



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR  
Tuesday, December 1, 2015 2:15 PM-Forums (3-130)**

**Student Senators**

Senator Butler  
Senator Davis  
Senator Khanna - Absent  
Senator Shoff  
Senator Spikes  
Senator White

**President**

Blake Moore

**Vice President of Governance**

Michael Viele

**Vice President of Programming**

Dawn Williams

**Chief Justice**

Joshua Gagner

**Treasurer**

Aqueelah Abdullah

**Secretary**

Marie Jackson

**SL&LD Advisor**

Elizabeth Stewart

**Visitors: Carlos Sanchez – Hospitality Club, Bridget Doherty – SADHA, Kaylee Allen – SADHA, Sara Gallager – SADHA, Aleta Covey – SADHA, Haley Roe – SADHA, Anthonisia Lawson – SADHA, Nicole Crosby – French Club, Alex Cameron – French Club, Debra Dwyer – Assistant Chief of Public Safety, Sal Simonetti – Chief of Public Safety, Dean Yencer – Engineering Leadership Council, Victor Ortiz – Engineering Leadership Council, Jennifer Pfaff – Honors Council, Jimmy Jeu-Mej – MCCA, Shirley Batistta-Provost – SLLD, Susan Baker – Student Services, Cupid Chapman – Business Leadership Union, Ellie Daoreng – Business Leadership Union**

**I. CALL TO ORDER (2:18pm)**

**A. Roll Call (See attendance above)**

**B. Approval of the November 24, 2015 Minutes.**

Vice President of Governance Viele called for a motion to approve the November 24, 2015 SGA Minutes.

Senator Shoff so moved, seconded by Senator White.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association** approves the November 24, 2015 Minutes as written.

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

No one came to speak to the senate

**III. REPORTS**

**President Moore**

Good afternoon. President Moore hopes everyone had a wonderful time with family and friends for the holiday. Today is a short report due to the past week holiday observation. Seeing that it was a short week with campus closed there was not much going on. He would like to highlight a few upcoming events. Thursday December 3rd for the SGA Holiday giveaway. This upcoming Saturday, December the 5th will be the third meeting between Rochester Inter Collegiate Council at St John Fisher College. Monday, December 7th at 4pm in Monroe B there will be the final Board of Trustee meeting for the year. As always he encourages all members to attend. December 10th for the Phi Theta Kapa Commit to Complete rally. December 11th for the Diabetes Awareness fundraiser.

As always he would like to thank the Office of Student Life and Leadership Development, SGA senate and the SGA judicial board for their continued support. He is pleased to affirm that the state of our union is strong.

## **Vice President of Governance Viele**

Vice-President Viele is pleased to announce that the Textbook affordability committee is still making progress. He talked with the C.E.O. of the Business Leadership Union, Cupid Chatman regarding an OER conference that Mark McBride and Mitchell Redlo attended this past weekend. He will be reaching out to both of them to try and obtain more info and advocacy about textbooks. He is also still working on getting in touch with Mr. Azimi to try and collaborate on that virtual meeting space to advance our issues to SUNY.

Additionally, he would like to thank Senator Butler for his head/strong approach on his committee dinner in February. Great progress is being made.

Everyone keep up the good work! Happy December!

## **Vice President of Programing Williams**

Good afternoon everyone. Andre Raynor the Day Time Chair, who is in charge of small events, along with Megan Smith, the Daytime Assistant Chair are working with Anime Club and Phi Theta Kappa regarding small events coming up in December. Furthermore, Jennifer Larsen, who is the Traditional Chair , who is in charge of big events such as Homecoming and Spring Fling, is currently working on Breakfast with Santa and we are in the final stages of planning. Everything has been ordered and we are looking forward to Breakfast With Santa this coming Saturday the 5th. Also, our Educational Chair, Wendy Phan, who is in charge of educational events is working towards panels and events for this month. Overall, a lot of events are still in the making and being worked on which will be happening both this month and next month. We also are planning events for this upcoming Spring Semester.

