



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR  
Wednesday, August 12, 2015 1:00 PM-SGA Office (3-127)**

**Student Senators:**

Senator Addison  
Senator Davis

Senator Khanna -**absent**  
Senator Shoff  
Senator White  
Senator Wisseh

**President**

Blake Moore

**Vice President of Governance:** Elizabeth Stewart-**absent**

Michael Viele

**Vice President of Programming:**

Dawn Williams

**Chief Justice**

Joshua Gagner

**Treasurer:** Priyanka Meka

**Secretary:** Marie Jackson

**SL&LD Advisor:**

SS

**SA Secretary:**

Catherine Higgins

**Visitors:** Shirley Batistta-Provost, OSLLD; Zach Shackelford, student.

**I. CALL TO ORDER (1:12pm)**

**A. Roll Call (See attendance above)**

**B. Approval of the July 15, 2015 Minutes.**

Vice President of Governance Viele called for a motion to approve the July 15, 2015 SGA Minutes.

Senator Shoff so moved, seconded by Senator Davis.

**A vote was taken.**

*Be it resolved*, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the July 15, 2015 minutes as written.

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

Student Zach Shackelford stated that he understands that there is no Black Student Union and he would like to start one. He feels this group would bring a sense of family and leadership to the college and feels that it would help a lot of people.

Senator Addison explained that Black Student Union is currently a chartered club and she was the President last semester. She suggested talking to Shirley Batistta-Provost and Shirley suggested that she meet with her after the meeting to set up an appointment.

Senator Addison also informed him of the Student Life Fair in September and encouraged him attend.

President Moore indicated that the SGA would be happy to help and encouraged Mr. Shackelford to reach out to any of the Senators.

Shirley Batistta Provost informed the SGA that she recently went to a conference with Dr. Holmes on men of color in San Diego. She said it was very rewarding and she feels the SGA would be interested to see their leadership programs, SGA and multi-cultural center.

She asked if anyone had heard about any informational updates about the multi-cultural center since she's been gone. There was talk about Dr. Kress hiring a state analyst, but that was all.

She encouraged all the SGA members who are on the multi-cultural committee to get together with her tomorrow afternoon. She would like to discuss the idea of a contest for students, faculty and staff at the Student Life Fair to design and submit a logo for the center. She will be inviting any available Peer Mentors and Global Union members to join them. She encouraged the committee members to think about the kind of things to they want to do. Maybe something in conjunction with Hispanic Heritage Month or Black History Month. There are other things they could do to celebrate diversity of campus. She would also like to get started on a brochure and would like student input.

At some point after school starts, she plans to give SGA a presentation on the Model UN Program. She thinks the SGA is a strong advocate for this program, and stated that she is currently taking applications and handed out a sample for informational purposes.

She cautioned SGA that if they are interested in this program, it is a fun program, but it is not to be taken lightly. It is a big commitment, so make sure that you are able to meet the requirements of the program before applying.

### **III. REPORTS**

#### **President Moore**

“Throughout the past month, focus has been on freshman orientation. Insuring that SGA is represented at these functions remains a great tool for promoting campus-wide club and organization awareness. The crowds have been steady. The message we want to spread consists of informing students of our purpose and providing them information about our weekly Tuesday senate meetings.

I would like to thank Dr. Holmes and Dr. Baker for arranging the SGA/SEGA retreat last month. The valuable information shared offers many different ways this group can bring about meaningful, positive change to this campus. Not only was this a great leaning opportunity, it was also a fun time in general.

Attending a meeting with President, Anne Kress and VP of Governance, Michael Viele regarding the Middle States accreditation process, was both hugely informational, and also very interesting. The process is one that I feel SGA, as student leaders, should be at the very least, familiar with. It is the review process all public colleges must undergo in order to receive federal funding. These reviews are conducted on a 10 year cycle, with MCC's review scheduled for March of 2016. As information becomes available to myself, I will be sure to pass it along to the senate, e-board and

justice board. Understanding the process correctly, it is likely that members of this review process will visit our office in search of dialogue with student leaders.

I am pleased to share that there will be a new Program Coordinator, Peter Fiannaca in the Office of Student Life and Leadership Development starting August 24<sup>th</sup>. I have had the chance to meet Peter, and can honestly say, I am excited about the potential he has to be a great asset and help here at MCC.

I would also like to formally announce a meeting this Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm, prior to the Board of Trustee meeting. Several members of SEGA will also be in attendance. Our goal will be to put the final plans in place for upcoming event collaboration and Board of Trustee SGA/SEGA representative appointment. Along with this date I would also like to remind everyone of the upcoming August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> mandatory leadership training. Please be sure that you have all confirmed with Mary Jane in the Student Life and Leadership office. There are also several more freshman orientation dates that are posted throughout the office.

