



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR  
Tuesday September 17, 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:** Mycalya Eggleston, Engineering Leadership Council (ELC); Ryan Reller, ELC; Kaiwen Zhong, ELC; Zach Baltzer, ELC; Stephanie Banc, ELC; Andrew Lawrence, ELC; Felisa Sze, ELC; Benjamin Robistow, ELC; Melchizedek Muhammed, MCC student; Ignatius Ukatu, MCC Student.

**I. CALL TO ORDER (2:20 pm)**

**A. Roll Call**

(See attendance above)

**B. Approval of July 16<sup>th</sup>, August 26<sup>th</sup>, & September 10<sup>th</sup> Minutes.**

Senator Jopson called for a motion to bundle all minutes to approve.

Senator Wyble seconded.

**Discussion:**

Senator Williams clarifies Speaker Hale's official title is "Speaker of the Senate" and should be noted as such on the August 26<sup>th</sup> minutes. SA Secretary Truman states she will check and amend as necessary. Speaker Hale makes a motion to amend.

Senator Jopson motions to amend, Senator Wyble seconds.

**A vote was taken.**

*Senator Cassidy abstains.*

**Be it resolved,** Speaker Hale shall have his title changed as necessary on all minutes reflected above to read "Speaker of the Senate Hale".

**A vote was taken to approve minutes.**

*Senator Cassidy abstains.*

**Be it resolved,** the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the July 16<sup>th</sup>, August 26<sup>th</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup> meetings.

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

Kaiwen Zhong, a member of the Engineering Leadership Council (ELC) was asking for the Senate to vote today on their request to change the ELC from Club to Organizational status. Speaker Hale said the Senate will be voting next week due to a delay in receipt of a resolution required to hold the vote today. Speaker Hale assures Mr. Zhong they will get to the vote as soon as possible.

### III.

#### REPORTS

##### **President Clark**

William Green, the Adult/Evening Education Coordinator is working with a special-needs student and showing him around personally. President Clark feels Mr. Green is doing a fine job in his new position. He is actively recruiting for the Eco Senator position and is strongly considering Sean Carr who spoke at the meeting last week. The Student Services Coordinator, Melanie Seeley, has been working with LinkedIn. President Clark introduces Miguel Perez, as the Veterans Affairs Coordinator. Mr. Perez states he has been with the Air Force for 6 years and the Reserves for one year and is pleased he was considered for the position.

Speaker Hale thanks Mr. Perez for the service to his country.

President Clark is looking for a new Diversity Coordinator since they have not heard from the present person in the position since July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013. He introduces Kareem Dyer as a potential candidate. Mr. Dyer states that he would be happy to become part of the group and thanks the Senate for their consideration.

##### **Speaker of the Senate Hale**

Speaker Hale announced Senator Ted O'Brien is looking for interns. Please see him for more information. Speaker Hale checks on status of previous complaint on gym hours with Senator White. Senator White has no new information to date, but will continue to follow-up with faculty and staff.

##### **Senator Williams**

Senator Williams was preparing to write-up several resolutions when after looking at the current MCC By-Laws and constitution, ~~realized they were already in there~~ when he realized many aspects already exist. He asked all clubs, regardless of designation to be a part of the roundtable discussion and vote if they would like to see a "Culture Club" Senator added to the Student Government. There was a good turn-out. Senator Williams notified all he would be monitoring the way he phrases his speech and notifies all he needs to feel passionate about his work, and is not simply a "policy person". He speaks again of giving more funds to active clubs.

##### **Senator Schollnick**

Apologizes to all on handing in the Engineering Leadership Council resolution late. Senator Schollnick assures all it will be on the September 24<sup>th</sup> agenda.

##### **Senator Cassidy**

Announces the biographies of all SGA members will soon be on OrgSync. The photos of the 9/11 ceremony will be on OrgSync shortly and the Constitution Day photos will be uploaded in the next couple of days.

##### **Senator Jopson**

Thanks all involved in assisting him on successful constitution day event. He appreciates President Clark and Vice-President White for working the event with him and Senator Williams. He sends thanks to Adviser Stewart and Adviser Herzog for their assistance in making the event successful. He has heard complaints as to how MCC's "E Lounge" divides the time allocated per student to games usage and will follow-up on this.

##### **Advisor Stewart**

Congratulates all who worked on Constitution Day. They did a wonderful job and the event was a success.

##### **Advisor Herzog**

Congratulates all on a successful 9/11 day event. She reminds all that the Student Life Fair is tomorrow September 18<sup>th</sup>, and Homecoming is Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup>. Advisor Herzog is excited to have a nice campus welcome for students. She reminds all that the Leadership Retreat is coming up September 27<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> and is looking forward to getting to know all better.

### IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

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

#### a. Resolution to move the ELC from Club status into organizational status

*Resolved.* Whereas, the Engineering Leadership Council (ELC) is presently a club, they have submitted all paperwork to become an organization and are granted to move to organizational status.

##### **Discussion:**

This resolution postponed until the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting due to a delay in receiving all documents and resolutions required for a vote.

#### b. Resolution to bring onto the Senate floor an open discussion of a Culture Club Senator to the Senate

*Resolved.* Whereas, the interest and need of a Culture Club Senator added to the Senate, in order to fully serve some of the clubs that believe that they are more of a culture club, than any of the current club designations at MCC.

Motion to debate so moved by Senator Jopson, seconded by Senator Williams.

##### **Discussion:**

Is there a necessity to have a separate Culture Club Senator? Is it possible that the current Social Clubs Senator Schollnick can assist? It is further discussed that certain clubs can be redesigned as to not add to Senator Schollnick's responsibilities. The Senator-At-Large can assist as well. Speaker Hale suggests not adding to the Senator-At-Large responsibilities but perhaps not having two Residence Hall Senators and making one Senator another Clubs Senator. Senator Jopson is in favor of this, but not in favor of adding another Senator with the title of "Culture Clubs". A discussion ensues as to how to define a "Culture Club". Senator Wyble agrees with the removal of one Residence Hall Senator to work with the clubs, since the club population represents more students than the residence halls. Senator Jopson agrees. Speaker Hale suggests a title of "Service and Culture Club Senator" to replace the current title Senator Schollnick holds. Senator Schollnick is fine with the name change. Speaker Hale suggests a possible Future resolution to change the name from "Service Club Senator" to "Service and Culture Club Senator". President Clark speaks as to how clubs are designated at MCC and states he wants to make sure the various Senators' workloads are fairly even.

Debate discussion concludes at 2:49pm.

Motion to close debate so moved by Senator Poloznik, seconded by Senator Williams.

## VI. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

MCC student, Ignatius Ukatu, asks for clarification of a cabinet position versus a Senator position. Speaker Hale clarifies the rolls and duties of the two titles, and Mr. Ukatu thanks Speaker Hale.

Advisor Stewart apologizes to the Engineering Leadership Council (ELC) for the late submission of the resolution to vote to change them from a Club to Organizational status. As this is a fairly new Senate, all are just getting the processes down.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

A vote was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm.

## VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Truman  
SA Secretary