



MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MCC STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, October 25, 2011
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)

Student Senators:

Academic Clubs Senator Valone
At-Large Senator Isaacs
At-Large Senator J. Snyder
Interdisciplinary Studies Senator M. Snyder
Media Senator Bynes
Social Clubs Senator Jackson-Harris
Residence Hall Senator Sears-**absent**

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-**absent**

Visitors: Ehizeme Aruya, SGA; Shirley Batistta-Provost, OSLLD; John Jackson, Sonia Rivera, Filmmaker's Guild; Ignatius Ukatu, SGA; Dick Ryther, Associate Vice President, Student Services; Megan Scott, Student Trustee; Elizabeth Stewart, SGA Advisor; Eddie Visage, Alumni; Catherine Higgins, SA Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:17p.m.)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of the October 18, 2011 Senate Meeting minutes.

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve the October 18, 2011 Senate meeting minutes.

Senator J. Snyder so moved, seconded by M. Snyder.

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association unanimously approves the October 18, 2011 Senate Meeting minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

John Jackson and Sonia Rivera, spoke to the Senate regarding their new club, the Filmmakers Guild. The mission is to make sure that members have an outstanding portfolio that they can take with them to a transfer school. They have 20 prospective members and are looking at two individuals to act as Advisors.

The club will be set up like a movie studio system. It will be comprised of different departments such as acting, post-production, directing, etc. Each department will have an individual in charge. This will help to speed up productions and have more of a teamwork feel. Productions will be financed by whomever is producing. If they need extra funds, they will request them from the Senate. They would like to look to eventually outsource productions with places like Kodak.

There was discussion as to how the Guild's mission will differ from the Cinema Society. Advisor Stewart indicated that she has looked at the constitution. She asked if Mr. Jackson and Ms. Rivera have tried to work with Cinema Society members. She suggested that they try coming together as one effort. She invited them to sit down with her in the future for more discussion.

~~Senator~~ President Gray suggested that the Club Constitution Committee take a look at both clubs to make sure they are not infringing on each other. Senator J. Snyder commended Mr. Jackson and Ms. Rivera for their presentation. He thought it was clear what their goals and objectives are. Speaker Blue suggested to Senator Isaacs that they might want to look at becoming an organization. Mr. Jackson gave his contact information to President Gray, who indicated they will be in touch with him.

Student Trustee Scott invited members of the Senate to attend a focus group on site selection for the Damon City Campus. It will be held on November 11 from 12:30-1:30pm in the Community Room on the Damon Campus. She has been working with Dr. Otero on this focus group.

III. REPORTS

A. Senators

Senator Bynes...

Senator Bynes began by thanking her fellow Senators for approving her transition to Media Senator. She has been busy reintroducing herself to the media organizations as their representative. She will be returning to the weekly meetings with The Fuse and is working on gaining a seat in the meetings with the Monroe Doctrine to better enhance the communication between our organizations.

In addition to her new position, she has also preoccupied herself with her appointment to the Library Student Advisory Committee. Here, she hopes to benefit the study environment and increase knowledge about the various resources and areas in the library. To begin, she is arranging a walk-through for Wednesday, October 26, beginning at 5:00P.M. and would like to encourage others to join her as we highlight potential issues and search for potential solutions.

With regards to the By-Laws Committee, we have successfully tackled and finished Section 1 through Section 7. These changes will be available this week for viewing before being attached to Friday's list of Resolutions.

Senator Isaacs...

This past week was pretty uneventful. He helped out with the CAB Pumpkin Painting event. Jaime said that SGA advertisements on the TV monitors will be back up on Wednesday.

Senator J. Snyder...

Senator Snyder introduced himself as the Senator at Large for the 2011-2012 academic year.

In addition to working on student body business in each weekly Pre-Agenda Meeting and Public Meeting, his responsibilities include working with the MCC Personal Health and Safety Committee.

Two projects that the Personal Health and Safety Committee are conducting this year are the Review of Emergency Operations Planning and the Campus Non - Smoking Policy. The Campus Non Smoking Policy review continues to make progress. Comparisons are being made of the MCC Policies with the non-smoking policies of other college campuses in NY State and in other states. As well as Monroe County regulations. Enforceability techniques and practices are being considered. Smoking cessation programs may also come into play. There is concern about second hand smoke exposure and violations of the no-smoking policy in the vicinity of the Residence Halls, the south end of Building 12 and the south end of Building 11 and at each access to the Non-Smoking Zone from parking lots. Input from students, faculty and staff are encouraged and are given careful consideration. Now is the time to be heard about these issues.

As the committees work continues over the academic year, he will provide updated reports on progress.

Senator Valone...

Senator Valone stated that one of the highlights of being a club Senator this month was the opportunity to sit in on a Roundtable meeting on October 5th.

CAB is holding three spooktacular events for the month of October: Psychic Fair, October 24th; Pumpkin Painting, 26th; Halloween Costume Contest, Open Mic. and I Am Thankful, November 9th.

Engineering Leadership Council hosted representatives for the Rochester Polytechnic Institute to speak on their Engineering Program.

The Geo-Sciences Association announced their Earth-friendly initiative, a recycling event for used electronics. The Club is planning to have a drop off area designated in Lot M on October 28 and 29.

Global Union and the ***Spanish Club*** are going to D.C! They still have seats available. The \$190 trip is all inclusive and they will go Nov. 3-6. They are still taking payments at the service desk.

The **Honors Council** hosted Hobart and Williams Smith College to inform the students about *their* Honors program. Also, last week, they held their "Honors Extravaganza" in the atrium which showcased all of the honors courses available next semester along with the professor teaching it.

The **Hospitality Club** is going to NYC! They will be going Nov. 11 - Nov. 15. There are spots available. Sign up at the Service Desk.

