



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, December 10th, 2013 2:15 PM-Forum (3-130)**

Student Senators:

Academic Clubs Senator Jopson
At-Large Senator Poloznik
Senator Richards
Senator Jackson
At Large Senator Rapp
Science, Health & Business Senator Wyble
Service Clubs Senator Schollnick
Social Clubs Senator Williams
Technical Education Senator Miner

Speaker of the Senate:

Adrian Hale

Deputy Speaker:

Alexandria Cassidy

President:

Nelson Clark

Vice President:

Mark White

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

SL&LD Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog

SA Secretary:

Lisa Truman

Visitors: Morgan Shoff, Celtic Society; Jason Childers, Celtic Society; Evan Marcellus, Celtic Society; Christopher Cormack, Celtic Society; Gena Acciaio, Celtic Society, PTK, FYE; Sean McCann, Celtic Society; Cheryl Brooks, SNA; Kelsey Hawkins-Rusch, SNA; Andy Binder, MCC student; Ginny Geer-Mentry, MCC Association; Ameen Smith, WMCC; Edwin Guarachi, Spanish Club.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:20pm)

A. Roll Call (See attendance above)

B. Approval of the December 3rd Minutes.

Speaker Hale called for a motion to approve the December 3rd Minutes.

Senator Jopson so moved, Senator Rapp seconded.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association, approves the December 3rd Minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Mark McBride, the Director of the MCC library spoke of the changes he is in the process of implementing so the library will be able to serve the needs of all students in several different capacities. One of the issues he is addressing is that of the noise level in the library. While he feels libraries are changing, and have adapted to a new level of noise, certain areas of the library must be designated as “quiet” areas and the socialization and phone calls must be kept to a minimum. He would like to see areas designated as collaborative working areas as well. He will not divide the library into these sections by floor, rather he would like to see each floor with several designated areas. Mark understands students need to make the library a multi-functional area that they can come to for classwork, group projects, or to use a computer. He is open to any and all ideas on what the students would like to see happen, and felt the SGA is a great place to start, they are the representatives of the student body. He would like all to know they are free to stop in and share ideas or concerns, he is always willing to listen. Questions are asked from visitors on if there will be a written outline of the proposed changes, and Mark said there will be. Each area of the library will have signage posted on both the walls and the floor denoting the designated areas. Senator Schollnick brings up the idea of soundproofing certain areas of the library. While this is an idea they have brought to the table, cost is a factor in the decision. The Visual and Performing Arts area at MCC has some walls that are clear plastic, but offer soundproofing and this may be an option in the library. He is looking

into that now. Deputy Speaker Cassidy asks how they will enforce the areas and what will be done to students who do not adhere to the quiet spaces. Mark stated they will be asked to leave, and if any other further issues with that student arises, Public Safety will be called in to assist. Senator Williams asks about students on computers strictly for personal use and not doing school work. He wants to know how this will be handled. Mark McBride says he will not monitor what student is doing on a computer. The library will not ask anyone to log-off a computer so another student can use it. There was some monitoring of this done in the past, but what was found was students have several programs open at once and are looking at several sites during their time on the computer. He feels the solution is to provide more computers, and iPads will soon be on loan out to students who need computer access. Speaker Hale thanks Mr. McBride for coming in to speak during the meeting and thanks him for his thoughts and a different perspective on the computer use. He asks Mr. McBride to come in again to let all know how the changes are progressing. Mark says he will do that in the spring.

Andy Binder, an MCC student, notes he was unable to find the holiday shuttle hours on-line, but did pick-up a paper copy from one of the information booths. Ginny Geer-Mentry and Advisor Stewart noted the holiday schedule was posted in the Tribune as well as the MCC web-site.

III. REPORTS

Vice-President White

In regards to recent news that MCC's parking enforcement has been taking on the role of ticketing vehicle and traffic law issues, he is unaware that MCC has the legal obligation to ticket for non-moving violations, bad inspections, bald tires, inoperable turn signals, inadequate headlights, dark window tinting, loud mufflers, etc. Channel 13 reported this has been going on for 10 years according to a spokesperson from the college.

I do not see how MCC can ticket these violations without having a Judge and a District Attorney to prosecute, and resolve these NY State Vehicle and Traffic Laws. The current parking appeals system now presumes you to be guilty, and even with SGA representation (we aren't lawyers) there is no guarantee of a not guilty outcome. I believe the wiser thing to do would be to turn over these vehicle and traffic law matters over to the Town of Brighton where they have more experience dealing in these matters, so that the violators have a fair trial.

An additional note New York State VTL (vehicle and traffic laws) do not fall under the purview of security guards or private parking enforcement, only parking issues do like parking in a handicapped space, or blocking a fire lane, or parking in a no parking area.

Ameen Smith from WMCC states he has sat in on some of the Parking Appeals Meetings and from what he had heard at these meetings, MCC Peace Officers cannot write New York State tickets and give them to drivers. They need to either call a Brighton Police Officer to the scene or get the approval to write the ticket. He is unsure of where the tickets are paid or who would receive the funds from the ticket.

Advisor Stewart notes some MCC Officers do have the same level of responsibility as police officers and these positions have a couple different titles. She recommended having Debra Dwyer come back and speak to the SGA regarding this ticketing issue, as she will be able to clarify the process. Vice-President White agrees.