As always, I would like to thank the senate, e-board, justice league and the Office of Student Life and Leadership for their continued hard work and help. A special “get well soon” to our wonderful advisor Betty Stewart who could not be with us today. I am pleased to affirm, the state of our union is strong.”

#### **Vice President of Governance Viele**

“SGA has continued to work hard over the summer and many training sessions have allowed us to further our success. Just out last senate meeting we had committees for several events this year. We’ve been looking into our by-laws and shaping them up. We’ve also, as a whole, talked to Krista Tyner, about the academies model, who was just here last meeting. Blake and I also had a meeting with Dr. Kress earlier in the day, about the middle states accreditation process. I feel everyone from SGA should know what MCC goes through to be recognized as a legitimate school. Lastly, myself and some other SGA members were able to get to a few orientations. We got our name out there to several new kids, and they seemed really excited to start their semester and come to our Tuesday meetings. Everyone keep up the hard work!”

#### **Vice President of Programming Williams**

“For the Campus Activities Board, we are currently in communication with Will from Blue Apple regarding arcade games, concessions, and inflatables for homecoming. We have picked out contests, handouts, decorations and small fun things to do, such as the use of a photo booth, temporary tattoos and possibly caricatures. The hand bill advertisements and flyers are a work in progress, but almost done. Also, we have scheduled several smaller events including the Chicken Wing Eating Contest, Pumpkin Cookie Decorating, Artist Ally and Breakfast with Santa. The board and I are still coming up with different events and are going to continue to schedule them throughout this month. One of the bigger events is in April and is with Chris Herren. He is a basketball player and has played with the Celtics. We have asked him to come in during the month of April to give a speech on his struggle with substance abuse and how he refocused his life to surpass it. CAB is still in communication with his agent regarding his visit. Furthermore, we have recruited two more people into CAB and their names are Andre Raynor and Patrick.”

#### **Chief Justice Gagner**

“Since the last senate meeting I have participated in multiple events. I attended a training retreat where I got to interact with my fellow leaders. This training session was very critical in setting our goals for our upcoming semesters. I also had the opportunity to experience my first grievance

hearing. Finally I helped in filling another position for the judicial branch with the addition of William Paul.”

#### **Senator Addison**

She would like to meet with Shirley and the multi-cultural committee.

#### **Senator Davis**

She is still waiting to hear back from Monroe Doctrine and she is working on SGA brochures.

#### **Senator Shoff**

“As we are coming to an end of the summer, the college is becoming more alive. Every day we have more and more students coming in to register for classes or to get their student IDs. The bookstore is stocking up on all the essentials that will be needed by the students. I see the bookstore’s storage place filling up with books to be delivered to the bookstore to stock the shelves. The new student orientations are going well. As a whole we are getting the name of Student Government out there so that students know we are here for them and to help them. I am looking forward to the August Leadership training. I am ready to start connecting with all of the clubs here on campus and letting them know I am here for them.”

#### **Senator White**

“I have been working on trying to find the SGA a historian. I visited the VAPA office where I was directed to email professor Flack and professor Bogdanovoska, two of our photography teachers whom may have some students in mind. I am also trying to collaborate some ideas with SEGA to put forth in our upcoming 9/11 ceremony. I also look forward to working with Mrs. Patty Ornt from advising when she returns from vacation on trying to revamp our student pantry.”

#### **Senator Wisseh**

Gave her apologies for being absent at last week’s meeting.

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate Vote)**

1. ACTION ITEMS (items requiring a Senate vote)
  - a. **Resolution to De-Charter BASIC, Gospel Choir, Got Your Six and Grupo de’ Capoeira Clubs**  
*Resolved*, that BASIC, Gospel Choir, Got Your Six and Grupo de’Capoeira Clubs will be de-chartered by the members present and voting.

Vice President of Governance Viele called for a motion. The motion was made by Senator Shoff and seconded by Senator White.

**A vote was taken.**

*Be it resolved*, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the de-chartering of BASIC, Gospel Choir, Got Your Six and Grupo de' Capoeira.

**V. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**VI. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Ms. Batista-Provost stated that there is a form to be filled out to de-charter a club. She suggested asking Advisor Stewart when she returns.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President of Governance Viele called for a motion for adjournment.

Senator Shoff so moved, seconded by Senator White.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43pm.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Higgins  
SA Secretary