



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, October 7th, 2014 2:15 PM-Forum (3-130)**

Student Senators:

Senator Broadnax-late
Senator Donnelly-late
Senator Noble
Senator Polozanin
Senator Tower

Speaker of the Senate:

Jeremy Carmichael

Deputy Speaker:

Michael Lavere

President:

Mark White

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

SL&LD Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog

SA Secretary:

Lisa Truman

Visitors: Kierstyn Dodson, ELC; Katherine Eberhart, ELC; Minha Kareemi, MCC Student; Bethany Ruggero, MCC Student; Dr. Rollo Fisher, SMA; Katya Mailloux-Kuz, Travel Club; Benjamin Lapchuk, Campus Ambassadors; Diane Cheasty, Travel Club Advisor; John Wadach, ELC Advisor.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:15pm)

A. Roll Call (See attendance above)

B. Approval of the September 30, 2014 Minutes.

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the September 30, 2014 Minutes.

Senator Tower so moved, seconded by Senator Noble.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association, approves the September 30, 2014 Minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

There was no one to Speak to the Senate. Speaker Carmichael noted FYE will be speaking next week, at the October 13th meeting.

III. REPORTS

Speaker Carmichael

Welcomed the two new Senators aboard. He looks forward to their contribution to our team. He thanked Deputy Speaker Lavere for filling in last week while he was under the weather. He thanked the Finance Committee for their hard work this semester amidst some confusion on both the SGA and the side of the requestors. Speaker Carmichael and the SGA is working diligently to clearly outline funding request policies and will distribute these policies to all clubs and organizations via their mailboxes. Any funding requests after today, October 7th, 2014, will be subject to these policies.

Senator Polozanin

The Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for tomorrow, Wednesday, October 8th. He has been working with the Red Cross this month and is confident the drive will be a success. Senator Polozanin is trying to form a Tactical Survival Club and is currently in the process of looking for an advisor.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Items

a. Resolution to approve the funding of \$1810.14 for the ELC's Los Angeles, CA Conference

Resolved, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the funding of \$1810.14 for the ELC to attend the Los Angeles Conference.

Senator Tower so moved, seconded by Senator Noble.

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to amend the resolution funding request from \$1810.14 to \$3152.17.

Deputy Speaker Lavere so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.

A vote was taken to amend the resolution.

The vote passed, and the resolution is amended to \$3152.17 as the amount of funding requested.

Discussion: ELC members Kirsten Dodson and Katherine Eberhart spoke on behalf of the ELC and the importance of drawing in and retaining women into the engineering field. Women in engineering fields as well as enrolled in colleges and universities make up less than 15% of the total engineering work force and students. They are confident this conference will be an extremely valuable opportunity to network, discover internships and co-ops that are available, as well as gather information needed to attract women to MCC to study engineering. The conference will also enable them to bring back useful information on employment opportunities after graduation.

John Wadach, Advisor to the ELC agrees we need to do something about attracting and retaining women in engineering. At this moment in time, MCC has a 100% male faculty and would like to see women enter as faculty members retire. He stated Katie and Kirsten are doing a great job attracting female students to the ELC, and this conference will give them additional tools and resources to continue.

A vote was taken on the amended resolution.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the motion to approve the funding of \$3152.17 for the ELC to attend the Los Angeles, CA conference.

b. Resolution to approve \$1750.00 for the SMA's Carnegie Hall Trip.

Resolved, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the funding of \$1750.00 to perform at Carnegie Hall.

Senator Tower so moved, seconded by Polozanin.

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to amend the resolution funding request from \$1750.00 to \$3500.00.

Deputy Speaker Lavere so moved, seconded by Senator Polozanin.

A vote was taken to amend the resolution.

The vote passed, and the resolution is amended to \$3500.00 as the amount of funding requested.

Discussion: Dr. Rollo Fisher from the Visual and Performing Arts Department thanks the Senate for their consideration. This is a unique and valuable experience for MCC students to perform in front of a professional orchestra. The first-year students who have gone have offered experience as second-year students and performers to the new group going the following year. These students who will be performing are chosen by audition and invite only. If additional students would like to go on the trip, they must pay full price. The funding request is for the selected students only. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall and the knowledge and experience brought back to campus is beneficial to all Visual and Performing Arts students.

A vote was taken on the amended resolution.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the motion to approve the funding of \$3500.00 for the SMA to perform at Carnegie Hall.

c. Resolution to approve \$2585.00 in funding for the Campus Ambassador's Fall

Retreat at Camp Pinnacle.

Resolved, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the funding of \$2585.00 for the Campus Ambassador's Fall Retreat.

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the funding.

Senator Donnelly so moved, seconded by Senator Noble.

Discussion: Campus Ambassadors representative Benjamin Lapchuk thanked the Senate for their consideration.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the motion for \$2585.00 in funding for the Campus Ambassadors Fall Retreat.

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Resolution to approve \$3587.10 in funding for the Travel Clubs' Caribbean MSC Divina Cruise.

Resolved, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the resolution of \$3587.10 in funding for the Travel Clubs' Caribbean MSC Divina Cruise.

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to amend the resolution funding request from \$3587.10 to \$6587.10. Senator Noble so moved, seconded by Deputy Speaker Lavere.

A vote was taken to amend the resolution.

The vote passed, and the resolution is amended to \$6587.10 as the amount of funding requested.

Discussion: Katya Mailloux-Kuz, President of the Travel club, along with Advisor Diane Cheasty address the Senate. Katya states Travel and Hospitality careers are all about service and this trip will show students first-hand how the service industry operates. This experience will be applied to classroom learning as well.

A vote was taken on the amended resolution.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the funding of \$6587.10 for the Travel Clubs' Caribbean MSC Divina Cruise.

VI. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

There were no questions or comments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion for adjournment.

Senator Polozanin so moved, seconded by Senator Broadnax.

A vote was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Truman
SA Secretary