



Senate Meeting Minutes

February 28th, 2023

2:15 pm – Forum, 3-130

Student Senators

Senator Raymond
Senator Krieger
Senator Tran
Senator Allen
Senator Murdock
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

Secretary of Governance

Ana Santos

Office of Student Life Advisor

Jodi Oriel

Faculty Advisor

Mark Sample

Visitors: Ginny Geer-Mentry – MCCA, Zazie Weldgen – Student.

Call to Order (2:18 pm)

A. Roll Call (see attendance above)

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 February 14th, 2023, Student Government Association minutes.
- ii. Senator Krieger so moved, seconded by Senator Tran.
- iii. A vote was taken.
- iv. Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the February 14th, 2023 minutes as written.

Speak to the Senate

A. There was no one to speak to the senate

Reports

A. President Barlow

On February 14th, 2023, President Barlow attended the Executive Leadership Team meeting with President Dr. Burt-Nanna. At this meeting, she discussed how she was working towards the goals of the Vision 2027 Strategic Plan. Mainly focusing on direction 2 of the Vision 2027 Strategic Plan. Direction 2 is Student-centered College. MCC provides programs and services for current and prospective students to meet their unique needs and ongoing educational pursuits. The College is committed to creating a vibrant, welcoming culture of inclusion and belonging. One of the ways she has begun to reach this goal was to get some of our SGA members to SUNY Student Assembly in support of Advocacy Day for all SUNY campuses. On this day, we had 7 SGA members in Albany as we speak, advocating for increased funding for tuition assistance, accessibility, mental health, and food insecurity. SUNY SA is committed to advocating for policies that will improve students' lives and ensure they receive the best education possible. Here is a list of members of the Legislature in attendance—Assemblymember (s) Clark, Gonzalez-Rojas, Seawright, Wallace, Epstein, & Solages.

On February 15th, 2023, President Barlow collaborated with the Vice-President of the Downtown Campus, Mandie McGinnis, and the President of the Black Student Union, Megane Nagamo, with keynote speaker Dr. Semmer, Provost and Vice-President of Academic Services and Student Affairs to hold a candlelight vigil for Tyre Nichols. This event was impactful as we students expressed our voices against systemic racism in the police forces. We know that not all police forces behave in such brutal violence, taking innocent lives, but they are becoming more frequent in society.

President Barlow attended the Finance Committee for the MCC Association on February 20th, 2023. We went over budget projections for the association.

President Barlow also attended the MCC Association Board of Directors, serving as Vice-Chair of the Board, and welcomed our new Provost and Vice-President of Academic Services and Student Affairs, Dr. Margaret Semmer.

B. Vice President Millet

On 2-16-23, VP of governance attended the faculty senate. In it, VP gave her report about SGA. During the meeting, the new provost and VP of academic and students' affairs introduced herself. The teaching faculty will hold a caucus on 3/15 because of their upcoming elections. Also, professional staff caucus on 3/29 for the same things. Curriculum committee has approved 3 new course learning outcomes proposals, 20 course revisions, 3 new courses, and 1 course deactivation. All this information can be found in the MCC home page. The new proposed learning outcomes are effective communication, diversity, creative thinking. There will be a mental health training in March for the professional staff of the counseling office. If you are interested in attending, email Stephanie Pincke. There are open applications for tellers for the special committee on administrative affairs.

Also, on 2-23-23, VP attended the personnel committee meeting and the mcc association committee meeting, where things like the budget and the student life fee were discussed. It was also discussed that there has been a boomerang with previous workers of MCC that left, that are now coming back with more experience, and there has also been a raise in the salaries of the childcare center and the minimum salary is 15.30 per hour.

C. Vice President of Programming Barmak

Vice President of Programming Barmak has no report for this week.

D. Vice President of Downtown McGinnis

On Monday February 13th Vice President McGinnis attended the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, JR. Celebration. A moving celebration with President Dr. Burt-Nanna speaking, MCC's Men of Excellence welcoming everyone to the celebration with MCC (Monroe Community College) alumni Cuevas

Walker's passionate spoken word and an empowering speech from keynote speaker Ms. Sabrina LaMar. Ms. LaMar represents the 27th Legislative District and is the President of the Monroe County Legislature, becoming the first African American woman to serve that role. Thank you to the MLK 2023 planning committee and all involved with the event. Tuesday February 14th many of the SGA (Student Government Association) team, including Vice President McGinnis along with Advisor Sample were in Albany for SUNY Student Assembly Advocacy Day. Meeting with New York State Legislators asking for their support of the SUNY Funding Platform. I am so proud to be a part of this amazing team and the opportunity to bring the voice of MCC students to Albany. Wednesday February 15th Vice President McGinnis along with many of the SGA attended our Snack-n-Chat with SGA on the Brighton Campus. I enjoy the Snack-n-Chats because it is a relaxed setting where the student body can get to know the members of SGA on a more personal level over my favorite oatmeal raisin cookies. Later Wednesday afternoon Vice President McGinnis spoke at the Tyre Nicolas Candlelight Vigil, thank you to the Black Student Union for collaborating and being a part of the moving vigil to remember Tyre. We must be united and act against injustice. On Friday February 17th Vice President McGinnis participated in MCC Selection Committee for the 2023 SUNY Chancellor 's Award for Excellence. What a wonderfully humbling and exciting experience, good luck to all that were nominated and thank you for your excellence. Tuesday February 21st Vice President McGinnis participated in a student focus group for Amy Greer's dissertation project, focusing on how MCC manages students with academic barriers (communication, staffing, etc.). Hoping everyone enjoyed the break and made time for self-care.

