



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR  
Tuesday, March 26, 2013 2:15 PM, Forum 3-130**

**Student Senators:**

Media Senator Savarese  
Residence Hall Senator Walters  
At-Large Senator Halloran  
At-Large Senator Williams

**President:**

Shanel Montalvo

**Speaker:**

Rabbil Jackson-Harris

**Deputy Speaker:**

Kyle Savarese

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart

**Faculty Advisor:**

Joseph McCauley

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Rebecca Herzog

**SA Secretary**

Elizabeth Flanagan

**Visitors:** Engineering Leadership Council (15 members); Brian Hawes, BASIC; Elijah Leyden, BASIC; Jesse Moses, Phi Theta Kappa; Suzanne Fava, WMCC; Daniel Steiner, Baja; Jason Childers, Celtic Society; Caitlyn Pilc, Phi Theta Kappa; Sean Jopson, SGA Cabinet; John Walthall, Monroe Doctrine

**I. CALL TO ORDER (2:15 pm)**

**A. Roll Call**

(See attendance above)

**B. Approval of March 19, 2013 Minutes**

Speaker Rabbil Jackson-Harris called for a motion to approve the minutes of March 19, 2013.

Senator Walters so moved, seconded by Senator Halloran. There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

*Be it resolved*, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association unanimously approves the March 19, 2013 minutes as written.

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

Suzanne Fava of WMCC approached the Senate. She reminded all that Lou Gramm will be visiting Campus on April 26<sup>th</sup> and will be available for autographs for some time in the afternoon. She indicated that she wants to be on the agenda after the Emerging Leaders event so she may share her report. She also mentioned that she is working with Phi Theta Kappa on the Completion Day event. Also, Fusestock is in the works, and if you know any local bands who would like to participate for recognition, please let her know, and provide a demo.

Max Kelly, Treasurer of the Engineering Leadership Council (ELC), approached the Senate with a request for the funding of trips the ELC hopes to take. These trips would be for the following: Design, Build, Fly; RoboMagellan; and TYESA. Max noted that they have had great results in the past on such projects, and their team logs 20 to 30 per hours of work per week on these projects, indicating their level of dedication and professionalism. The Senate indicated that this request would be addressed later in the meeting.

John Walthall of the Monroe Doctrine approached the Senate, and requested that information for elections be submitted to the Doctrine within the next two days.

**III. REPORTS**

**Senator Walters**

“For the past couple weeks I have been working on the Relay for Life program. In addition to the actual event, we will be hosting two kick-offs. I have been designing flyers for the March 28<sup>th</sup> kickoff, which will be held from 12-1 in the Atrium.

I had a meeting with members of the American Cancer Society committee to discuss the details of the event on March 20<sup>th</sup>. This event will be sponsored by both the Fuse, and the Student Government. Flyers have been distributed to the student clubs’ mail boxes with the hope that clubs will contact me to set up their own fundraising teams.

Additionally, I have registered the SGA/Veterans Club team to participate in the event scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Regarding the Blood Drive, promotion work will soon begin for the upcoming blood drive in the Forum April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. I plan on working with Alanna Kords on this drive.

Also, I met with an MCC student this week to discuss his concern with a parking ticket.

This week, I will be attending a Parking Appeals hearing, and an Interdisciplinary hearing.”

### **Senator Williams**

“Various activities:

- Attended multiple Certification Leadership workshops with the hope of becoming the best leader that I can be, and to better serve our students.
- One-on-one counseling with Shirley Provost, as part of the mentoring in leadership program
- Continue to work on starting a new outreach program that will represent MCC, in which non-profit organizations are invited to come to MCC for appreciation and celebration of their hard work and devotion of time.
- I finished plans for the Travel Club’s guest speaker who will be at MCC on Wednesday March 27, 2013, from 11:00 AM-Noon. (Free pizza with a pro.)
- Picked up elections packets, attended the mandatory workshop, and finished the packet of tasks.
- Interviewed two students so far with the following questions:
  1. Do you feel your voice and concerns are heard by your student government?
  2. What are three things that you would like to see change at MCC?
- Spoke to Deputy Speaker Savarese regarding the lack of quality food served in the Marketplace Café and high prices. The students should have access to better quality food, and if Sodexo can’t deliver, then they should not have their contract renewed.
- Have connected with the Rochester Young Professionals (RYP), and waiting for a date and time for a representative to come to MCC to discuss the importance of networking and seeing the big picture. A learning approach through hands-on practice will be emphasized. Initially, this speaker was slated for the Travel Club, but when brought to my attention, I thought I’d open it up and advertise to all.
- Followed up with the Student Help Desk regarding WIFI and its lack of quality. Each building is different in terms of reception. There is no way around the low spots; they have poor reception and will remain that way. There are small signs posted on the walls where hotspots are located.