## **Chief Justice Gagner**

This week Chief Justice Gagner will continue work on the judicial code with Justice Jones and Justice Askins. Also as stated last week, the contract between MCC and RIT for the petition website is still in the process of being reviewed by myself and others on campus. He looks forward to participating in the committees he sits on this week such as ROC THE VOTE where we will be discussing future debate watch parties and hosting other debates for students to participate in.

## **Senator Butler**

This week Senator Butler is pleased to announce that significant progress is being made regarding the Business / Professionalism Dinner and Dance on February 4th, 2016. He has put together a committee which several students to sit on including student leaders and some from the general population. He would like to thank his vice chair Komal Khanna, Advisor Stewart , President Blake Moore and most of all the committee members for the support granted so far.

## **Senator Shoff**

This Past week was a bit short with the holiday break. The ELC hosted their bridge building competition this past Wednesday. Yesterday the Pool and Billiards held their last open tournament of the semester. On December 6<sup>th</sup> the Toys for Tots drive will be ending. Next Tuesday will be the last Club and Organization Council meeting of the semester.

## **Senator Spikes**

Evening all. Senator spikes hopes everyone had a lovely holiday break. The past couple weeks he has worked with director Bailey on a committee. He is also glad to say that so far our women's basket ball team is dominating in their games with a current record of 7-0. He would also like to send out my congratulations to the men's basketball team with their record of 5-1. Senator spikes would also like to add that the next games for men and women's basketball will be away games. For those interest the next game for the women will be at onadaga community college December 3rd at 6 pm. And for the men's it will be on December 4th at 6 pm at manor college.

## **Advisor Stewart**

Advisor Stewart would like to remind everyone that the Chinese Culture Club is hosting an event this weekend called the "Splendor of China" if anyone is interested. Also the AWARE club is looking to start back up. AWARE is an acronym for "Adults Who Are Returning To Education".

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

##### **a. Resolution to approve the constitution for The French Club**

*Be it resolved that by the Senate present and voting that The French Club be chartered and their constitution accepted*

**Vice President of Governance Viele** called for a motion to approve the constitution of The French Club Senator Shoff so moved, seconded by Senator White.

**Discussion:** The French club is excited to begin recruiting members. They intend to host a French themed Muder Mystery to promote the club.

**A vote was taken. The resolution was passed**

*Be it resolved,* by the Senate present and voting that The French Club be chartered and their constitution accepted.

##### **b. Resolution to approve the allocation of funds to SADHA**

*Be it resolved by the senate present and voting the SGA allocates \$3,200 to SADHA to attend the Board Exam Review Trip.*

**Vice President of Governance Viele** called for a motion to approve the allocation of funds to SADHA Senator Davis so moved, seconded by Senator White.

**Discussion:** SADHA spoke to the senate about the importance of this trip to their students. The program itself is very expensive where students oftend spend an additional \$12,000 beyond the cost of tuition at MCC. Because the program is so extensive students don't have much time to work outside of class. As a result the cost of this trip is often more than most students can afford. This class boasts a 98% pass rate for the board review exam, and a 100% pass rate for MCC students who attend specifically. As this is so significant for the dental hygienist students and so expensive, SADHA requests additional funds to bring the total requested up to \$5,000.

Senator Shoff motioned for a recess to discuss approving the addition of funds. Seconded by Senator Butler.  
Recess 2:35pm.

Called back to order at 2:40pm.

Senator Shoff motioned to amend the resolution to allocate the full \$5,000 to SADHA. Senator White seconded.

**A vote was take. The amendment was passed.**

No further discussion was needed.

**A vote was taken. The resolution was passed**

*Be it resolved,* by the Senate present and voting the SGA allocate \$5,000 to SADHA to attend the Board Exam Review Trip.

##### **c. Resolution to approve the allocation of funds to ELC**

*Be it resolved by the Senate Present and Voting that SGA allocates \$1,286.55 to the Engineering Leadership Council for this competition.*

**Vice President of Governance Viele** called for a motion to approve the allocation of funds to the ELC Senator White so moved, seconded by Senator Shoff.

**Discussion:** Victor Ortiz, the Director of the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Design Team for the ELC spoke to the senate regarding what they intend to use the money for. The ELC is paying for the majority of this trip themselves they only need this money for the competition registration.