The **Monroe Doctrine** is offering writing lessons on Wednesdays in 12-129.

Elaina Caven from **Phi Theta Kappa** outlined one of their key events for the year, “Complete to Compete.” which encourages students to get their two year degree before leaving MCC. Kickoff Event on November 14th.

November 16, there will be a scavenger hunt in the atrium. Volunteers are needed. Stop by the Phi Theta Kappa office and speak to Elena today! This event will also be held on Nov. 21st at the Damon City Campus from 12-2.

On the 18th the **Psychology Club** made good use of the Honors Lounge in building 6, by showing “Rebirth,” a film depicting the healing process post 9/11.

The **Spanish Club** held dance lessons in the Atrium last Wednesday during college hour.

On the 7th, shortly after Roundtable, the **Student Art Association** had their exhibit “A Million Little Pictures” in the Mercer Gallery. During College hour, the featured artists were graciously open for questions and conversation.

Travel Club is going to New Orleans! November 12-15. The trip includes airfare, hotel, museums and a bus tour around the city. There are no more spots available.

WMCC the Fuse welcomes anyone with interest to get involved. Their weekly meetings are held on Fridays at noon in 11-313. They are also inviting clubs to join in on the costume contest on the 31st. They may need volunteers for face painting or other activities. Lastly, if anyone has any announcement that they want to share with the college community, WMCC can broadcast it. Just fill out the advertising form on their website.

The Club Constitution Committee has begun to review a constitution for the Latin Dance Club. We will meet again in the near future to go over any revisions it may need.

After the roundtable meeting, she was able to meet with several of the officers personally.

She attended an Honors Council meeting and got a sneak peak at some of the events that they're planning.

Later, she met up with the President of the Art Club, Lindsey Collier, to discuss an upcoming trip they are hoping to make. She was able to join in the Spanish Club's dance lesson. It was a great time and they're hoping to make it a series, doing follow-up lessons. She also attended a corn maze with several members of Phi Theta Kappa.

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

Advisor Stewart invited Senate members to attend the Office of Student Life and Leadership Development's Open House, to be held on Wednesday, October 26th in the Atrium. We will have informational tables, which participants will negotiate using a passport system. There will be prizes handed out as well.

Advisor Stewart received an e-mail from Cynthia Cooper regarding an individual from the Special Olympics. He is looking to collaborate with MCC and is looking for anyone interested in being a volunteer. If you know of a club or organization that may be interested, please contact her.

C. Committee Reports:

Club Constitution Committee

Senator Isaacs reported that the Club Constitution Committee has been pretty active, considering the past years. The CCC helps clubs create or edit their constitution. The Committee has met twice since his last report. Both times to discuss the Latin Dance Club chartering. He has not been able to reach someone willing to head the club. More information will follow.

Rock the Vote Committee

Senator M. Snyder thanked PTK, CAB, WMCC The Fuse and members of SGA for their help on the Voter Registration Drive. They are now focusing on advertising the elections and are putting up information flyers around school. New 10 NBC is hosting the Monroe County Executive Debate on Thursday, and he encouraged all to watch it.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve Committee Member

Resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate approves the appointment of Talibah Timothy to the Events Committee for the 2011-2012 Academic Year

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve Talibah Timothy to the Events Committee for the 2011-12 Academic Year

Senator J. Snyder so moved, seconded by Senator M. Snyder.

Discussion:

President Gray indicated that Senator M. Snyder brought the idea to him of having a member of CAB sit on the Events Committee. She has done a phenomenal job and he has spoken with her about her abilities to commit to this committee. He thinks she will be very beneficial. Senator M Snyder felt that this will improve the communication between CAB and the Events Committee.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate approves the appointment of Talibah Timothy to the Events Committee for the 2011-12 Academic Year.

b. Resolution to approve Niklon Wilson as the Physical Activities Coordinator

Resolved, that the Senate approves the appointment of Niklon Wilson as the Physical Activities Coordinator for the 2011-12 Academic Year.

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve the appointment of Niklon Wilson as the Physical Activities Coordinator for the 2011-12 Academic Year.

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

Discussion:

President Gray suggested that they decline this resolution, as Mr. Wilson has a new employment opportunity that would prevent him from committing to this appointment.

Deputy Speaker Childers made a motion to table this resolution indefinitely. Senator Bynes so moved, seconded by Senator M. Snyder.

A vote was taken.

The resolution was tabled indefinitely.

c. Resolution to approve Committee Member

Resolved that the Senate approves the appointment of Kelly Bynes to sit on the Library Student Advisory Committee for the 2011-12 Academic Year

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve the appointment of Kelly Bynes to sit on the Library Student Advisory Committee for the 2011-12 Academic Year

Senator M. Snyder so moved, seconded by Senator Jackson-Harris.

Discussion:

Senator Bynes looks forward to this opportunity and what she may be able to accomplish.

A vote was taken with one abstention, and passed.

Be it resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate approves the appointment of Kelly Bynes to sit on the Library Student Advisory Committee for the 2011-12 Academic Year.

IV. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Senator J. Snyder saw an article in the Rochester Business Journal about MCC and Workforce Development. He hopes that the Monroe Doctrine will feature an article on it.

President Gray invited everyone to attend the Fall Foliage event at the Child Care Center on Thursday and Friday of this week. If anyone would like to volunteer, he will send names to Anne Barker.

He has been meeting with Advisor Herzog regarding the Advisory Board. He asked the Club Senators to meet with him after the Executive Session this afternoon to review By-Laws changes.

V. ADJOURNMENT

At 3:10 p.m. Speaker Blue called for a motion to adjourn. Deputy Speaker Childers so moved, seconded by Senator Bynes. The motion passed; the Senate meeting was adjourned.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Higgins
SA Secretary

