



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR  
Tuesday, November 19th, 2013 2:15 PM-Forum (3-130)**

**Student Senators:**

Academic Clubs Senator Jopson  
At-Large Senator Poloznik  
Senator Richards  
Senator Jackson  
Science, Health & Business Senator Wyble-late  
Service Club Senator Schollnick  
Social Clubs Senator Williams  
Senator Miner

**President:**

Nelson Clark-absent

**Vice-President:**

Mark White-late

**Speaker of the Senate:**

Adrian Hale

**Deputy Speaker:**

Alexandria Cassidy

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Rebecca Herzog

**SA Secretary:**

Lisa Truman

**Visitors:** Morgan Schoff, Celtic Society; Glenn Rapp, SGA; Ginny Geer-Mentry, MCCA; Ameen Smith, WMCC.

**I. CALL TO ORDER (2:17pm)**

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

**B. Approval of the November 12th Minutes**

Speaker Hale called for a motion to approve the November 12th minutes.  
Senator Schollnick so moved, Senator Miner seconded.

**Discussion:** Deputy Speaker Cassidy asked that the minutes be changed to reflect the SUNY Conference and Voter Information Day is noted clearly as two separate events.

**A vote was taken.**

***Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association*** approves the November 12<sup>th</sup> minutes as amended.

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

Morgan Schoff from the Celtic Society, asks why there is an additional \$16.00 fee associated with on-line courses. Senator Schollnick has seen this as well and will look into what exactly the additional charge is for and follow-up on this item.

**III. REPORTS**

**Senator Richards**

Is interested in holding several events during Black History Month. She is looking for volunteers, ideas, and suggestions of events and activities to sponsor. She is contemplating holding a “movie night” one or more times per week during Black History Month that would showcase events relating to black history so all can be informed and entertained.

**Senator Wyble**

Attended the Faculty Senate Committee’s academic policies meeting last Tuesday, November 12th. They are working on several resolutions for the Faculty Senate. The first being a revised fall academic calendar that starts earlier and includes several more days off (2 days for Columbus day and Veterans Day). The student opinion survey’s usefulness is under review, along with how the results are used. For those who have not taken the survey

yet, a typical two-year student will take the survey twice during their tenure at MCC. The last resolution is the possible inclusion of a personal safety tips flyer with documents all students will receive, such as the course information sheet or admission's materials.

### **Deputy Speaker Cassidy**

This past Sunday, along with Senator Wyble, Senator Schollnick, Finance Coordinator Rapp, they finished hiking and flagging the trails behind MCC. This is the essential first step in the mapping process. While she is out the following week on a school trip to New Orleans, she plans to continue this project as soon as she returns. She found out there was a salad bar and eating area in the faculty dining area that the students could use. Advisor Stewart and others noted this is called the Brighton Room and it is located to the right of Duncan Doughnuts in the Marketplace. Several members of the SGA will be traveling to New Orleans for the National Center for Leadership convention from Wednesday to Sunday this week. These members will miss Pre-Agenda on Friday, but will be back for the regular SGA meeting.

### **Senator Williams**

Has reviewed three petitions for clubs to become chartered; the Optics Club, Frisbee Club, and the Revolution. Emails were sent in response to the petitions for clarification. The Honor's Council has neglected to have representation at any monthly Roundtable meeting. The Toys For Tots drive has begun and will be up and running until December 13<sup>th</sup>. Locations are the SGA office, Celtic Society office, Peer Mentor's office, Food Court, Veteran's Services, the ATC, and Student Services Counseling and Graduation Counseling. There will hopefully be a drop box located in the Athletics' department in the near future. Senator Williams thanks all students who designed the new Veteran's memorial. Every aspect of the memorial was designed by a student in a class setting. This is an example of how something positive can be achieved for all by making a stand, instead of simply a paper that provides an opinion. Phi Theta Kappa is sponsoring a fund-drive through Macy's. For every student who fills out a "Dear Santa" form, Macy's will donate one dollar to the "Make a Wish" foundation.

### **Travel and Finance Committee Report-Glenn Rapp**

The Travel and Finance Committee met this week to consider two travel requests. The OAU was approved for \$4,000 for their twenty first annual Ski and snowboarding trip. The committee would like to commend the club for getting started back up, after losing most of their members last year, and planning this yearly trip. Also the Committee Approved SADHA's \$4,500 request for their Dental Hygiene National Board Trip. We would also like to commend SADHA for raising such a large amount of money for their trip. Finally the committee would like to remind all clubs that they can help with fundraising planning and execution for any upcoming event or trips. He is the Chairman of the Constitution Committee and there will be items coming up for next Friday's agenda to be put up for a vote at the next meeting.

### **Advisor Stewart**

Reminds all of the devastation to the Philippines and SUNY would like to offer some help to these folks. Please let her know if any clubs or organizations would like to help as well. Last Thursday night was the Salute to Excellence event. Speaker Hale was speaking at the event and did an exceptional job. She congratulates him on an excellent speech. It was a wonderful event, and many SGA representatives were present there. Morgan Shoff also received a scholarship and was present at the event. The Foundation is the fundraising arm of MCC and the founder of many scholarships. The Foundation also oversees alumni and has a hand in certain current student activities as well.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Action Items (items requiring a Senate vote)**

#### **a. Resolution to Support and Advocate for electric car charging ports.**

*Resolved, that the Student Government Association supports and advocates for Electric car charging ports to be added to the parking lot infrastructure.*

#### **Discussion:**

Several Senators inquired as to the cost of the port, and how many actual cars on campus are electric cars. There are questions as to how this resolution would be paid for. Would the money come out of the student life fee which all would have to absorb for a few who have electric cars? Senator Jopson felt this resolution is forward thinking and electric cars are the way of the future and we should get on board now. Senator Wyble suggests turning to electric car manufacturers for discounts as he understands these ports can be expensive. Senator Jopson reiterates with depreciation factored in to usage, they would not be that expensive. Speaker Hale reminds all that this is not a "cost" vote, you either agree with the ports being added or you don't. Cost decision votes will come later.

**A vote was taken.**

Senator Jopson called for a motion, Senator Schollnick seconded.

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association** has approved supporting the installation of electric car charging ports being added to the parking lot infrastructure.

2. Discussion Items

There are no discussion items.

**V. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

Deputy Speaker Cassidy would like to clarify that on the November 5<sup>th</sup> Minutes, the SUNY Conference and Voter Information Day was two separate events.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**A vote was taken.**

The meeting *first* adjourned at 3:35pm.

The meeting *reconvened* at 3:51pm.

**Discussion:** The motion to amend the minutes made by Deputy Speaker Cassidy needs to be voted on again due to the fact she was not at last week's meeting which are the minutes being approved.

Deputy Speaker Cassidy makes a motion to approve November 12<sup>th</sup> Minutes as written and keep "as is".

Senator Jackson seconds.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association** approves the November 12th minutes as written.

Speaker Hale called for a motion for adjournment. Senator Jackson so moved, seconded by Senator Poloznik.

The meeting adjourned at 3:56pm.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Truman  
SA Secretary