



Senate Meeting Minutes

April 18th, 2023

2:15 pm – Forum, 3-130

Student Senators

Senator Raymond
Senator Krieger
Senator Tran
Senator Allen
Senator Murdock
Senator Leichtner
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

Treasurer

Zeynep Guney

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, Denee Martin – SLLD, Dana Williams – Student, Levar Burgess – Student.

Call to Order (2:15 pm)

A. Roll Call

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 April 11th, 2023, Student Government Association minutes.
- ii. Senator Allen so moved, seconded by Senator Krieger.
- iii. A vote was taken.
- iv. Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the April 11th, 2023 minutes as written.

Speak to the Senate

- A. There was no one to speak to the senate

Reports

- A. President Barlow

On Wednesday, April 12th, 2023, President Barlow facilitated the Snack and Chat Event held on the Brighton Campus. This was an opportunity to speak with students about our current elections for potential new members. There were several SGA members that helped with this event, and we were able to obtain five new students possibly interested in running in the elections.

I want to thank Angelo Romero, our Elections Coordinator, for doing such a great job in this year's elections. President Barlow cannot wait to see the turnout for the Meet the Candidates. Great job, Angelo. I also want to thank Angelo for handling the Student Engagement applications.

President Barlow would also like to thank Dalianne for being an awesome VP and running our senate meetings. It's a lot of work, and she has grown as a student leader and handled her position with great poise and sophistication. So, thank you, Dalianne, for being so awesome.

President Barlow also recognizes the hard work of our Veterans Senator Liam Krieger for helping with the Chief of Staff responsibilities while our current Chief of Staff was out of town. Thank you, Liam, and can't wait to see you being an awesome student leader next year.

President Barlow would also like to thank our Diversity Senator, Kenny Tran, for bringing a new game into my world. I had many great laughs this week watching other members play the game; it was uplifting. Thank you, Kenny, for bringing some laughter to my week.

- B. Vice President Millet

On 3-30-23, VP of Governance attended the Operations and Personnel Committee meeting, as well as the Associations board Committee meeting where multiple resolutions were passed, and other items were discussed. On Tuesday, 4-11-23, VP of governance attended the Iftar Celebration with multiple SGA members, and we had lots of great food and learned a lot.

- C. Vice President of Programming Barmak

Barmak is working on the upcoming Spring Fling. Also, VP of programming Barmak prepared the Iftar diner event in which she gave a presentation about Ramadan.

- D. Vice President of Downtown McGinnis

On April 12th, Disability Awareness Club hosted the Spread the Word: Inclusion event at the Downtown campus. The event has been a collaborative effort of the club and the SGA, with Vice President McGinnis representing on behalf of the SGA. The event was an opportunity to share with MCC what inclusion is and how we can all be apart. Vice President McGinnis is excited to report the success of the event, with a poster full of signatures of people pledging to Spread the Word: Inclusion, there were prize giveaways, games, and tasty treats by Sodex. Do not worry Brighton campus you did not miss your chance to pledge to Spread the Word: Inclusion, on April 24th from 11:30am-1pm Disability Awareness Club will spread the word again in the Atrium. Stop by to sign the pledge poster, get information from disability services, play some games, and meet new friends, not to mention prize giveaways, and delicious treats from Sodex. Throughout the week via email with Kim DeLarge to finalize the plans and poster for an upcoming registration event at the Downtown campus. The event, Registration Remix, is a carry-over from Vice President McGinnis and Student Trustee Le college project for MCC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa's, Rock-N-Enroll event that took place last fall. Registration Remix will take place April 26th 11am-1pm, Downtown room 300, where student workers will assist fellow students with using the registration platform for them to choose their perfect Fall 2023

schedule. Friday April 14th Vice President McGinnis was interviewed by fellow student Tyliek Buffong. The interview was to gather information to compile a support plan for a person with a disability. Tyliek wanted to highlight that disability is not the barrier, the barriers come from society and when a disabled person is provided the support they need, can be phenomenally successful. During the interview Vice President McGinnis explained how as a disabled women they can make and accomplish their goals by having accommodations fitted to the support needed, person-centered or student-center is vital, meeting people where they are, that is the path needed for success. Vice President McGinnis looks forward to Tyliek's final draft of his support plan, wishes him good luck, and assures him he did an amazing job.

E. Secretary of Governance Santos

On March 28th the SGA had a meeting with President Dr. Burt-Nanna and her leadership team to give a report of what they did for the month of March. On that same Tuesday the SGA was part of the presentation made by Sodexo's to see what the company is going to bring and improve with a new contract as the MCC food vendor.

On March 30th Peer navigation brought students to the SGA office that were visiting MCC, other SGA members and Secretary of Governance Ana Santos talk about what the organization is about, and Santos also did some Spanish translations for Senator Krieger for students which English is not their first language.

Secretary of Governance Ana Santos made fire safety brochures for the resident halls' students months ago and she had to print more of them to make prevention of fires stronger.

