



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, November 6, 2012, 2:15 PM, Forum 3-130**

Student Senators:

At-Large Senator Guilford
Athletics Senator Hinz
Health, Business Senator Kim
Liberal Arts Senator Habte
Media Senator Savarese
Residence Hall Senator Walters-**absent**
Service Club Senator Wynn-**absent**
Technical Education Senator Jackson

President:

Scott Blue

Vice President:

Shanel Montalvo

Speaker:

Rabbil Jackson-Harris

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley-**absent**

SL&LD Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog

Visitors: Donna Brennan, SLLD retiree; Jason Childers, Celtic Society; Virginia Geer-Mentry, MCC Association; Sara Stevens, SGA; Nelson Clark, SGA; Shirley Batissta-Provost; Lynne White, DCC; Will Barker, student; Elizabeth Flanagan, SA Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:15 pm)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of October 23, 2012 Minutes

Acting Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion to approve the minutes of October 23, 2012.

Senator Hinz so moved, seconded by Senator Habte.

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association unanimously approves the October 23, 2012 minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Will Barker, student, approached the Senate to talk about Green Week, which is an event that promotes sustainability with an emphasis on reducing, re-using and recycling, and targets an audience from both on and off campus. A discussion ensued with Speaker Jackson-Harris and President Blue regarding the development of details for this event.

Will Barker then raised the suggestion of a Theological Debate/Discussion involving members from various religious/spiritual traditions with the goal of promoting understanding and peaceful relations within our diverse community. Will has been working with CAB and MSA, and hopes to recruit members from the Jewish tradition to join this initiative. Will asked if SGA would consider hosting this event. President Blue agreed that such an event has the potential to work positively as a diversity initiative, but noted that sensitivity is necessary for delicate subject matter such as this.

Will Barker continued, now requesting clarification on the new travel policies. Senator Savarese responded, reading from the new travel policy. Speaker Jackson-Hines noted that these will be further elaborated upon at the next round-table. The source and percentage of monies raised by clubs was then discussed between Will, Speaker Jackson-Harris, and President Blue. It was noted that clubs must produce their money for travel. Will has a suggestion with regard to this matter, which will be later

discussed with the SGA.

III. REPORTS

Senator Reports

Senator Kim

“This past week, I have been busy meeting with representatives from the different clubs of our school.

While I was heading into lab, I ran into Amy Meyer of the Student Nursing Association, and we discussed our plans for the upcoming Health Fair event. The Health Fair will be held on December 10th, from 12:00 noon until 3:00 PM. I’m trying to get at least two nurses to measure vital signs, including pulse, bpm (breaths per minute) and blood pressure. These three measurements are ways to measure the health of a patient.

I also met with the Vice President of the Biology Club and she’s on board with the event. I told her that her group can do demonstrations relating to health.”

Senator Hinz

“This week has been eventful between school and my other extracurricular activities.

Last time I gave a report, I talked about a meeting coming up with Skip Bailey, the Athletic Director. The meeting went great. We set up some goals for the year including the raising of attendance and my role as the person “carrying the torch” for the student body and athletic aspect of MCC. One of Skip’s main points was the sense of isolation between the students not involved in athletics, and the athletes. As I was an athlete in the past, I can relate. The athletes here at MCC are students first and athletes second, and they’re here for an education first.

On Friday October 26, At-large Senator Guilford and I met with Eddy and the Assistant Director of Student Life to review the constitution. The meeting went very well, and many great points were raised. After the meeting, Eddy and I planned to put together an information table to be set up in the Terrace Lounge on Wednesday, November 7 from 12-1. The purpose of this event is to get some support and potential members for the Track Club.”

Senator Habte

“Last week, I had a meeting with Kristen Fragnoli, Dean of Liberal Arts, to discuss the different departments within the Liberal Arts Section.

Last Wednesday, I attended a Civil Service Community meeting, and learned about what civility actually is, and what the Committee does.

Also, I have been going around to visit students and introduce myself as the Liberal Arts Senator.

Next week, I will be meeting with different advisors of the Liberal Arts Section to discuss the different programs, what is happening, and hopefully, promotion of the events.”

