellness Club.

## **QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

There were no further questions or comments.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion for adjournment. Senator Halloran so moved, with a second from Senator Williams. A vote was taken. At 3:10 PM, the Senate meeting was adjourned.

## **VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth V. Flanagan  
SA Secretary