



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR  
Thursday July 16, 2013 2:15pm  
Student Government Association Office**

**Student Senators:**

Academic Clubs Senator Jopson  
At-Large Senator Nguyen  
At-Large Senator Poloznik - **absent**  
At-Large Senator Cassidy  
Athletics Senator Ziegler-**absent**  
Interdisciplinary (Academic Foundations)  
    Senator Hale  
Liberal Arts Senator Ho-**absent**  
Media Senator Fava  
Residence Hall Senator Walters  
Science, Health & Business Senator Wyble  
Service Club Senator Schollnick-**absent**  
Social Clubs Senator Williams  
Technical Education Senator Sweet-**absent**

**President:**

Nelson Clark

**Vice President:**

Mark White

**Speaker:**

Adrian Hale

**Deputy Speaker:**

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart

**Faculty Advisor:**

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Rebecca Herzog

**SA Secretary**

Catherine Higgins

**Visitors:** Richard Ryther, Interim Vice President, Student Services; Ginny Geer-Mentry, Director, MCC Association.

**I. CALL TO ORDER (2:10 pm)**

**A. Roll Call**

(See attendance above)

Speaker Hale indicated that he will not relinquish his position as Interdisciplinary Senator.

President Clark explained that if the Speaker and Deputy Speaker both relinquish their duties, an At-Large Senator will be required to take over.

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

There was no one to speak to the Senate.

**III. REPORTS**

**a. President's Report...**

**President Clark** stated that after speaking to several staff members, many of the answers to our questions can be found in the student constitution. All the duties and powers given to the Senate are in effect. Students in the past have not executed these duties, so staff have taken these duties on. We

need to inform clubs and organizations that we are going to be performing these duties as stated in the constitution.

**Discussion:**

Senator Cassidy asked if there was any mention of the original ratified constitution.

Advisor Stewart stated that he is probably referring to the MCC Association Charter. The agreement between the MCC Association and the college.

Senator Jopson moved to amend the agenda to read July 16, 2013, instead of June 16, 2013 The motion was made by Senator Wyble, seconded by Senator Nguyen.

A vote was taken.

The motion passed.

Speaker Hale asked that the three At Large Senators talk about who would like to take over for Interdisciplinary Senator and get back to him.

Advisor Stewart indicated that due to a department name change, we will have to change the name of Interdisciplinary Senator to the Senator for Academic Foundations.

President Clark said Senator Poloznik informed him that due to personal issues, he may not be able to continue his position as At Large Senator. Senator Poloznik will get back to President Clark about this matter.

Speaker Hale thanked the Senate for their vote to elect him to the position of Speaker and he plans on working hard with and for the Senate, and for the students at MCC.

**b. Advisor Stewart's Report .....**

**Advisor Stewart** stated that members of the Senate should have received an email invitation to the Student Leadership training, which will not be an OrgSync training, but will be focusing on creating and working with forms on OrgSync and also teambuilding. This will be a great chance for you to meet leaders of clubs and organizations. It is an important time for you to be there. Please attend.

Senator Jopson asked if there is any way Senators can have our pictures taken for OrgSync. Senator Walters suggested asking Jaime Smith.

**c. Advisor Herzog's Report...**

**Advisor Stewart** stated that the Campus Activities Board is currently without a Director. Interviews will be finishing this week and we hope to have an announcement next week and they can start planning their year.

**d. Vice President's Report...**

Vice President White and President Clark attended the Relay for Life and were disappointed that there was not more student involvement of clubs and organizations. We should work to get more student involvement next year.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

## **911 Ceremony**

President Clark asked that the Senate work on identifying two speakers for the 911 Ceremony. If you have any candidates in mind, please identify them. The length of the event is 40 minutes. It is rigidly structured. Perhaps we could also bring in Fire and Police companies.

Speaker Hale asked how long the speakers be prepared to speak. Advisor Stewart indicated not more than ten minutes.

## **Constitution Day**

President Clark reminded the Senate that they need to put on this event. It would be a good opportunity to get rid of leftover merchandise from the last administration. We will engage students by giving them some trivia and informational games. It is a good time to let everyone see our faces and to represent SGA.

Senator Fava volunteered to work on Rock the Vote. She knows staff at the Board of Elections that will give her printouts that she will review.

Senator Cassidy suggested the possibility of an essay contest, with perhaps a cash award for Constitution Day. There was discussion about the best way to promote the event and the contest. Senator Cassidy suggested that the winner read their essay at the ceremony. It was agreed that WMCC The Fuse be a forum for promotion.