Faculty Advisor Stewart

Asked if all had voted today, and urged all to do so. From 7:00 PM until 11:00 PM this evening, there will be an election party in the Forum. All are invited to come and join in the excitement as election results unfold.

In the MCC Tribune today, there is a notice about donations being accepted for the victims of Hurricane Sandy through the end of the business day on Thursday, Nov. 8th. The SUNY Student Assembly made her proud, and she noted that Chloe of MCC’s Human Rights organization was recognized as one of ten emerging students leaders at the event. Advisor Stewart was glad to hear MCC students cheering the loudest and most enthusiastically, and was proud of this great reflection on all students present.

Faculty Advisor Herzog

CAB has been extremely active. The Ghost Hunter event was exciting, and apparently there is a ghost in the theatre who enjoys watching the plays. The Breakfast with Santa event will be held on December 1st, and clubs can host different tables. Tickets will be needed to attend so be sure to get these early. Please

note that the NCSL trip was cancelled due to the storm. Reptiles will be coming to the campus for a special event on November 14th in the atrium.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve members of the Presidential Cabinet

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion for the first resolution.

Senator Hinz so moved, seconded by Senator Guilford.

Discussion:

Senator Guilford mentioned that he knows Axel Betancourt and of his positive involvement with students. Senator Guilford highly recommends Axel for the position. President Blue mentioned that he and Vice President Montalvo are very impressed with Axel's spirit, work with the Global Union and diversity connections. He hopes all will approve of Axel for membership.

Senator Hinz requested that senators have improved opportunities to meet with candidates moving forward. Speaker Jackson-Harris and President Blue acknowledged this concern, and indicated that efforts would be made towards improvement in this direction.

A vote was taken.

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association approves Axel E. Betancourt as Diversity Commissioner for the 2012-2013 Academic Year.

b. Resolution to approve Dabanga Guilford to the position of Deputy Speaker

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion for the second resolution.

Senator Kim so moved, seconded by Senator Jackson.

Discussion:

Speaker Jackson-Harris spoke of how he and Senator Guilford spoke about what Speaker Jackson-Harris looks for in a Deputy Speaker. Speaker Jackson-Harris noted that he seeks a person who can recognize his weaknesses and strengths and respectfully keep him in check. He feels that Senator Guilford possesses the skill to do this successfully, and is a compatible and well-qualified candidate for this position.

Senator Guilford expressed his feeling that leaders are not born but made. He hopes to serve students well, and is confident that he has the qualities necessary to lead.

President Blue expressed that the position of Deputy Speaker is an under-rated position requiring much hard work and dedication. He emphasized the importance of keeping organized and keeping aware of the vital role the Deputy Speaker has. He feels that with this understanding, candidate Guilford will do well in the position.

A vote was taken.

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves Speaker Rabbil E. Jackson-Harris's nomination of Dabanga Guilford to the position of Deputy Speaker of the Brighton Campus Student Government Association for the 2012-2013 Academic Year.

c. Resolution to approve the Amendments to the Finance Policy

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion for the third resolution.

Senator Savarese so moved, seconded by Senator Kim.

Discussion:

Senator Savarese expressed his thoughts that these are improved guidelines, agreed upon by all, that holds people accountable, and well-represents a government by the people.

A vote was taken.

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves The Amendments made to the Finance Guidelines.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

President Blue congratulated Deputy Speaker Guilford on his new position. He also reminded everyone of the election party, and thanked everyone for their hard work and participation.

Deputy Speaker Guilford complimented President Blue on his outstanding performance as a speaker at the business meeting. He expressed that everyone can help out with initiatives for the SUNY system. He also noted that the conference was a great experience, and thanked President Blue again for his participation, and Advisor Stewart for her help and ongoing support.

Advisor Stewart congratulates all students who earned certificates in leadership and professional development. She noted that these students were busy with their requirement of attending workshops all day Friday, and Saturday until 6:00 PM.

Speaker Jackson-Harris mentioned that he is proud of all for their achievements.

Jason Childers reminded all of the Blood Drive where Senator Walters was assisting.

All warmly congratulated Deputy Speaker Guilford with a round of applause.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 3:05 PM, Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Jackson so moved, seconded by Senator Habte. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth V. Flanagan
SA Secretary