



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, January 29, 2013 2:15 PM, Forum 3-130**

Student Senators:

Media Senator Savarese
Residence Hall Senator Walters
Social Club Senator Wynn

President:

Shanel Montalvo

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

Speaker:

Rabbil Jackson-Harris

SL&LD Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog-absent

SA Secretary

Elizabeth Flanagan

Visitors: Andy Binder, Student; Suzanne Fava, WMCC, The Fuse; Virginia Geer-Mentry, MCC Association; Jason Childers, Celtic Society; Dick Ryther, Student Services; Ali Salah, student; Nelson Clark, Environment & Sustainability; Shirley Batistta-Provost

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:15 pm)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of December 11, 2012 Minutes

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion to approve the minutes of December 11, 2012.

Senator Walters so moved, seconded by Senator Savarese.

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association unanimously approves the December 11, 2012 minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Andy Binder, student, approached the Senate inquiring about the status of double-sided printing for the Interdisciplinary Center. Speaker Jackson-Harris indicated that the status of this is currently unknown due to the break and changes in student government. Andy looks forward to the resolution of this issue.

Andy then inquired about shuttle service to the Applied Technology Center (ATC). Speaker Jackson-Harris stated that surveys have been submitted regarding this and the status will need to be checked. A new Technical Education Senator may be helpful in this regard.

Further, Andy asked if a shuttle travels to and from the Public Safety Training Facility on Scottsville Road. Virginia Geer-Mentry indicated that there have been no requests for this service.

Suzanne Fava then approached the Senate. She questioned her understanding of a bookstore policy involving book returns. The perception was that the bookstore was not accepting returns before the end of the drop/add period for classes, and she felt that this would create a hardship for students and should not be the case. After some discussion, Virginia Geer-Mentry located and read the policy which indicated that returns are indeed accepted through the end of the drop/add period for classes. She added

that such policies are strictly enforced to safeguard against dishonest practices by some individuals.

Jason Childers then approached the Senate to inform everyone of the Celtic Society's screening of the movie, Brave, this evening at 6:00 PM in Building 12, Room 129. Pizza and refreshments will be served.

Ali Salah, student, approached the Senate. He was concerned about an experience with the bookstore in which he was denied a return due to the condition of the receipt which was beyond his control. He indicated that the ink easily comes off of the receipt, and the bookstore clerk denied him a refund as the receipt could no longer be read.

A discussion ensued regarding the flimsy material of the receipts and the possibility of plastic gift card use for refunds. President Montalvo noted that plastic gift cards are used in some cases at the bookstore. Speaker Jackson-Harris stated that he will talk to Carol Fisher, Bookstore Manager, to see if refunds could be issued through the use of gift cards.

Ali also voiced his concern about a defect in a pool table at one of the Residence Halls. Senator Walters agreed, and stated that the defective pool table is in Canal Hall. It has a tear in the felt. Virginia Geer-Mentry suggested that the Resident Assistant of that hall be contacted regarding this issue.

III. REPORTS

Advisor Stewart

There will be a Student Life Fair next Wednesday, February 6, 2013, from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM in the Atrium.

Tomorrow, from 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM at Round Table, there will be a discussion, "Sell Your Club or Organization".

Also, please advise your peers to be sensitive to the needs of our front desk student workers, and always take a moment to stop and let them know why you are visiting the Office of Student Life and Leadership Development. It is their job to greet visitors and determine the best way to direct students within our office.

Advisor McCauley

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IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate Vote)

a. Resolution to approve Kyle Savarese to the position of Deputy Speaker, Brighton Campus Student Government Association

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion for this resolution. Senator Walters so moved, seconded by Senator Wynn.

Speaker Jackson-Harris expressed his confidence in candidate Savarese's qualifications for this position, specifically noting his diligence, passion, reliability, and willingness to serve as an organizational backbone.

A vote was taken.

Resolved that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association approves the appointment of Kyle Savarese to the position of Deputy Speaker of the Brighton Campus Student Government Association for the remainder of the 2012-2013 academic year.

b. Resolution to approve the petition for charter for the Human Behavioral Research Group

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion for this first resolution. Senator Savarese so moved. A second was not necessary in this case as this was proposed by committee. Deputy Speaker Savarese mentioned that there has been a significant loss of interest in this issue, and a brief discussion followed. A vote was taken.

Resolved that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association disapproves of the petition for the Human Behavioral Research Group.

c. Resolution to approve the funding of \$300.00 to BASIC

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion for this resolution. Deputy Speaker Savarese so moved. No second was required as this issue was brought to the table by committee.

After a brief discussion, it was decided that the question of funding for BASIC to sponsor the event entitled, Love Justice, will be tabled at this time.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Shirley Batistta-Provost mentioned that she needs a cover sheet from each passed constitution item.

Speaker Jackson-Harris noted that he will comply with her request.

President Montalvo then shared the news of Scott F. Blue's resignation as President, and her subsequent elevation to that position. She indicated that former President Blue gave her a letter he wrote that he would like to be shared with all present. She read the letter, which expressed former President Blue's great confidence in President Montalvo, as well as appreciation for the wisdom he has gleaned from his experience. His letter also expressed the importance of humility and active listening in leadership, and his witness to President Montalvo's possession of this characteristic and skill. All present were most grateful for former President Blue's gracious expression of kindness and encouragement.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:48 PM, Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Walters so moved, seconded by Senator Wynn. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth V. Flanagan
SA Secretary