



Senate Meeting Minutes

May 2nd, 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, Camille Ball – Student, Abbey Mathies – Student, Emma Piccirillo – Student, Dana Williams – Student, Jesse Vida – Student, Shubing Zeng – 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 25th, 2023, Student Government Association minutes.
- ii. Senator Tran so moved, seconded by Senator Allen.
- iii. A vote was taken.
- iv. Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the April 25th, 2023 minutes as written.

Speak to the Senate

A. Paralegal Dean Rambish

Student Government President Paula Barlow asked questions about the program and its future. The ABA certification is not going to be lost, and the good quality of the program is going to be the same.

Reports

A. President Barlow

On April 25th President Barlow met with the Suny Chancellor, Dr. King, Chairman Williams of the MCC Board of Trustees, and our college President, Dr. Burt-Nanna. This discussion was to gain insight into how MCC students perceive MCC and, if anything could bring a better MCC experience for the students, what that change would look like. This was a very welcome conversation, and President Barlow believes the discussion was significant. On April 26th, President Barlow attended the Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony to support and applaud the academic accomplishments of the new members of MCC's local chapter, Alpha Theta Iota. This was a great accomplishment for these students as they are now in the top 3% of students that achieve this honorable status. On April 27th, President Barlow attended her last MCC Association Board of Directors meeting. President Barlow looks forward to seeing new student leaders as part of shared governance next semester. On May 1st, President Barlow attended Campus One80's Rap Concert with Cuevas Walker. It was uplifting, and I witnessed Cuevas freestyle the word of God through the lens of Rap music. Thank you, Campus One80, for putting this event together. President Barlow is currently working with the Paralegal Students to try and identify where the Paralegal Program stands for a new Director, as the current Director will be stepping down in late June. She has invited Dean Dr. Rambish to join our senate meeting to discuss the issue openly.

B. Vice President Millet

On April 27th Millet attended the operations committee meeting, as well as the association committee meeting, where multiple resolutions were passed, and a small reception was also held. Since it was the last meeting.

C. Vice President of Programming Barmak

Spring Fling is ready and coming up next week with food, live music, inflatables, t-shirts and more fun activities.

D. Vice President of Downtown McGinnis

On April 24th Secretary Santos and Vice President McGinnis were invited by President Barlow as her guests to the SUNY Chancellor Award Ceremony held in Albany. It was an honor to witness the four outstanding MCC students awarded the highest honor a SUNY student can receive. Congratulations to Paula Barlow, Mia Ly, Sam Roberts, and Val Krokhmalyuk. Vice President McGinnis would like to take a moment to extend deep gratitude for the Disability Awareness Club for bringing their Spread the Word: Inclusion event to the Brighton campus on April 24th. The event was a success at both the Downtown and Brighton campus, displaying how amazing our community is. A huge thank you to Jean McCrumb, advisor of the Disability Awareness Club, the Office of Student Life and Leadership Development, Denee Martin, and Jodi Oriel, and Anita Davis from Disability Services for teamwork and mentorship at all steps of the event process. Vice President McGinnis would also like to say to all the clubs and organizations that collaborated and supported this event, thank you so much for pledging to Spread the Word: Inclusion. Lastly, to the Disability Awareness Club thank you for modeling leadership and showing MCC that when people with disability lead, we all succeeded. Wednesday April 26th the Downtown campus help Registration Remix event that offered the opportunity for Downtown students support with registration for Fall 2023 courses using the new banner platform. While no student registered during the event, Vice President McGinnis was able to connect with students to make them

aware that there are supports on campus to guide them through the registration process and offered my support for any follow up questions. Later that evening, Vice President McGinnis had the opportunity in her role as Chair of College Project for Phi Theta Kappa to induct the new members into MCC chapter Alpha Theta Iota.