**A vote was taken. The resolution was passed**

*Be it resolved,* by the Senate present and voting the SGA allocates 1,286.55 to the Engineering Leadership Council for this competition.

##### **d. Resolution to approve the allocation of funds to the Campus Ambassadors**

*Be it resolved by the Senate Present and Voting that SGA allocates \$1,049.95 to the Campus Ambassadors to purchase equipment.*

**Vice President of Governance Viele** called for a motion to approve the allocation of funds to the Campus Ambassadors.

Senator Shoff so moved, seconded by Senator Spikes.

**Discussion:** Currently borrowing the equipment from a family in Brockport the campus ambassadors hope to purchase sound equipment to use during large club meetings. They intend to use this equipment everyweek, and are willing to share it assuming they aren't using it already at the time.

**A vote was taken. The resolution was passed**

*Be it resolved,* by the Senate present and voting the SGA allocates 1,049.95 to the Campus Ambassadors.

#### V. DISCUSSION ITEM

##### **a. Public Safety Presentation with Chief Simonetti**

***Chief Simonetti came to present to the senate on lockdown procedures, what to do in the instance of an Active Threat and how to get into a Lockdown Situation. He also be discussed how the Lockdown Drill went and the importance of taking it seriously. Chief Simonetti spoke highly of President Kress and her focus on security at Monroe Community College:***

Public Safety currently presents most of this information at new student orientation, however orientation is not mandatory which presents difficulties in making every student aware of these procedures.

### **How is Public Safety Organized?:**

Peace Officers – Blue Shirts

- Attend Police Academy for 26 weeks
- Field Training for 10 weeks
- Attend in-service training with law enforcement
- Patrol MCC Campuses
  - Responds to calls for service
  - Conducts investigations for crimes, can make arrests

Gaurds – Gray Shirts

- Licensed NYS Security Gaurds
  - Most were once police or corrections officers
- Patrols Campus to assist people

### **Active Threat (Engaged in Active Killing, not just shooting)**

Typically there are no patterns in selection of victims.

### **What to do?:**

If you are involved in a situation where someone has entered the area and started shooting; the following are a list of actions that are recommended:

If possible exit the building/area immediately, but only if it can be done safely.

Notify anyone you may encounter to exit the building immediately.

Notify Public Safety or Police.

Give the following information:

Your name

Your phone number

Location of the incident (be as specific as possible)

Number of shooters

Identification of shooter

Number of persons who may be involved

Your location

If exiting the building/area is not possible, the following actions are recommended:

Go to the nearest room or office.

Close and lock the door.

If unable to lock the door, use a wedge device or heavy furniture to block the door; a belt or other objects may be able to wedge the door shut.

Cover the door windows.

Depending upon the shooters location, exit out the window quietly and quickly.

Stay low, move away from the door, keep quiet and act as if no one is in the room.

DO NOT answer the door.

Notify the Public Safety or Police.

Provide information as needed.

Wait for the Police to assist your exit from the building:

Follow all instructions by police officers

Police may not know if the shooter is hiding among you, therefore police may search you and your belongings for everyone's safety.

If you are trapped with the shooter, you need to decide whether to:

Stay still and play dead.

Run for an exit in a zigzagging pattern, or

Attack the shooter.

**Questions for Public Safety:**

Why are there so few black public safety officers?

In order to become a public safety officer, you need to pass a civil service exam which is only provided every 2 years or so. The campus has to work with the people provided by the state who also want to become campus safety officers. The public safety department is planning to work with MCC students who clearly have an interest in this kind of career path to see if we can get more diversity in public safety officers at MCC.

Are you planning on working with your officers to be more diverse?

Yes, public safety is currently working to provide their officers more diversity training.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

*There was no old business.*

**VII. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Advisor Stewart would like to make the members of the Student Government Association aware that upon her return to the office during recess the door was left open and available for anyone to enter the office. She wants everyone to understand that this is the season of giving but sometimes stress can make people resort to stealing. Please remember to close the office door when you leave and the office is empty.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President of Governance Viele called for a motion for adjournment.

Senator Shoff so moved, seconded by Senator White.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03pm.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Jackson

SGA Secretary