



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday September 24th, 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

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: Felisa Sze, Engineering Leadership Council (ELC); Nicole Zayhufski, ELC; Ryan Reber, ELC; Zach Baltzer, ELC; Stephanie Banle, ELC; Nolan Colucci, ELC; Michele Loyhofski, ELC; Ginny Geer-Mentry, MCC Association; Sean McCann, Celtic Society; Erzsebet Piros, SEGA; Dan Steiner, BAJA, Peer Mentors.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:22 pm)

A. Roll Call (See attendance above)

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

There was no one to speak to the Senate.

III. REPORTS

President Clark

President Clark noted there are finance and budget concerns that have been brought to his attention. There were concerns that the SGA and the students that are represented by us have regarding budget practices. He will meet with individuals who can provide clarity on these concerns. William Green, the Adult/Evening Education Coordinator turned in a report with concerns regarding a previous fire drill at the MCC Brighton Campus. He specifically mentions handicapped individuals and several areas which may provide a challenge for them to exit the buildings swiftly and safely. He asks if MCC has any policies in place that pertain to persons with both physical and mental handicaps.

Advisor Stewart notes that MCC does have such policies in place and such evacuation plans as per Mr. Green's concerns above. She suggests asking a representative from Public Safety to attend a Senate meeting for a question and answer period to alleviate any concerns and clarify evacuation processes.

President Clark has heard numerous questions and complaints about an area in the parking lot on campus that is labeled "cell phone lot". One student received a ticket and was unsure why. There are no signs that specify not to park there and no one is clear where the lot begins and ends. He asks for clarification as to what exactly this lot is for, where exactly these spaces are located, and what is the policy on parking or time limits in lot.

Vice-President White

September is Hispanic Heritage month. It appears that all were waiting on the Spanish Club to host an event, but nothing is in the works yet. Vice-President White will reach out to the Spanish Club Advisor to work on an event. He feels cultural events enrich us all.

Speaker of the Senate Hale

Speaker Hale asks if any members of the Senate can volunteer at the blood drive. If so please see him after the Senate meeting. He notes Senator Schollnick and Senator Williams will be coordinating volunteers as well. Senator Williams and Senator White will be able to assist with the October blood-drive in the late afternoon.

Senator Williams

The Constitution Committee received three constitutions and has reviewed their ideas. Senator Williams had an opportunity to work the Student Life Fair and met a student who was unaware of the academic success possessed by the MCC student body. The student was unaware of all the accomplishments and standings MCC holds and would like to see more notification of such successes.

Senator Williams would like to see recognition and accolades come from all levels of MCC.

Senator Schollnick

Thanks all involved at the SGA booth at Homecoming and the Student Life Fair. It was great to keep “all in the know” regarding SGA. She notes MCC won their soccer game at Homecoming 5 to 1.

Senator Wyble

Senator Wyble ran in the Homecoming 5K on Saturday, there were a total of 164 racers and finishers. The Engineering Leadership Council had 40 runners, one of the largest groups represented there. He thanks all who participated even in the inclement weather.

Advisor Stewart

Reminds all the new members to student leadership positions that there is another training session for whoever started late or missed the summer session. She strongly urges all to attend the October 9th Student Leader Training from 3pm to 8pm in Monroe A & B.

Advisor Herzog

Thanks all for a successful Homecoming. There were over 800 participants in the carnival and 250 attendees at the Yellowjacket concert. The Weeks-of –Welcome (WOW) events are ending this Thursday. There was mini-golf today, bull-riding tomorrow, and the final presentation of “What’s in a hoodie?” on Thursday. On September 15th, CAB met and has planned out the remainder of this school year as well as into the next. They are verifying available space and as soon as all is confirmed all dates and events will be posted to OrgSync. Advisor Herzog is looking forward to the retreat this weekend at Camp Stella-Maris.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

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:

Advisor Stewart notes this resolution has been a long time in the works and wants all to know the Office of Student Life and Leadership Development supports the ELC in any capacity for many years to come.

Speaker Hale called for a motion to move the ELC from club status into organizational status. Senator Wyble so moved, seconded by Senator Williams

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the Electronic Leadership Council to be moved from club status into an organizational status.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Items (items requiring a Senate vote)

a. **Resolution to approve Alexandria Cassidy to the position of Deputy Speaker for the academic school year 2013-2014.**

Resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate approves the appointment of Alexandria Cassidy as the Deputy Speaker for the academic school year 2013-2014.

Speaker Hale called for a motion to approve Alexandria Cassidy as the Deputy Speaker. Senator Schollnick so moved, seconded by Senator Jopson.

A vote was taken.

Senator Cassidy abstains.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves Alexandria Cassidy as the Deputy Speaker of the Senate.

b. **Resolution to ratify the Engineering Leadership Council's (ELC) Constitution.**

Resolved. The Engineering Leadership Council (ELC)'s constitution is ratified on the Senate floor. Whereas, the club changed and edited their old constitution and their updated version must be ratified by the Senate for approval.

Speaker Hale called for a motion to ratify the ELC's constitution.

Senator Jopson so moved, seconded by Senator Williams.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the ratification of the Engineering Leadership Council's constitution.

c. **Resolution to put the Minutes of Student Government Public Meetings on OrgSync.**

Resolved, that said minutes typed by the secretary, be put on the SGA OrgSync page in the form of a PDF File under the File tab. Responsibility to upload and organize said minutes would permanently fall under the duties of Media Senator.

Speaker Hale called for a motion to post the typed minutes to OrgSync.

Motion to amend by Senator Wyble. He would like to include the audio file in the OrgSync posting.

Seconded by Senator Schollnick.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the posting of written and audio SGA Minutes on OrgSync.

d. **Resolution to approve Jesus Miguel Perez as the Veteran Service Coordinator.**

Resolved, that the Senate approves the appointment of Jesus Miguel Perez to the office of Veteran Service Coordinator for the 2013-2014 academic school year.

Speaker Hale called for a motion to approve Jesus Miguel Perez as the Veterans Service Coordinator. Senator Jopson so moved, seconded by Senator Wyble.

Discussion:

Senator Schollnick stated she did not recall Mr. Perez speaking at last week's meeting and asked him to return to the microphone to introduce himself before a vote was taken. Mr. Perez stated he is himself a veteran and has friends who work at the VA facilities in Canandaigua. He has direct experience and can identify veterans' needs as the Veterans Service Coordinator.

Senator Miner thanks him for his time.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the appointment of Jesus Miguel Perez as the Veterans Service Coordinator.

e. **Resolution to approve Kareem Dyer as Diversity Coordinator.**

Resolved, that the Senate approves the appointment of Kareem Dyer as Diversity Coordinator for the 2013-2014 academic school year.

Speaker Hale called for a motion to approve Kareem Dyer as Diversity Coordinator. 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 Kareem Dyer as Diversity Coordinator.

VI. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Speaker Hale congratulated the ELC on their new organizational status.

Advisor Stewart reminds all that these meetings are Senate Meetings, even though they are noted as Student Government meetings, the Senate does run these meetings.

VII. 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 2:43pm.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Truman

SA Secretary