On April 11 Secretary Santos went the Ramadan event and before the event Santos, Senator Tran and Elections Coordinator Romero told students about it around campus for they to attend and get to know more about the celebration.

On April 12 Santos was present in the Snack and Chat with the SGA on the terrance where some members of the SGA talked with students about the organization and the upcoming elections.

Also, during the SGA last meeting they discussed a student concern brought by Senator Raymond about the parking lot E being close, Secretary Santos addressed the issue to Stella Smith, the Senior Resident Director for the Resident Halls, and she is going to keep the SGA posted about the opening date.

Finally, Secretary Santos worked in the Senate Meeting Minutes.

F. Chief of Staff Sager

Chief of Staff Sager spent last week in New York City representing MCC at the New York Model UN Simulation where the delegation from MCC was recognized with an honorable mention award for the Distinguished and Outstanding delegation recognitions.

G. Treasurer Guney

Guney has no report for this week.

H. Health and Wellness Senator Raymond

Senator Raymond has no report for this week.

I. Club and Organizations Senator Nguyen

On Tuesday April 11th. I attended the Iftar dinner hosted by our vice president Rasa to learn about Ramadan and their culture. The event was a success, and a lot of people enjoyed the food. On Wednesday April 12th, I attended the Japanese Cherry Blossom Event to explore Japanese celebration for the cherry blossom season.

J. Veterans Senator Krieger

Senator Krieger on Wednesday, April 12th at 11:37 helped set up and assemble the snack and chat that was held at the Brighton campus at 12-1 pm my fellow SGA members discuss plans on her how to get involved with SGA and to help give pieces of information on elections good job Mr. Romero. Also at noon, I attended a veteran club meeting where we discussed the Washington trip coming up, and where I invited Zack Moreland a retired Naval aviation Captain tomorrow at noon to speak to us about the outreach program in Syracuse., where he will vote for different court programs, held for veterans that are not facilitated by the VA such as, but not limited to residential care, canine training, free bus passes and so much more.

K. Diversity Senator Tran

On April 11th, Senator Tran attended the Constitution Committee meeting, in which the final edits were being discussed. In addition, on April 12th, Senator Tran attended the Iftar Dinner event for Ramadan. It was an honor partaking in the event and trying out the foods, along with seeing fellow VP of Programming Barmak give her presentation on Ramadan. On April 13th, Senator Tran went to the Snack and Chat event. Across, he was able to participate in the Japanese Spring Festival by Global Union. He was able to write down a wish that was tied on the tree, along with trying out the tea. In addition, Senator Tran has been in the plans of starting a Traditional Vietnamese Lion Dance Performance for the month of May, which correlates with Asian American Pacific Islander Month. This event will be held on May 8th, which will feature a traditional performance along with Vietnamese food and the meaning behind the event.

L. Student Relations Senator Allen

On March 28th, Senator Allen attended the first-year experience egg hunt with Senator Tran. At this event, there was food, an easter egg hunt race, and a gift card prize (Senator Tran lost). Senator Allen along with the rest of the SGA team attended a meeting the Dr. Bert-nanna and her team. During this meeting, we discussed what the SGA has been doing so far this semester. After meeting with the President, Senator Allen and the rest of the team met with representatives of Sodexo for a food tasting/presentation. During this food tasting Sodexo had many delicious food options and ideas on how they can improve MCC, the chicken, and waffles were delicious!

On March 30th Secretary of Governance Santos, Elections Coordinator Romero, Veterans Senator Krieger, and Senator Allen received a peer navigator in the SGA office that was giving a tour to students that were visiting MCC.

Also, Dalianne is Awesome!

M. Public Relations Senator Murdock

Senator Murdock has no report for this week.

N. Club and Organizations Senator Leichtner

This week Senator Lichtner was in model UN.

O. Election Coordinator Romero

Election Coordinator Romero Attended the election workshop on Monday April 10th, The purpose was to go over the rules and regulations to students who want to be candidates for SGA. Election Coordinator Romero with the rest of the Constitution committee are finalizing the SGA constitution and By-Laws as they will be on the ballot. Election Coordinator Romero also attended Iftar Dinner on Tuesday April 11th, learning more about Ramadan. Election Coordinator Romero attended the Snack & Chat on Wednesday April 12th, telling students more about SGA and what we do, while also promoting elections.

New Business

A. Action Items (requires a senate vote)

1. Resolution for the approval of the funding request of the Student Music Association

Resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the financial request of Student Music Association for \$500 for a picnic open mic event.

Vice President Millet called for a motion to approve the resolution.

Senator Krieger so moved, second by Senator Tran.

Discussion: The Student Music Association completed the request fund and met the standards of both the Student Government Association and the Office of Student Life and Leadership.

A vote was taken. The resolution passed.

Be it resolved, by the senate present and voting the Student Government Association allocates \$500 to the Student Music Association at Monroe Community College.

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 2:36 pm

Executive Session

Respectfully submitted,

Ana Santos
Secretary of Governance