



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday September 10, 2013 2:15 PM, SGA Meeting Room 3-127**

Student Senators:

Academic Clubs Senator Jopson
At-Large Senator Poloznik
Media Senator Cassidy
Academic Foundation Senator White
Science, Health & Business Senator Wyble
Service Club Senator Schollnick
Social Clubs Senator Williams
Senator Miner

President:

Nelson Clark

Vice-President:

Mark White

Speaker of the Senate:

Adrian Hale

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

SL&LD Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog

SA Secretary

Lisa Truman

Visitors: Sean McCann, Celtic Society; Rachel D. Peden, ASL Club; J. Andrew Childs, Student; Andy Binder, Student; Sean Reid, Engineering Leadership Council; Jason Childers, MCC Association; Bert Gamory, Faculty Advisor, Engineering Leadership Council; Christopher Kumar, Faculty; Ginny Geer-Mentry, MCC Association; Felisa Sze, Engineering Leadership Council; Catherine Higgins, Office of Student Life and Leadership Development; John Haines, Building Services.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:21 pm)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Sean Reid-Engineering Leadership Council (ELC) presented a PowerPoint presentation as to why the ELC should be changed from club to organizational status. The presentation was an overview of the club's various activities, competitions, and trips. The club has been active for 22 straight years and presents new events each year. Sean strongly encourages all students to participate, not just engineering students as the club offers events that all would enjoy. Senator Williams thanks Sean for the presentation and urges him to present dates of events as soon as possible for advertising. Speaker Hale states ELC is already in a more organizational rather than club role, and a vote will take place in the future.

Rachel Peden of the ASL Club and Sean McCann, the Chieftain of the Celtic Society, discuss their concerns that the "Culture Clubs" of MCC have no representation with the Senate. Senator Schollnick stated it may be a good idea to look for a "Culture Club Senator" now. Senator Cassidy asks if the Senator at Large is not meeting their needs. Rachel is looking for more of a connection with the "culture clubs" and SGA and would like to improve relations in general. President Clark states that regardless of the Senators' titles, they are your representatives and should be thought of as such. They will most likely not be adding another senator. Rachel did not know this and will begin working with the existing senators. Speaker Hale suggests bringing this up at a Roundtable Meeting.

Andrew Childs, student at MCC, addresses two concerns. He would like to see the fitness centers and pool of MCC offer more hours so students can use the facilities more often. He feels the hours available are not enough. Senator White offers to assist and check into extending the hours and will contact the athletic department. Senator Wyble says he has heard similar complaints. Speaker Hale suggests a petition with as many signatures as possible to show he has support from the student body. His second concern is that MCC does not offer advisement for graduate students who are taking classes here to transfer on to other colleges. He has only inquired at the Transfer Center. Advisor Stewart speaks of the actual Advisement Center and explains location and description of duties. Andrew did not know of the separate office and will check in with them. Speaker Hale clarifies location and specifics of Academic Advisement.

III. REPORTS

President Clark

Has heard numerous concerns about the prices at the new restaurant in Marketplace that has replaced Denny's. He is checking into the club accounts to see what funds are available but will not have amounts for two weeks. He is checking into student enrollment numbers for Fall 2013 semester. There have been many complaints regarding the parking availability due to the loop construction.

Senator Williams

After completing this past-summer's leadership training, it was realized there are many inactive clubs around. Now that we are working with a smaller budget, clubs will get less money. We need to make clubs accountable for their money. Senator Williams has written up 2 guidelines to pass as resolutions to make clubs accountable and help them grow. Accountability plus structure equals goals reached and passed. He reminds his office hours are Tuesdays from 9am to 10am, and Thursdays from 1pm to 2pm in the SGA office. **Senator Schollnick** agrees and would like to figure out which clubs are most deserving of funds. Senator Jopson agrees also.

Advisor Stewart

October 9th is the Club and Organization Training from 3pm to 8pm. September 18th is the Student Leader Picnic hosted by Interim Vice-President Christopher Belle-Isle. If for some reason no invitation received, you are still welcome to attend. Please just R.S.V.P. to Maureen Karlnoski in the Student Life and Leadership Development office so we have a count for food. The picnic will be held in Monroe A & B from 5pm to 7:30pm. Speaker Hale encourages all to attend so a good example is shown to all on participation of events. The last sign-up process is underway for the leadership retreat from September 27th to the 29th. You must attend an info session if you are attending. Please be aware this is a "working retreat" and you will be briefed on the experience and expectations at time of information session. If you are interested in attending but cannot make one of the informational sessions, please let me know and we can do an individualized training session.