### **Senator Savarese**

Cabbages and Kings is putting together their magazine for the school year, and the process is moving along very well.

The Monroe Doctrine just came out with a new issue yesterday, and I encourage all to read it.

The Fuse is co-sponsoring Spring Fling in collaboration with CAB, who is planning it.

### **Advisor Herzog**

Club Awards packets will be available on OrgSync and this year, the questions will not require an essay form. The packets will also be available in the OSLLD Office. Please have these submitted by April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.

May 17<sup>th</sup> is the Awards Banquet and tickets will be available soon.

On April 17<sup>th</sup> at noon, Zach Wahl will be here at MCC giving his presentation, “What Makes a Family?”. This promises to be a great event. Please come!

**Advisor McCauley**

Do your best work with the remaining seven weeks of the semester. Doing a task well is better than just talking about it.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

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

**Resolution to amend the Phi Theta Kappa Constitution**

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion. Senator Savarese so moved. No second was necessary as the resolution came from Committee.

Caitlyn Pilc, Phi Theta Kappa, approached the Senate. She mentioned that the changes to the Constitution involved the 12 credit requirement, language about the recording secretary and student records, and the fact that students no longer need to be matriculated.

A vote was taken.

***Be it Resolved*** that the Senate approves the amendments to the Phi Theta Kappa Constitution  
***And be it further resolved*** that the amended constitution will be the one by which Phi Theta Kappa abides for its duration, upon approval.

**Resolution to approve the funding of \$1,500 to the BASIC Club**

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion. Senator Halloran so moved. A second was not necessary as the resolution came from Committee. Brian Hawes, BASIC, approached the Senate and mentioned how all the chapters of BASIC get together for one big conference. It is a great event fostering connections and spiritual growth. Brian indicated BASIC’s request for funding that would cover the entrance and hotel fees.

A vote was taken.

***Resolved*** that the Senate gives consent for the funding of \$1,500 to the BASIC Club to sponsor the BASIC Conference.

**Resolution to approve the funding of \$3,161.23 to the Engineering Leadership Council**

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion. Senator Williams so moved. A second was not necessary as the resolution came from Committee.

Max Kelly, ELC, approached the Senate, and emphasized the significance of their work. He pointed out that the RoboGames event is tantamount to a Robotics Olympics, and again detailed their dedicated work. The event will be held in San Mateo, CA, and promises to be a great experience. Senator Walters offered the suggestion to submit requests for funding earlier in the planning process for future events to secure a higher probability for full funding.

A vote was taken.

***Resolved*** that the Senate gives consent for the funding of \$3,161.23 to the Engineering Leadership Counsel to sponsor the Robogames event.

**Resolution to approve the funding of \$3,392 to the Engineering Leadership Council**

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion. Senator Walters so moved. A second was not necessary as the resolution came from Committee.

Max Kelly, ELC, once again approached the Senate to address the need for funding for participation with the TYESA event at Broome Community College. He reminded all of the details of this event, and anticipates great success for all involved. Senator Walters asked if the holding of previous TYESA events at MCC reduced costs, and if the holding of future TYESA events at MCC would be more cost-effective. Max indicated that he would ask professors and advisors about this possibility. An unnamed attendee of the SGA meeting shared his thought that it has been tradition with TYESA to hold the event

at various colleges in fairness to all. Senator Halloran asked if the state competitions serve as the bases for the national competition. Max responded that this is indeed the case.

A vote was taken.

**Resolved** that the Senate gives consent for the funding of \$3,392 to the Engineering Leadership Council to sponsor the Tyesa State Robotics Competition.

## **QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

Speaker Jackson-Harris mentioned that on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM, the new baseball field will be opening. Come on out to celebrate this event. Caitlyn Pilc, Phi Theta Kappa, let everyone know that the Completion Day event (encouraging students to complete their MCC degree programs) will take place on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion for adjournment. Senator Halloran so moved, with a second from Senator Williams. A vote was taken. At 2:50 PM, the meeting was adjourned.

## **VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth V. Flanagan  
SA Secretary