



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday October 1st, 2013 2:15 PM-Forum (3-130)**

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
Senator Richards

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: Mike Hull, Public Safety; Chris Caswell, Safety Office; Sharon Marini, Safety/Hazard Prevention; Andy Binder, Student; Michelle Pitts, Student; Ginny Geer-Mentry, MCC Association; Sean McCann, Celtic Society; Rael Jackson, Student; Glenn Rapp, Student; Kareem Dyer, SGA; Grey Van Pelt, ASL; Haley Otto, ASL; Debra Dwyer, Public Safety.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:24 pm)

A. Roll Call (See attendance above)

B. Approval of the September 17th and September 24th Minutes

Speaker Hale called for a motion to approve the Minutes of September 17th and September 24th, 2013.

Senator Cassidy so moved, seconded by Senator White.

Senator Williams proposed the Minutes of September 17th be amended to read “many aspects already exist” instead of “already exist” in his report. Senator Jopson so moved, seconded by Senator Wyble.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association unanimously approves the September 17th Minutes as amended and the September 24th Minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Deborah Dwyer, the Interim Director of Public Safety introduced herself and spoke on fire drill concerns noted at the previous weeks’ meeting regarding both mental and physical handicaps. She introduced the members of her staff; Sharon Marini, Hazard Safety; Chris Caswell, Systems Specialist; Lt. Mike Hull, Supervisor of AM Shift. Public Safety has been working with the Damon Campus on the issue of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The Damon Campus has implemented a system where prior notification has been given to certain individuals in advance to lessen and prevent a PTSD occurrence. They will continue to work with the Damon Campus to have a similar plan in place at the Brighton Campus. Lt. Mike Hull stated each floor, in the stairwell area, has a two hour smoke and fireproof “Refuge Area” where all can go and a rescue worker or someone from the Fire Department will come and evacuate and assist all in those areas.

President Clark noted one specific area of concern was the ramp on Building 19 of the Brighton Campus. He stated it appeared the ramp lacks sufficient space for perhaps two persons in wheelchairs to exit the building.

Chris Caswell was aware of such concerns and states the ramp and exits/entrances have been checked and inspected by both Public Safety and the county and are in full compliance of all regulations.

Senator Poloznik asked for details on the “Cell Phone Lot”. Deborah Dwyer responded this will act as an area for individuals to wait while getting specifics on where/when to pick someone up from the Brighton Campus. There

is no parking allowed in the lot. There are 12 designated spaces in lot M for this use only. MCC is trying to reduce congestion where the busses and shuttles run, and felt it is most convenient for all to be picked up specifically where one needs instead of only one area on campus for drop-off and pick-ups. The cell phone lot will serve these needs. Ms. Dwyer also notes there are many changes on the Brighton Campus with the loss of the front loop area, and welcomes all to please contact Public Safety with any and all concerns. If someone sees something unsafe, please call 292-2912 to report it. Public Safety will look into all concerns. Safety is a group effort and the more people involved, the safer for all. Public Safety values all opinions.

Deputy Speaker Cassidy asks about campus Public Safety escorts and policies regarding any limitations on taking students to the residence halls. Ms. Dwyer is not familiar with any restrictions and feels the students should be walked directly to their door, car, etc. to ensure safety. Lt. Mike Hull agrees. Ms. Dwyer will look into this issue.

Advisor Herzog notes lights in parking lots not always on when it is dark out. She asks if they are on a timer and can be adjusted for the Fall now that the days are shorter. Chris Caswell says all lighting can be adjusted and please let them know which lots/areas pose an issue and they can correct it.

Andy Binder, an MCC student, states he is still confused as to what exactly the cell phone lot will accomplish. Speaker Hale says all looking forward to the signs being posted so function is clear to all in that area.

Grey Van Pelt, the President of the ASL Club and Haley Otto, the ASL Club Secretary want the Senate to be aware they will be asking for funding in the near future for a trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the Gallaudet School. It is the largest hearing-impaired school on the East Coast. The ASL Club will collaborate with other clubs to keep costs down for the trip.

III.

REPORTS

President Clark

Thanks Public Safety for all their assistance and clarification. He stated there was an issue with the parking permits for ATC students who were not able to purchase passes for the Brighton Campus. He will continue to check on this until issue is corrected.

He offered suggestions to Public Safety on proper signage and specifics on where cars may enter and exit certain lots on the Brighton Campus. He hopes new signs will assist with traffic concerns.

