Monroe Community College

# Senate Meeting Minutes

May 9th, 2023 2:15 pm – Forum, 3-130

**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

**Treasurer** Zeynep Guney

**Secretary of Governance** Ana Santos Office of Student Life Advisor Jodi Oriel

Faculty Advisor Mark Sample

# Election Coordinator

Angelo Romero

**Student Senators** 

Senator Raymond

Senator Murdock Senator Leichtner

Senator Nguyen

Senator Krieger

Senator Tran

Senator Allen

Visitors: Ryan Messenger – Student Affairs, Ginny Geer-Mentry – MCCA, Slagana Mitris – Student, Dana Williams – Student.

#### Call to Order (2:15 pm)

A. Roll Call

Vice President of Governance Millet called for a role 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 May 2nd, 2023, Student Government Association minutes.
  - ii. Senator Allen so moved, seconded by Senator Leichtner.
  - iii. A vote was taken.
  - iv. Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the May 2nd, 2023 minutes as written.

#### Speak to the Senate

A. April from The Faculty Senate

In the face of the recent anti-LGBTQIA+ legislations MCC wants to ensure this campus is a safe place for them. The Faculty Senate wants all MCC staff, faculty, students, managers and board members to affirm and support the LGBTQIA+.

#### Reports

A. President Barlow

On May 2nd President Barlow invited Dean Rambish who is the dean of the Paralegal Program to discuss the plan for a new director of the program. She answered all our concerns and assured us that there will be a new director in place. On May 3rd President Barlow volunteered for Scholars Day. This allowed her the opportunity to view many student scholars' presentations. She also attended the Scholar's Day reception and witnessed many student scholars win scholarships. Later that evening she attended the Keynote Speaker, George M. Johnson. The key takeaway from his message was to encourage Generation Z to be proud of their identity and to inform them they are America's future. On May 8th, President Barlow attended Diversity Senator Tran's event. This event highlighted Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. The event was very beautiful and had an opportunity to eat Vietnamese food and learn a little about Vietnamese culture.

B. Vice President Millet

Millet has no report for this week.

C. Vice President of Programming Barmak

Spring Fling is this Wednesday.

D. Vice President of Downtown McGinnis

May 3rd Vice President McGinnis helped at the scholar's day awards ceremony greeting scholars and supporting with check-in. Congratulation to the winners and great job to all the scholars. Later that evening, attending the keynote event with visiting scholar George M. Johnson. George, an author and activist shared his story and the importance of sharing diverse stories.

E. Secretary of Governance Santos

On Wednesday 3rd Secretary Ana Santos went to scholars day in which Election Coordinator Angelo Romero made the beginning speech. She thinks Romero did a great job with the speech that was about SGA and his public speaking skills history.

Last week Santos kept campaigning for the Student Trustee position and was present in one of the meet the candidates events in the Terrance.

On Thursday 4th Secretary of Governance Ana Santos hosted some prospect students that came from NY city to have a MCC tour and learned what the college is about.

On Monday 8th Santos was present in the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month event made by Senator Kenny Tran. Good job with the Lion Dance Tran.

Also, on Monday 8th Secretary Santos was in the meeting with the Presidents team in which the SGA gave the report of what they have been doing this past month.

Finally, Secretary Santos worked in the Senate Meeting Minutes from the last SGA public meeting.

F. Chief of Staff Sager

Chief of Staff Sager participated in the MCC Scholars Day on May 2nd, presenting my research on The Cost of War: The impact of the War in Ukraine on the Former Soviet Republics, which won first place in the social sciences category.

G. Treasurer Guney

Guney has no report for this week.

H. Health and Wellness Senator Raymond

Senator Raymond attended the meeting with the executive leadership team for the end-of-year presidential report and is currently grappling with getting over their cold! Senator Raymond is also looking to continue with SGA next year and is in the process of determining which role will work the best with their schedule.

I. Club and Organizations Senator Nguyen

Senator Nguyen was present in Senator Tran's Southeast Asian event.

J. Veterans Senator Krieger

Senator Krieger, on Wednesday third of 2023 at 2 PM attended the scholars day event, where Angelo Remaro began to give a compelling speech about overcoming adversity and personal struggles I've social anxiety in public speaking that help touch people's hearts, and what is a message that everyone can relate to at 5 PM I helped set up and helped ushered the scholars day event at 5 PM with Paula Barlow and Mandy McGinnis, where we saw our chief of staff, Sager won first place for social sciences on his compelling research on the cost of war in Ukraine following right after we had our keynote speaker, George M Johnson, where he gave an educational invoking speech on the struggles of transgenderism and sexuality which to everybody and inspired so many in the crowd. On day May 8 I attended Senator trans Southeast Asian event, where he helped create an educate and energetic, lively experience, where many sought laughter, joy, and fun.

K. Diversity Senator Tran

On May 2nd, Senator Tran helped and attended the Meet the Candidates event. He was glad to see how each candidate interacted with visitors stopping by at the table, along with listening to their opinions as to why they're running. On May 3rd, Senator Tran attended the Scholar's Day Reception. While browsing through the presentations offered there, he was honored to see Elections Coordinator Romero give his speech. Senator Tran was impressed with Romero's experience taking a public speaking class, and how the class has improved his skills overall.

L. Student Relations Senator Allen

Senator Allen has no report this week.

M. Public Relations Senator Murdock

Senator Murdock has no report this week.

N. Club and Organizations Senator Leichtner

Senator Leichtner attended the Meet the Candidates event on May 2nd. Senator Leichtner also attended Scholar's Day on May 3rd, and witnessed Elections Coordinator Romero's wonderful speech.

Finally, Senator Leichtner attended the President's meeting on May 8th.

Also, I would like to congratulate Senator Krieger on his 23rd birthday. Happy Birthday Liam!

O. Election Coordinator Romero

On May 2nd and May 4th, Election Coordinator attended the last two meet the candidates for SGA elections. On May 3rd Election Coordinator Romero gave a speech for scholar's day in the library on Academic Execellence and how I improved in public speaking, Election Coordinator Romero also

attended the keynote speech from George Johnson. Voting started on Monday May 8th, don't forget to vote.

#### New Business

A. There was no new business

## **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 2:40 pm

# **Executive Session**

Respectfully submitted,

Ana Santos Secretary of Governance