This induction ceremony also celebrated 40 years of the Alpha Theta Iota chapter of PTK here at MCC. Vice President McGinnis was humbled by the opportunity to introduce the keynote speaker Holly Anderson, Executive Director of the Breast Cancer Coalition. Holly with advocacy rooted in her soul and a deep passion for women's health issues focused on breast cancer research, education, advocacy, and support for survivors, families, and the community. Grassroot initiatives are the driving force that allows all programs and services to be available free of charge. If you would like to support the Breast Cancer Coalition, there will be an upcoming opportunity right here at MCC with their Pink and Teal Challenge. Vice President McGinnis encourages, challenges, and invites you to join them Saturday May 13 at the Brighton campus by being a part of the Pink and Teal Challenge. Thursday April 27th Vice President McGinnis finished their term serving on the MCC Operation and Personnel Committee and the MCC Association, Inc. Board of Directors. Thank you to all the board members for your mentorship and friendly talks over the year. It has been a pleasure serving on behalf of the MCC students. Vice President and over half of the SGA along with Advisor Sample attended the SUNY SA conference in Queensbury, NY. The conference was held April 28th through the 30th. The three-day conference was filled with general assembly meetings, break-out sessions, and the officer elections, there will be another SUNY SA session over the summer to finish the caucus elections. Saturday was a long, exciting day for all at the conference with heated debates during the officer elections and working late into the evening. Our very own Senator Leithner ran for SUNY SA treasurer, though not winning the election they came in second. Senator Leithner strong showing in the officer elections displayed the impact and legacy of what MCC represents at the SUNY level. Congratulations Senator you make MCC proud to have you represent us with your courage to step in and lead. Senator Leithner will be running for SUNY SA Community

College Representative during the summer caucus elections. Good luck to you in your election. Secretary Santos and Election Coordinator Romeo were voting delegates, steadfast with their passion for the election process and enthusiastic throughout. Thank you for your service, dedication, and excitement, you were the example of the passion that makes challenging work worth it. You both shined bright for MCC. From two of the workshops presented by It's On Us with topics based on Healthy Relationship and Bystander training Advisor Sample and Vice President McGinnis networked with the presenter Adrianna Branin and will begin the coordinating process of bringing It's On Us workshops to the MCC Campuses. Also attending workshops in communicating as a professional, The Silent Why which asked why we are or become leaders, how leadership is different for every leader and challenged us to think of what our impact as leaders means to our legacy. We had an opportunity to learn more about marking and branding and the final workshop Sunday Succession Planning. Presenter Abigale Fink explained the part of how we make a difference by planning who you as leaders pass on leadership roles and positions. "Without having succession planning in place, you are building for a future without a future," she explained the five-step process, "to invest in the future by cultivating an environment to make big things happen." As witness here at MCC this year by all the students we are all invested, cultivating an environment and we all have participated in the big things happening.

E. Secretary of Governance Santos

On Tuesday April 25th Secretary of Governance Ana Santos went to the Downtown Campus to have the Senate Meeting over there with President Barlow, Vice President of Downtown McGinnis, Election coordinator Romero, Veteran Senator Krieger, Student Relations Senator Allen, and Health and Wellness Senator Raymond. After the meeting they had a meeting with the SUNY Chancellor King in which they talked about what they love about MCC and things that students need and struggle with.

On Wednesday April 26th Santos went to the very fun Cardboard Boat Race in which Election Coordinator Romero and Clubs and Orgs Senator Nguyen competed. She was there to support them and other student leaders around campus.

On Thursday April 27th was inducted as a ptk member with Chief of Staff Sager and more students. Santos was happy to see all the students' hard work bear its fruits. I want to thank Jodie for encouraging me to be part of the event.

This past week, Secretary of Governance Santos has been campaigning for the Student Trustee position around campus and in two different meet the candidates event done on Tuesday and Thursday.

From Friday April 28th to Sunday April 30th Santos represented MCC in the SUNY student assembly conference, in which she also was a voting delegate with Election Coordinator Romero. They got to be part of the election for what is now a new student team for all the SUNY students.

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

F. Chief of Staff Sager

Chief of staff Sager attended the final meeting of the MCC association finance committee on Monday April 24th and the final meeting of the MCC association board on Thursday April 27th.

G. Treasurer Guney

On Friday, April 28, I attended the SUNY SA convention in Albany with my SGA teammates. I learned much from this convention as a newbie to America, school, and SGA. I had the chance to understand SUNY schools' meaning, importance, and purpose. There were presentations about the duties and functioning of SGAs. We talked to our colleagues about our positions, operations, problems, and solutions. As someone who wants to participate in politics and government in the future, participating in the 11-hour election process was an excellent experience for me. I have seen the importance of networking. After my observations this year, with the knowledge I gained, I plan to play a more productive and active role next year.

H. Health and Wellness Senator Raymond

Senator Raymond attended the recent tournament by smash club, along with Senator Leichenstein to introduce himself for campaigning. Senator Raymond will also be helping in writing the presidential report.