Senator Williams suggested that they give the winner an option to either read their own essay or have someone else read their essay at the public forum.

President Clark suggested continuing this discussion in Executive Session.

Speaker Hale suggested putting together a survey for Constitution Day to take the temperature of the student body. We can ask them what they expect of us and we can propose what we would like to accomplish.

Vice President White indicated that the LGBT wants to have a prom this fall and would like to have the event at the Brighton Campus. Senator Walters suggested that they come to a public meeting. Advisor Herzog stated that they should attend Student Leader training to learn how to plan an event.

Senator Fava asked what they can do to make students realize that this is a place of academic business and not just “13<sup>th</sup> grade.” Employers and businesses visit campus and reserve tables and students may not realize how beneficial these employers could be in their futures.

Mr Ryther indicated that Advisor Herzog is the Co-Chair of the Civility Committee. Throughout the year the Enough is Enough Campaign and the Civility Committee are working on issues like this. He suggested getting students more involved on this committee.

Senator Wyble stated that the ELC has been going to the ASAE National Conference for many years. They have been participating in a two-year design competition. This conference is not just for students, but for companies, professors, authors, etc. We have been making an impact and are working hard to change that perception.

Mr. Ryther thinks that the students that get involved in the Co-Curricular Program. put their best foot forward time and time again. They show the college community what leadership is about. Student leaders and athletes are expected to represent MCC at all times. That is the best way for us to get the word out. How do you get the students to buy into what MCC has to offer? He mentioned former student Elizabeth Kennedy’s essay about her experience at MCC and encouraged all to read it.

Vice President White stated that since we are a community college, we should be more involved in the community. He talked about starting a campaign to further prevent student on student violence.

Advisor Herzog indicated that that is what the Enough is Enough Campaign does. It focuses on multiple issues regarding violence. They traditionally do 25-30 programs in 4 days. If you have some ideas, they would be happy to hear about them.

Senator Jopson would like to see more student involvement and to get us to go to them, to try to change their perception..

More discussion followed regarding possible ways to get high school or pre-high school kids involved.

Mr. Ryther talked about a new initiative that Randy Bowen, Assoc. Vice President for Enrollment Management designed to bring Juniors to the campus. They are sold out and it has been well-received. Programs like this would be good for SGA.

Ms. Geer-Mentry mentioned that Advisor Herzog has been working with a group at Summer College for Kids and they're actually starting with a leadership program for 6, 7, and 8 year olds here on campus. There were folks that said they would be too young, but they are very receptive to it. This week they worked on career assessment.

Advisor Stewart stated that the Peer Mentors host 600 to 800 5<sup>th</sup> through 12 graders on campus every year, so there are different opportunities to do some of those kinds of things. MCC is the first two years of a four year education.

Discussion ensued regarding whether students are aware that a leadership position is something that can enhance their resume. Advisor Herzog stated that the Office of Student Life and Leadership Development is meeting with the Career Center to make sure that this issue is being talked about with students in the workshop they hold regarding resumes.

Speaker Hale asked if a past member of SGA could participate in the Student Life Fair to talk about the past working relationship that SGA has with clubs.

Senator Fava stated that she has suggested that Cabinet members attend SGA meetings.

Senator Williams talked about being the first Senator to hold clubs to their constitutions and meet their requirements to fundraise etc. It will take time to make them accountable.

President Clark went to see Donna Allen to request a list of current officers, who will be required to report to student government. If they do not elect officers or follow their constitutions, we can suspend their SA accounts. That's one of the options until they meet the responsibility of their own agendas.

Advisor Stewart said that clubs and organizations are also required to give that information to the Office of Student Life and Leadership Development and they do. The next step of them sharing the information with Student Government is what we have to help them out with.

Speaker Hale stated that just giving information to the Office of Student Life and Leadership Development does not put us on the same page. We want to help them understand that we need to work together. He suggested that at a future date, the Senate go over what they expect of the clubs and organizations and vice versa.

Advisor Herzog stated that Orgsync will help with this. Everything will be in one place.

President Clark indicated that clubs and organizations are receiving money prior to any confirmation of leadership for the fall semester. It is sometimes unknown if there are officers to run the club or anyone with any experience. He suggested electing officers in April, prior to the budget going out. Therefore, if they don't report their fundraising activities or at least who their President and Vice Presidents are, the SGA would not budget them money until they have that information.

**VI. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Acting Speaker Hale called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Senator Walters, seconded by Senator Wyble.

**A vote was taken.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50pm

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Higgins  
SA Secretary