Advisor Herzog

We have a full CAB board now and are very excited to plan the rest of the year's events. It would be great to set-up a "meet-and-greet" with the CAB and SGA in the near future. Please feel free to stop in and say hello to the new members anytime. The Cupcake Wars event today was very successful, all cupcakes were gone at end of event. Homecoming September 19, 2013. There will be food, rides, games and entertainment that will take place from 2:30pm until 7pm in the parking lot by building #4. CAB will have a sign-up sheet for clubs and organizations to participate. The MCC a cappella group will be opening for the Yellowjackets. Please remember to get tickets even though the event is free. There will be a mechanical bull next week in the atrium on September 25th from 12pm to 1pm. September 18th is the Student Life Fair. Clubs and organizations showcase what they do. This is a good venue to recruit or highlight clubs and organizations. I challenge SGA to have an "awesome" table. Please sign up on OrgSync. Speaker Hale encourages all Senators to join or assist CAB since there is a minimal amount of time required to do so.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Items (items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve William Green as the Adult/Evening Education Coordinator

Resolved, that MCC Student Government Association Senate approves the appointment Of William Green as the Adult/Evening Education Coordinator for the 2013-2014 academic year. Speaker Hale called for a motion to approve William Green as the Adult/Evening Education Coordinator. Senator Williams so moved, seconded by Senator Schollnick.

Discussion:

William introduced himself and stated he has a Human Services background, and is an adult student at MCC taking 15 credits this semester. He has ideas on how to help adult students starting at MCC. Senator Jopson asks for specific ideas. William would like the new student orientation revised to include more services and information for adults. He has found this information by seeking it out, but feels it would be prudent to offer this at the onset of entering MCC. Senator White welcomes William and offers her assistance if he needs it.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves William Green as the Adult/Evening Education Coordinator.

b. Resolution to approve Melanie Seeley as the Student Services Coordinator

Resolved, that MCC Student Government Association Senate approves the appointment of Melanie Seeley as the Student Services Coordinator for the 2013-2014 academic year. Speaker Hale called for a motion to approve Melanie Seeley as the Student Services Coordinator. Senator Jopson so moved, seconded by Senator White.

Discussion:

Melanie Seeley was absent from the proceedings. President Clark spoke on her behalf. Melanie will be working on media events and a proposed Linkedin account for students. President Clark believes Melanie has her own Linkedin account but has not accessed it in a while. He feels she is a good candidate for the position.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves Melanie Seeley as the Student Services Coordinator.

c. Resolution to approve Brian Steel as the Elections Coordinator

Resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate approved the appointment of Brian Steel as the Elections Coordinator for the 2013-2014 academic year. Speaker Hale called for a motion to approve Brian Steel as the Elections Coordinator. Senator Schollnick so moved, seconded by Senator Miner.

Discussion:

Brian says he has a couple of good ideas for promotion on the elections and he will “give his all” in the position. He is a full-time student and wants to do a lot of elections promotion to have a greater voter turn-out. He is also taking classes at the MCC Applied Technology Center (ATC) location and would like to see more advertisement and participation out there.

Senator White offers her assistance and will work with him on incorporating the Damon Campus.

Vice-President White agreed and started working on promotions on the ATC center last year during his election.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves Brian Steel as the Elections Coordinator.

d. Resolution to approve Nick Wyble as the Budget Resource Committee Member

Resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate approved the appointment of Nick Wyble as the Budget Resource Committee Member for the 2013-2014 school year. Speaker Hale called for a motion to approve Nick Wyble as the Budget Resource Committee Member.

Senator Williams so moved, seconded by Senator Cassidy.

Discussion:

Nick states that since he has a dual-major he has spent lots of time with various departments and feels this experience will assist him in figuring out where money will be best spent.

Senator Jopson asks if he has a finance background and/or experience reading financial reports.

Nick says he does have a finance background and as a small-business owner has experience as well.

Advisor Stewart states in this position, Nick will really not be reading financial statements and spreadsheets.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate

Unanimously approves Nick Wyble as the Budget Resource Committee Member.

VI. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

John Haines, from MCC Building Services, suggested working with the Senate on a recycling in the common areas of the college. Sean Carr, his student worker, could be in contact with the Senate on progress. Sean could also possibly be the colleges' "Eco Rep" and check out various recycling programs around the area and give us periodic progress reports. The ATC location would also be a good location to set-up recycling containers.

Speaker Hale clarifies the "Eco Rep" position is a cabinet position and suggests John and Sean follow-up with President Clark.

Advisor Stewart stated the entire college community is eager to know enrollment numbers and they should be available after the Census around the third week of September.

Vice-President White states that going forward, the president and vice-president will now sit at a table in the back, instead of at the Senate table during SGA meetings. He feels it is better suited this way since neither he, nor the President can vote.

Speaker Hale acknowledges this and thanks Vice-President White.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Hale called for a motion for adjournment. Senator Wyble so moved, with a second from Senator Schollnick.

A vote was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Truman
SA Secretary