



Senate Meeting Minutes

March 21st, 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, Denee Martin – SLLD, Ryan Messenger – Student Affairs, Dana Williams – Student, Samuel Roberts – Student.

Call to Order (2:15 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 March 14th, 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 March 14th, 2023 minutes as written.

Speak to the Senate

A. There was no one to speak to the senate

Reports

A. President Barlow

Over the past few weeks, President Barlow has continued to recruit and interview possible new candidates for open positions in SGA. I have appointed three new members this week. Joseph Leichtner as Clubs and Org Senator, Zeynep Guney as Treasurer, and Cali Haji as Athletics Senator. Congratulations to all three of you. She hopes they enjoy being a part of SGA and run in the upcoming elections. SGA now has 17 members.

President Barlow continues to work with the Engineering Leadership Club regarding their appeal on their budget for next year.

I am also happy to announce that our local chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, also known as Alpha Theta Iota, has won Most Distinguished Chapter, Most Distinguished Member, and 5 Star Chapter, amongst other awards, for their academic excellence this past weekend's New York Regional Conference hosted by our very own chapter at MCC. Go Alpha Theta Iota. You deserve every award you win. Working as their Western Regional Officer and seeing all the team has accomplished was a great achievement.

B. Vice President Millet

The Vice president of Governance attended the faculty meeting on March 16. There it was discussed how their elections are going. They also spoke about AI, like chabotGPT and how it is affecting classes and some ways other schools are combating against those. They also went over how the Sunny system is revising their Institutional learning outcomes. Finally, the elections committee is editing their bylaws and will bring the revised bylaws at the next meeting.

C. Vice President of Programming Barmak

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

D. Vice President of Downtown McGinnis

Vice President McGinnis has no report for this week.

E. Secretary of Governance Santos

Secretary of Governance Ana Santos is trying to collect photos for the 2022-2023 SGA scrapbook.

On Wednesday March 15 Secretary Santos was part of the interview of the new SGA Clubs and Organizations Senator Joseph Leichtner. Welcome to the team Joseph!

Last week Santos attended the Elections Workshop with other SGA members, that was given by President Barlow and Elections Coordinator Romero, to get ready for the upcoming SGA and Student Trustee elections.

Also, Secretary Santos worked in last week's Senate Meeting Minutes.

F. Chief of Staff Sager

Chief of Staff Sager participated in the interview for our second Clubs and Orgs Senator Joseph Leichtner, and during this past week Chief of Staff Sager spoke with a number of people interested in running for and SGA office next semester about the roles available and how to start the process. Chief of Staff Sager has been working on preparing proposed edits for the Constitution and bylaws as part of my work for the constitution committee, as well as finalizing spreadsheets to allow us to more easily keep track of all of the budgets the SGA manages or oversees.

G. Health and Wellness Senator Raymond

This past week, senator Raymond worked with several students answering their questions about club budgeting, counseling services, and the health services that MCC provides. Specific examples include speaking with ELC members to acknowledge their concerns about low funds, and routes they could take

to address that, convincing 2 students to make appointments at our counseling center, and making a student aware of the feminine hygiene products we have in the health services office.

Senator Raymond also attended a meeting with CAB to discuss the possibility of live music at this year's spring fling, and to start working on an even larger performance for next year's.

Senator Raymond also found out a little story recently! Last semester while I was riding the RTS bus, I saw a young man carrying a chess board, so I sat by him and started up a conversation. During our conversation, I found out that this man was extremely smart, but several obstacles prevented him from ever pursuing higher education. I told him of the financial aid resources we had, and our diverse course offerings, and after exchanging numbers I sent him the contact information for the admissions office. Last week I randomly got a call from him saying that he had actually enrolled for this semester and was loving his organic chem classes, and I wanted to share this because I think it's a wonderful example of how MCC really gives every member of the community to opportunity to learn, no matter their circumstances or background.

H. Club and Organizations Senator Nguyen

Senator Nguyen hosted the Monthly Club and Organization meeting, most of the clubs were present and everyone gave their reports on time. We then have Public Safety talk about the incidents in February and answer questions and concerns from students.

I. Veterans Senator Krieger

Senator Krieger attended the elections workshop, where Elections Coordinator Romero covered the topic of ethical and moral practices of elections, dates on time on our campaign, learning how to get students involved with this coming election.

J. Diversity Senator Tran

On March 13th, Senator Tran attended the in person Election Workshop. On March 14th, Senator Tran went to the Constitution Committee Meeting, in which we discussed upcoming changes to the Constitution along with preparations to edit specific roles and positions. On March 15th, Senator Tran attended the Zoom Election Workshop with other members of SGA as they explained the general rules for the elections in addition to the requirements and due dates needed to apply. Finally, on March 16th, Senator Tran went to the Wellness Workshop located at the Terrace. The theme was Overcoming Resistance to Change. One of the more notable moments Senator Tran observed was the Therapy Assistance Online module, an online tool dedicated to mental health services and awareness, complete with a raffle upon completion.

K. Student Relations Senator Allen

Senator Allen attended the Elections workshop on March 15th where Elections Coordinator Romaro and President Barlow walked me threw the elections process. Senator Allen also joined the rest of the SGA team in an interview with Joshep who is now our second Clubs and Organizations Senator.

L. Public Relations Senator Murdock

On Tuesday March 14h Senator Murdock attended the clubs and organizations meeting to talk about future activities and events for clubs

On Wednesday March 15Th Senator Murdock, I completed a flyer for SGA and worked with Paula and SGA to revise it.

M. Election Coordinator Romero

Election Coordinator Romero attended the first election workshop on March 13. Election coordinator Romero attended both election workshops on March 15 to teach those about the rules and regulations for the elections. Election coordinator Romero also helped interview our new clubs and organizations senator Joe. He is a great candidate for the position. Election coordinator Romero attended the lockdown drill to learn more about what to do in a lockdown on March 16th.

New Business

A. Action Items (requires a senate vote)

1. Resolution for the approval of the appointment of Zeynep as SGA Treasurer

Resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the appointment of Zeynep Guney as SGA Treasurer.

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

Senator Tran so moved, second by Senator Allen.

Discussion: Zeynep Guney is a good candidate and meets all the requirements necessary to hold said position. A vote was taken. The resolution passed.

Be it resolved, the senate present and voting that the candidate is appointed as a Student Government Association member.

2. Resolution for the approval of the appointment of Joseph as SGA Clubs and Orgs Senator

Resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the appointment of Joseph Leichtner as a Clubs and Organizations senator.

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

Senator Tran so moved, second by Senator Allen.

Discussion: Joseph Leichtner is a good candidate and meets all the requirements necessary to hold said position. A vote was taken. The resolution passed.

Be it resolved, the senate present and voting that the candidate is appointed as a Student Government Association member.

3. Resolution for the approval of the funding request for the Chess Club

Resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the Chess Club funding request of \$1450 to participate in the Rochester Community Chess Tournament.

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

Senator Tran so moved, second by Senator Allen.

Discussion: The Chess 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 \$1450 to the Chess 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 2:38 pm

Executive Session

Respectfully submitted,

Ana Santos
Secretary of Governance