I. Club and Organizations Senator Nguyen

On April 25th, I attended the cardboard boat race hosted by the Engineering Leadership Council club. A lot of people attended the event, and my team Society of Women Engineers has won the first place. I also attended the Model United Nation reception along with other SGA members to welcome the delegates back from NYC and hear about the valuable lesson and experience they have gained throughout the trips.

J. Veterans Senator Krieger

On April 25th Senator Krieger spoke with Mr. King with my fellow SGA members about problems facing the veteran community.

K. Diversity Senator Tran

On April 26th, Senator Tran was able to visit the Model UN Reception. He was pleased to learn not only about the history of Model UN, but also the hard work the team has been through. Senator Tran was able to hear each delegate provide an amazing, positive message about their experiences in the program.

Finally, on April 27th, Senator Tran attended the Meet the Candidates event. He was eager to hear and listen to each of the candidates' promises and policies along with seeing them interact with students up at the terrace.

L. Student Relations Senator Allen

Senator Allen attended a meeting with Chancellor King with the other members of SGA on the 25th. This meeting was to talk about our experiences here at MCC and what could be improved.

On the 26th Senator Allen attended ELC's boat race, where the Elections Coordinator Romero almost met an untimely end, almost being bested by a soggy cardboard box.

Advisor Sample, VP of Downtown McGinnis, Secretary of Governance Santos, Treasurer Guney, Elections Coordinator Romero, Senator Leichtner, and Senator Allen attended the SUNY SA Conference on the 28-30th. At this conference, we heard from our guest speaker Chancellor King who gave an inspiring speech about leadership. Also, during the conference, we networked with other Student Governments and discussed the differences and how we could bring these differences to our own Student Governments. We also had breakout rooms where we talked about a variety of things Marketing, leadership, communication, Roberts's rules of order, and Title IX. On the 29th we had the Elections for SUNY SA President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, although it was a long and hectic process our voting delegates Romero and Santos did an amazing job, and I look forward to everything the new SUNY SA team has in store.

M. Public Relations Senator Murdock

On April 27th Senator Murdock and other SGA members attended meet the candidates to campaign for the 23-24 elections.

N. Club and Organizations Senator Leichtner

Senator Leichtner went to the Meet the Candidates event on April 27th and campaigned. Senator Leichtner also participated in a trip to the Suny Student Assembly Conference in Glens Falls from April 28th-April 30th. Elections Coordinator Romero, Secretary of Governance Santos, Treasurer Guney, Student Relations Senator Allen, Vice President of Downtown McGinnis, and Faculty Advisor Sample also went. Elections Coordinator Romero nominated Senator Leichtner for Student Assembly Treasurer off the floor. Senator Leichtner came in second place in voting. Senator Leichtner also plans to run for Community College Representative, but time ran out before Representative elections were held. Voting will take place on zoom over the summer.

O. Election Coordinator Romero

On Tuesday April 25th Election coordinator Romero helped with the meet the candidates event for the SGA, with the purpose of having candidates introduce themselves to other Monroe community college students and let them know their platform and more about them. Election coordinator Romero also attended the other meet the candidates event on April 27th on Thursday, with the help of Diversity Senator Kenny Tran, he did an amazing job and he thanked him for as much as he has done when it comes to elections. Also on Tuesday April 25th election coordinator Romero met with the SUNY Chancellor John King Jr at the downtown campus with other SGA members and student life advisor Jodi Oriel. We all talked about our experiences at the college, and what we wish we could improve. On Wednesday April 26th Election Coordinator Romero participated in the cardboard box race representing the Dwight/student life office, he not only helped build it with a few friends apart from the student life office and SGA, he participated in the race. That same day election coordinator Romero attended the Model UN reception to congratulate all the students who participated in the course, and learn their experience. From Friday April 28th to Sunday April 30th Election coordinator Romero with 6 other SGA members attended the SUNY SA conference. He was a voting delegate with Secretary Of Governance Ana Santos, and he said it was an amazing experience. He hopes he can attend future SUNY conferences and says it helped him learn.

New Business

A. Action Items (requires a senate vote)

1. Resolution to approve the funding request for Surgical Technology Club

Resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the financial request of Surgical Technology Club for \$1849 to use in the AST scrub bowl championship and conference in Chicago.

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

Senator Allen so moved, second by Senator Leichtner.

Discussion: The Surgical Technology Club 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 \$1849 to the Surgical Technology Club 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 2:49 pm

Executive Session

Respectfully submitted,

Ana Santos
Secretary of Governance