E. Secretary of Governance Santos

Secretary of Governance Ana Santos worked in the Senate Meeting Minutes.

On Wednesday February 8th Santos was present at the SGA Student Life Fair table, talking to students about what the organization is about. On Thursday February 9th Secretary Santos was part of an interview for a new SGA member, she loves to see so many students wanting to get involved around campus.

On Friday February 10th Santos was part of the SGA pre-agenda meeting, in which they talked about the upcoming Albany trip to advocate and represent MCC at the SUNY Student Assembly.

On Tuesday February 14th Santos was part of the SUNY Student Advocacy Day, an event she prepared for with other SGA members to advocate for SUNY to get a fund increase to benefit all students.

On Wednesday February 15th Secretary Santos and other SGA members had their first Snack and Chat of the semester in which they talk to students about SGA and the things they do. Also, on Wednesday 15th Secretary Santos was present in the Candlelight Vigil for Tyre Nichols.

F. Chief of Staff Sager

Chief of Staff Sager participated in the first full meeting of the Constitution Committee on February 7th. Chief of staff Sager helped staff the SGA table for the Student Life Fair on February 8th. Chief of staff Sager attended SUNY Advocacy Day in Albany on February 14th along with six other members of the SGA. Chief of Staff Sager attended the SGA Snack and Chat event on February 15th. Chief of Staff Sager attended the MCC Association Finance Committee meeting on February 20th and the MCC Association Board meeting on February 23rd.

G. Health and Wellness Senator Raymond

Senator Raymond went to Albany with other members of the SGA as part of SUNY Student Assembly, to advocate for education funding. While there Senator Raymond spoke with one assembly member themselves as an opponent to the platform that SUNY was advocating for. While quite contentious, it was a valuable experience that gave the members of the SGA in attendance (us) a chance to see the opposing side of the argument per se. Senator Raymond also participated in a little informal foray with the parents of Senator Krieger, with live music, grilled hotdogs, and the movie "Tommy Boy".

Senator Raymond has also been involved in navigating a few pressing and delicate matters behind the scenes with details that may be made public to follow.

H. Club and Organizations Senator Nguyen

Senator Phuong Nguyen has no report for this week.

I. Veterans Senator Krieger

Participated in the Albany conference with fellow SGA members to promote the budget increase for tuition aid, mental health services, and disability services. I will be speaking with Eric Wheeler this Wednesday for plans with the veteran community to follow up next week. The week before, on February 8th Senator Krieger collaborated with elections coordinator Romero downtown VP McGinnis for the student life fair event, on February 9th Senator Krieger with interview now Public Relations Senator Murdock, with Elections coordinator Romero, Vice President of Governance Millet, Student Relations Senator Allen, and Secretary of Governance Santos.

J. Diversity Senator Tran

On February 14th, Senator Tran went to the Valentine's Day event hosted by CAB. In addition, Senator Tran participated in the Executive Leadership Meeting with Dr. Burt-Nanna and her team along with members of SGA. Finally, Senator Tran attended the Snack and Chat on February 15th.

K. Student Relations Senator Allen

Senator Allen attended the Snack and Chat on February 15th with the rest of the team. Also, on the 15th Senator Allen attended the Vigil for Tyre Nichols.

L. Public Relations Senator Murdock

On February 14th Makyle Murdock was appointed Public Relations Senator by SGA.

On February 14th Senator Makyle and Other SGA members met with President Burt-Nanna to discuss the tuition increase of MCC & future programs, events and plans for the school's improvement.

On February 15th Senator Makyle and other SGA members attended a candlelight vigil in memory of Tyre Nichols.

Senator Makyle met with the surgical tech, tabletop and smash clubs to discuss the ways their clubs can be marketed to more students in the school.

M. Election Coordinator Romero

Election Coordinator Romero the SUNY Advocacy Day in Albany on February 14th to help get funds for the program. Election Coordinator attended the Tyre Nichols vigil on February 15th. Election Coordinator Romero also attended the SGA snack and chat the same day. Election Coordinator Romero also held and attended the first constitution meeting on February 7th. Election Coordinator Romero Also attended the student life fair at downtown with Veteran Senator Krieger and VP of Downtown McGinnis. Election Coordinator Romero also attended the interview held for new Public Relations Senator Makyle on February 9th. Election Coordinator Romero also emailed Assemblymen Michael J. Fitzpatrick of New Yorks 8th district on if he is for funding the SUNY Program.

New Business

A. Action Items (requires a senate vote)

1. Resolution for the approval of the tuition increase for the 2023-2024 academic year

Resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association supports the 3% tuition increase for the 2023-2024 academic year.

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

Senator Raymond so moved, second by Senator Krieger.

Discussion: The 3% tuition increase is to help mitigate some of the expense deficit of Monroe Community College to ensure student programs and services for the 2023-2024 academic year can be maintained.

A vote was taken. The resolution passed.

Be it resolved, by the senate present and voting the Student Government Association supports the 3% tuition increase at Monroe Community College.

2. Resolution for the approval of the funding request for Tabletop Club

Resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the Tabletop Club fund request of \$370 for their March 2nd event.

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

Senator Tran so moved, second by Senator Krieger.

Discussion: The Tabletop 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 \$370 to the Tabletop Club at Monroe Community College.

3. Resolution for the approval of the funding request for the Comic Book Club

Resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the Comic Book Club fund request of \$5000 to pay for keynote speaker Gene Luen Yang and event amenities.

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

Senator Tran so moved, second by Senator Allen.

Discussion: The Comic Book 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 \$5000 to the Comic Book 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 2:53 pm

Executive Session

Respectfully submitted,

Ana Santos
Secretary of Governance