



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING MINUTES FOR  
Tuesday, September 20, 2011  
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)**

**Student Senators:**

At-Large Senator Isaacs  
At-Large Senator J. Snyder  
Interdisciplinary Studies Senator M. Snyder  
Service Clubs Senator Childers  
Science, Health & Business Senator Bynes

**President:**

Michael Gray

**Vice President**

Theresa Ciaccio-Absent

**Speaker/At-Large Senator**

Scott Blue

**Acting Deputy Speaker/Service Clubs Senator**

Jason Childers

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart

**Faculty Advisor:**

Joseph McCauley

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Rebecca Herzog

**Visitors:** Dick Ryther, Student Services; Virginia Geer-Mentry, MCC Association, Inc.; Chris Monroe, Phi Theta Kappa; Ehizeme Aruya, Presidential Cabinet; Johanne Diaz, Samantha Cintron, Rob Jackson-Harris; Sierra Sears, Kevin Dixon, students; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

**I. CALL TO ORDER (2:15 p.m.)**

**A. Roll Call**

(See attendance above)

**B. Approval of the September 13, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes**

**Speaker Blue** called for a motion to approve the September 13, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes.

**Senator J. Snyder** so moved, seconded by Senator M. Snyder.

**There was no discussion.**

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved,** the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the September 13, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes as written.

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

**Student Trustee Scott...read by Speaker Blue:**

“This academic year, marking MCC’s 50th Anniversary has begun so appropriately. On the first day of classes I had the honor to attend a forum held in Monroe A/B focused around the topic of the Cradle to Career Educational Pipeline in our community. As a follow-up to my attendance, I submitted an article to the Monroe Doctrine that will be in their October 3 issue; it challenges my fellow student leaders to become involved in our community’s plans once they begin to come together. Additionally, the MD has asked that I submit a once monthly corner regarding Student Trustee activities.

On September 11, I had the privilege to attend the 10th Annual Remembrance Ceremony at Brighton Campus. The ceremony was beautifully done, as always and President Gray did an excellent job acting as emcee and a speaker for the event. On September 12, I attended DCC’s September 11th Remembrance Event and had the chance to really see SEGA’s enthusiasm for their student body. The event was well organized and there were some beautiful messages put across on a banner that will be hanging on their campus. I commend both SGA and SEGA for their hard work on these events.

I have visited Damon several times and have had the opportunity to work with their talented student leaders on getting some answers to commonly asked questions/concerns raised by DCC students.

This past weekend I attended the New York Community College Trustee Institute in Albany where I was able to meet other student trustees and Board of Trustees members from around the state. I learned a great deal at this conference that I think will help me to be successful in my role this year.

Unfortunately, I am unable to make it to Tuesday Senate meetings due to scheduling conflicts with my clinical experiences. However, I would like you to know that I am always available and willing to assist in any way possible. Feel free to contact me at [mScott092@student.monroecc.edu](mailto:mScott092@student.monroecc.edu) with any concerns. I will be sure to come to the Senate with any issues impacting the

student body. I look forward to working in collaboration with you all this year! Can't wait for all the success to come as we celebrate this important anniversary!"

### III. REPORTS

#### A. Senators

##### Senator Childers...

- Service Club Senator – he has grouped the clubs into three parts: those who have met and made plans; those who have not reported their leadership this year; and those who are inactive:
  - ✓ Inactive: the Black Student Union and the Peace and Justice Coalition were both inactive last year (the Peace and Justice Coalition have been inactive for several semesters). If neither of these clubs becomes active, they will eventually become dechartered.
  - ✓ Officers not reported: AWARE, the Chinese Culture Club, Men of Excellence-BRI, and Pride Alliance-BRI.
- Other club and organization happenings:
  - ✓ Holocaust Genocide Human Rights Project is hosting a 5K Walk for Water as part of the contribution to the Water for Sudan program.
  - ✓ Global Union has welcomed the international students and has announced their annual trip to Washington for early November. Congratulations to GU for becoming an organization.
  - ✓ Veterans Club is working on the creation of a permanent Veterans Lounge.
  - ✓ Celtic Society is working on creating a float for the St. Patrick's Day Parade next March and designing a tartan for MCC. They are looking for members, especially someone who is interested in becoming a Scribe or Keeper for the club.

##### Senator Lalis...

- Watch the [livesportsvideo.com](http://livesportsvideo.com) for sports events; check the MCC Athletics Website for the link! The MCC 6<sup>th</sup> ranked women's soccer game versus Jamestown-Olean will be streamed on-line on Tuesday, September 20.
- Homecoming and Alumni Week festivities include:
  - ✓ Friday, September 23, Spirit Day at noon, MCC Students vs. Faculty Basketball game. Everyone one attending needs to come with an MCC ID and should wear Black and Gold to represent MCC! Campus Activities Board Street Team will be hosting contests for the chance to win tickets to The Ultimate Michael Jackson Tribute Band - Who's Bad!
  - ✓ Friday evening, the 2011 MCC Hall of Fame Induction ceremony will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Warshof Conference Center at the R. Thomas Flynn Campus Center on MCC's Brighton Campus. The inductees are Ice hockey player **Jake Wiemer ('06)**, baseball player **Bob Hurlbutt ('89)**, and women's soccer player **Wendy Kotwas-Waddell ('99)**.
  - ✓ Saturday, Sept. 24 - 50th Anniversary Tailgate Party and MCC Tribunes Games - Alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends are invited to enjoy ice-cold beverages and a hot buffet lunch following the 5K Walk/Run for Scholarships. Men's and Women's soccer games and a baseball game begin at noon; both soccer matches can be viewed at MCC's [livesportsvideo.com](http://livesportsvideo.com) page.