Senator Rapp

The Travel and Finance Committee met on Thursday and approved two requests. They approved the Campus Ambassadors for a reduced amount of \$2,500 dollars for a leadership retreat. This is half of the original amount requested. The Spanish Club was approved in committee for \$750 to put on dance demonstrations and provide authentic Spanish food in the spring. This resolution will be on the floor for a vote today. The constitution committee is fine tuning the constitution and will be meeting today to approve a draft that I will provide to the Senators. He reminds all that Friday at noon we would like to get feedback from the Senators in an open committee meeting to be held in the Senate office. He has secured a table for the SGA at the January orientation events. He needs to know what members of SGA can assist with set up and staff the table. This will be a great chance to reach out to new students and recruit. The events are Tuesday January 7th 10am to 12:30 pm, Thursday January 9th 4pm to 6:30pm, Tuesday January 14th 4pm to 6:30pm, and Thursday January 16th 10am to 12:30pm. If you can help with the table please let him know after today's meeting.

Advisor Stewart

Wishes everyone good luck on their finals and to have an enjoyable break!

Advisor Herzog

Campus Activity Board has just brought on 3 more key members and will be finalizing the spring semester calendar. CAB will be holding a retreat on January 7th, 2014 to introduce everyone. Breakfast with Santa was wonderful and they increased occupancy from 100 people last year to 200 people this year and 190 tickets were sold.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Items (items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve the Spanish Club's request for \$750.00 for a Latino Fiesta.

Resolved, that the Senate approves the Spanish Club's request for \$750.00 for a Latino Fiesta to be held in March 2014.

Speaker Hale called for a motion to approve the Spanish Club's request for \$750.00 for a Latino Fiesta. Senator Schollnick so moved, seconded by Senator Miner.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the Spanish Club's request for \$750.00 for a Latino Fiesta.

b. Resolution to approve the recognition of the Celtic Society for the outstanding work with the student body.

Resolved, that the Student Government Association will award the Celtic Society the sum of \$500.00 in recognition of outstanding work with the student body.

Speaker Hale called for a motion to approve the recognition of the Celtic Society with a \$500.00 reward. Senator Schollnick so moved, seconded by Senator Miner.

Discussion: Senator Schollnick is very pleased to see the Celtic Society get recognized. She always sees them at every event and feels they are an excellent representation of what a club/organization at MCC should strive to be. Jason Childers, the Celtic Club advisor, thanks all for the recognition and the monetary reward. He would like to see more communication in the future, such as all club minutes and agendas in both the faculty/staff and the student Tribunes. Advisor Stewart notes the Celtic Society should connect with Speaker Hale to access funds.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the recognition of the Celtic Society with the award of \$500.00.

c. Resolution to ratify the Student Nurse Association's amended Constitution.

Resolved, that the Student Government Association ratifies the changes made to the Student Nurse Association's Constitution.

Speaker Hale called for a motion to ratify the Student Nurse Association's amended Constitution. Senator Jopson so moved, seconded by Senator Rapp.

Discussion: Senator Jopson would like to point-out a repeated line in Section 3 of the Nurse's Association Constitution that should be removed. The same sentence appears twice and needs to be revised.

Senator Williams states the constitution has the words "club" and "organization" used interchangeably and this will need to be corrected. Advisor Stewart notes that the Student Nurse Association is a club, not an organization.

Cheryl Brooks and Kelsey Hawkins-Rusch approach the Senate and thank them for reviewing their constitution.

They noted the original constitution they have had the two terms "club" and "organization" in it and they were unclear as how to amend the new one presented to the Senate. Senator Schollnick stated that while on the Constitution Committee, there was a decision to allow these two denotations to be in the constitutions and this would not prevent voting. Speaker Hale stated he feels this is an important distinction and should be specified correctly.

Speaker Hale calls for a motion to edit the repeated sentence out of the Nurse Association's Constitution.

Senator Jopson so moved, seconded by Senator Miner.

A vote was taken. *Senator Jackson abstains.*

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the editing of the repetitive sentence in Section 3 of the Nurse Association's amended constitution.

Speaker Hale calls for a motion to change the wording on the Nurse Association's Constitution to read consistently "club" and all the references to "organization" should be removed.

Senator Miner so moved, seconded by Senator Rapp.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the removal of the word "organization" to be replaced with "club" in the Nurse Association's Constitution.

A vote was taken on the Resolution to ratify the Student Nurse Association's amended Constitution.

Senator Miner, Senator Richards, Senator Jackson abstain.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the ratification of the Student Nurse Association's amended Constitution.

2. Discussion Items

There are no discussion items.

V. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

President Clark congratulates the Celtic Society. They have set the bar high and people do notice the great work they have done. He feels a reward system is the most positive way to motivate clubs and he hopes more will follow.

Morgan Shoff thanks the Senate for the reward. She is very excited to have received it. They are planning a trip and a couple of events and this will be a big help!

Speaker Hale thanks all for attending and reminds there is an Executive Session Meeting in the SGA office in ten minutes.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Hale called for a motion for adjournment. Senator Jackson so moved, with a second from Senator Wyble.

A vote was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Truman

SA Secretary