Vice-President White

He has spoken to the Spanish Club and there will be an event to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. After speaking with college officials MCC cannot have full involvement in the Monroe County Gun Buy-Back due to safety concerns, but the college can offer its support monetarily by providing a check to the program.

Senator Poloznik

He has heard numerous complaints and concerns that the shuttle is not stopping at the ATC on all days. He will look into it, and let everyone know what he finds out about the shuttle schedule.

Ginny Geer-Mentry states she was aware of concerns regarding the 11:40am shuttle service at ATC and feels some drivers may have gotten lax due to so few students taking the shuttle. She has made them aware they must still stop at all locations at designated times regardless, and has not heard any additional complaints. She advised they will not wait long after scheduled time for students, and reminds all to be on time for pick-ups.

Senator Jopson adds there is a parking survey on OrgSync under the SGA tab, then go to forms. He recommends filling this out so your voice can be heard.

Senator Williams

The Constitution Committee which is comprised of Senator Jopson, Senator Schollnick, Deputy Speaker Cassidy and he has drawn up outlines of what the Constitution Committee will need to see. He congratulates the Celtic Society for an aggressive event agenda. He sent them an email stating he was pleased and is very proud they have a goal and a vision for the club. Senator Williams reminds all the Roundtable will meet in the Forum at 4pm. This is a great way to keep in touch with clubs and organizations. He has contacted the Anime Club to see what has transpired regarding their movement to bring back "College Hour". He has not heard back, but will continue to contact them to find out what is going on and where they are in the process.

Advisor Stewart

Thanks all who went on the Leadership Retreat. It was great for all to meet new people and learn together. Advisor Stewart felt the retreat was very successful. She reminds all of the 10/9 Leadership Training Program and states this is for “overall” leadership training and not just Student Government training. Dr. Kress did address “College Hour” at the retreat and it was eliminated due to high enrollment, and with only a finite number of classrooms available to schedule the high-demand classes, the only other option was to add times. Dr. Kress will always entertain concerns and asks all to talk to the advisors of students, see if students can avoid taking classes on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from the hour of 12pm to 1pm. It does appear some students are taking classes on their lunch hours and this may be the only available times for them to commute in while working. The word of “College Hour” must get out to the college population. Many have no idea what it is or when it would take place.

Advisor Herzog

Will be meeting with SGA Contingencies to tackle funding requests. There will be Finance Coordinator training next week on what will happen at financial meetings.

Senator Schollnick

Reminds all the Blood Drive will be taking place on 10/9/13, Wednesday, from 12pm to 5pm. She is coordinating volunteers and needs your help. The Health and Wellness Club is assisting and recruiting volunteers as well.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Items (items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to appoint a Constitution Committee.

Resolved. Whereas, Senator Jopson, Senator Schollnick & Deputy Speaker Cassidy will serve on the Constitution Committee. Senator Williams will serve as co-chair on the Constitution Committee.

Speaker Hale called for a motion to appoint a Constitution Committee.

Senator Schollnick so moved, seconded by Senator White.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the appointment of a Constitution Committee.

b. Resolution to approve Michelle Pitts to the position of Promotions Coordinator.

Resolved. Whereas, the President has appointed Michelle Pitts to the position of Promotions Coordinator for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Speaker Hale called for a motion to approve Michelle Pitts as the Promotions Coordinator.

Senator White so moved, seconded by Senator Jopson.

Discussion: Ms. Pitts introduced herself and stated she would be a good fit for the promotions coordinator as she is very artistic. She feels her ideas are “out of this world”. Senator Schollnick asked if she could give examples other than paper promotions of how she would promote events. Ms. Pitts said she would use “word of mouth” as one idea, and would jot down ideas as they come to her.

A vote was taken.

Deputy Speaker Cassidy abstains, Senator Miner abstains, and Senator Schollnick abstains.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the appointment of Michelle Pitts to the position of Promotions Coordinator.

V. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Senator Jopson spoke of several Phi Theta Kappa events. “Compete to Complete” is tomorrow 10/2, HGHRP “Walk for Water” is scheduled for 10/5 at 10am, and this Friday 10/4 is the last day for teams to register for the Spelling Bee Competition.

Senator Jopson had heard complaints there are no trays available in the cafeteria. He feels this would be a good idea.

Senator Williams notes there are new rules and regulations for clubs taking trips that were set-up last semester. Speaker Hale states this will be discussed further at another time.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

A vote was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Truman
SA Secretary