



MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, January 24, 2012
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)

Student Senators:

Academic Clubs Senator Valone
At-Large Senator Isaacs
Athletics Senator Coulombe
CAB Senator Snyder
Media Senator Bynes
Social Clubs Senator Jackson-Harris

President:

Michael Gray

Vice President

Theresa Ciaccio-Absent

Speaker/At-Large Senator

Scott Blue

Deputy Speaker/Service Clubs Senator

Jason Childers

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

SL&LD Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog

Visitors: Dick Ryther, Student Services; Ginny Geer-Mentry, MCC Association, Inc.; Diane Cheasty, Travel Club Advisor; Christine Brumfield, Travel Club; Paul Drake, Psychology Club; Brian Hawes, BASIC; Ashley Socola, Athletics; Ignatius Ukatu, Ehizeme Aurya, Presidential Cabinet; Sara Stevens, Andy Binder, Hassan Ali, Students; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:15 p.m.)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of December 6, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve the December 6, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes.

Senator Snyder so moved, seconded by Senator Isaacs.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association unanimously approves the December 6, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes as written.

C. Approval of December 13, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve the December 13, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes.

Senator Snyder so moved, seconded by Senator Isaacs.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association unanimously approves the December 13, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Andy Binder, student, requested clarification regarding the minutes that were approved and mentioned that he is in favor of the Kodak site for the new downtown campus.

III. REPORTS

A. Senators

Senator Jackson-Harris...

- **Winter Leadership Retreat** – the workshops, such as the 7 C's and Diversity were interesting, engaging and insightful. He feels that all of the workshops helped him improve personally and he left the retreat with more maturity and insight. The best part of the retreat was the True Colors workshop; he now understands what it means when someone says "that's so green of you". Overall, it was a great experience and he encourages anyone who has not been to a leadership retreat to attend one and if you have go again. He looks forward to getting back into work mode and interacting with the clubs.

Senator Snyder...

- **SUNY Student Assembly**

- ✓ January Executive Committee meeting was held at SUNY Morrisville January 20 – 22; the meeting was very productive and inspiring.
- ✓ The Spring Conference will take place April 27-29 at the Liverpool Holiday Inn, outside of Syracuse. New leadership for the 2012-2013 SUNY Student Assembly will be decided at this conference.
- ✓ SUNY Palooza will be hosted by SUNY SA this year on March 6. This is an event where SUNY students from all over New York State join together for a fun filled day of advocacy in our state capital. Students will be meeting with Legislatures to advocate the Legislative Agenda, which was approved in September. The Legislative Agenda includes working with the Governor and Legislature to implement a “Maintenance of Effort” agreement for community colleges. The day will begin with an “Advocacy 101” workshop, then meetings with Legislatures, followed by a rally outside. The Chancellor of the State University of New York Nancy L. Zimpher will visit during the rally; a visit from Governor Cuomo may also be possible.
- ✓ SUNY Student Assembly President, Kaitlyn Beachner gave an eloquent and inspiring State of the Assembly Address. The purpose of the address was to show what the SUNY Student Assembly has achieved in the past five months. The Student Assembly played a great part in the passing of the NYSUNY2020 program. The mission of the program is to make SUNY a leading catalyst for job growth throughout the state, strengthen the academic programs of the University Centers, and demonstrate that New York is open for business. The SUNY Student Assembly also established and maintains a strong relationship with the Governor’s office, started federal advocacy for SUNY Students, and continues community college advocacy for increased state funding. The Fall 2011 Conference was very successful with attendance being the highest in the organization’s history. Schools that had not been heard from in a long time attended, giving voice to their constituents at each of their respective colleges. Lastly, The Student Assembly as a whole was successful in the passing of a Shared Presidencies resolution, where a firm stance was taken on one campus, one president.

B. Office of Student Life & Leadership Development Advisor Stewart...

Advisor Stewart reminded everyone that the Student Life Fair is Wednesday, February 1 and the Club/Organization Welcome Back Packets for the Spring semester are in the mailboxes. She hopes to see everyone at the Fair.

C. Faculty Advisor McCauley...

Advisor McCauley stated that there are 15 weeks left to this school year. He strongly suggested that the SGA set their goals for the semester then follow through with them. He expects big things to happen.

D. Committee Reports

- **By-Laws Committee** - Senator Bynes informed everyone that the By-Laws Committee met this past week and everything is done. She will be giving everyone a copy to take a look at.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate Vote)

a. Resolution to approve the funding of \$2500.00 to the Travel Club

Resolved, that the SGA Senate consents to the funding of \$2500.00 to the Travel Club to sponsor the event Royal Caribbean Cruise.

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve the funding of \$2500.00 to the Travel Club.

Senator Bynes so moved, seconded by Senator Jackson-Harris.

Discussion:

Christine Brumfield, President of the Travel Club, explained that the trip will take place from May 4 – 7 on the Royal Caribbean Monarch of the Seas. There are 22 spots available; 11 students are currently signed up. She mentioned that she is taking a cruise specialization class this semester and is planning to go into cruise marketing so this trip will be very beneficial.

Senator Jackson-Harris stated that the Travel Club represents MCC very well and the SGA supports them.

Senator Bynes stated that she looks forward to seeing a presentation from the Travel Club when they get back.

Senator Valone mentioned that she was very impressed with the amount of fundraising the club has done and that definitely makes a difference when the Finance Committee meets to review requests for funds.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously consents to the funding of \$2500.00 to the Travel Club to sponsor the event Royal Caribbean Cruise.

b. **Resolution to revoke the charters of the Student Organization of Women Leaders and the Peace and Justice Club Coalition.**

Resolved, that the SGA Senate revoke the charters from the Student Organization of Women Leaders and from the Peace and Justice ~~Club~~ Coalition.

Speaker Blue called for a motion to revoke the charters from the Student Organization of Women Leaders and from the Peace and Justice ~~Club~~ Coalition.

Deputy Speaker Childers so moved, seconded by Senator Snyder.

Discussion:

Senator Bynes offered a friendly amendment to change Peace and Justice Club to its official name Peace and Justice Coalition.

The friendly amendment was accepted.

Senator Childers explained that in the spring of 2011 a resolution was brought forward to de-charter these two clubs along with others. There was some interest expressed in these two groups so the SGA was asked to remove them from that resolution. Nothing has happened since then with the Student Organization of Women Leaders or the Peace and Justice Coalition so they are being brought forward again to have their charters revoked.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the resolution to revoke the charters of the Student Organization of Women Leaders and the Peace and Justice Coalition.

V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Andy Binder asked about the process for traveling.

Advisor McCauley explained that there are different ways travel can happen. Travel can happen through a class for academic credit; clubs and organizations travel to complement their curriculum and to attend educational conferences.

President Gray announced that he will be giving a Student Association Address on February 6 from noon – 1:00 p.m. in Monroe A&B to discuss what the Senate is doing. It is open to everyone.

Speaker Blue welcomed Jessica Coulombe the new SGA Athletics Senator.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:46 p.m. Speaker Blue called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Isaacs so moved, seconded by Senator Jackson-Harris. The motion passed. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Brennan
SA Secretary