#### B. Committee Reports:

- **Rock the Vote** – Senator Bynes reported that the committee will be collaborating with Phi Theta Kappa. Plans to encourage students to vote include visits to the residence halls and tables around campus. They will attempt to reach the non-traditional students by being visible in the evenings. Phi Theta Kappa has launched a blog to provide information on each of the 19 candidates up for election this year. At the next meeting, Wednesday, September 21, they will discuss their primary goals.

#### C. Office of Student Life & Leadership Development Advisor Stewart...

- Homecoming – this weekend, September 23-24 – CAB is presenting the homecoming headliner and is looking for volunteers. She hopes to see some of the SGA there to help.
- She introduced the new Director of the MCC Association, Virginia (Ginny) Geer-Mentry.
- Alberta Lee from Human Resources is looking for student clubs or student involvement in the Kidney Care Walk at the Seneca Park Zoo. See Advisor Stewart for more information.

#### D. Office of Student Life & Leadership Development Advisor Herzog...

- CAB's major event is this weekend, September 24. Volunteers are needed to work throughout the day. All volunteers will receive a free t-shirt, a meal and a ticket.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

**Speaker Blue called for a motion to move the resolution to approve Jaquiel Ash to the first action item.**

**Senator M. Snyder** so moved, seconded by Senator Bynes.

A vote was taken.

The motion passed.

**a. Resolution to approve Jaquiel Ash as the Promotions Coordinator**

*Resolved*, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate approves the appointment of Jaquiel Ash as the Promotions Coordinator for the 2011 – 2012 academic year.

**Speaker Blue** called for a motion to approve Jaquiel Ash as the Promotions Coordinator.

**Senator Childers** so moved, seconded by Senator Isaacs.

**Discussion:**

**Jaquiel** introduced himself and expressed his concern that not enough students on campus know enough about the campus events, student organizations, and the student government. His vision is to build a family community throughout the campus environment with various programs and advertisements. It is the duty of the Student Government to make this vision a reality and he feels that this vision is not only possible but very probable.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves Jaquiel Ash as the Promotions Coordinator for the 2011-2012 academic year.

**b. Resolution to approve Jason Childers to the position of Deputy Speaker of the MCC Student Government Association**

*Resolved*, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate confirm Speaker Scott F. Blue II's nomination of Jason Childers to the position of Deputy Speaker of the MCC Student Government Association for the 2011-2012 academic year.

**Speaker Blue** called for a motion to approve Jason Childers to the position of Deputy Speaker of the MCC Student Government Association

**Senator Lalisie** so moved, seconded by Senator Bynes.

**Discussion:**

**Speaker Blue** stated that it is the job of the Speaker to select a Deputy Speaker who can assist the Speaker with his duties when needed. Through observations, interviews and the advice of his team, he chose Jason Childers because of his leadership abilities and the experience he has had in the Student Government and with other Deputy Speakers. He feels extremely comfortable with Jason and he feels that Jason will be able to help him accomplish what he needs to as Speaker.

**Senator M. Snyder** motioned to suspend discussion until Executive Session.

**Speaker Blue** did not recognize the motion.

**Senator Childers** talked about the positions he has held within the SGA. He has worked with four different Speakers and Deputy Speakers. He sees the job of Deputy Speaker as being one who helps the Speaker whenever needed and who sees that the Speaker does an excellent job and continues through to commencement.

**Senator M. Snyder** asked Senator Childers several questions regarding his ability to take on the extra responsibilities required as Deputy Speaker as well questions regarding his involvement in other organizations on and off campus. He also questioned Senator Childers about his resignation from the SUNY Student Assembly. Senator Childers explained that his work schedule can be adjusted when needed and he does not have any responsibilities in the organizations he is involved in. Regarding his resignation from his position as Community College Representative in the SUNY Student Assembly, he explained that he resigned because he knew he would not be able to put in the time needed while working in the SGA, at his job, and with his home obligations.

**President Gray** asked Senator Childers if he resigned from the SUNY Student Assembly to make the SGA his main priority. Senator Childers confirmed that was correct.

**Senator M. Snyder** stated that he feels Senator Childers is not ready for the position of Deputy Speaker. He stated that there were a lot of problems last year and he doesn't want that to happen again. He also feels that Senator Childers' resignation from SUNY SA shows that he did not follow through with that commitment and he does not feel comfortable with Senator Childers having an e-board position in the SGA.

**President Gray** disagreed with Senator M. Snyder stating that Senator Childers is more than experienced for the position. Speaker Blue needs someone he can work with and he controls what he gives to the Deputy Speaker. He sees Senator Childers' resignation from SUNY SA allowing him to give more time to the SGA.

**Senator J. Snyder** stated that he supports most of the points Senator M. Snyder made.

**Senator Bynes** stated that she worked closely with Senator Childers last year and she has seen him develop. In her year working with Jason she has seen him grow a lot personally and she has seen the choices he has made regarding

his availability. When he cannot commit to something he does not take it on. There is a lot of communication between Senator Childers and Speaker Blue and they must be able to communicate regularly and professionally. She agrees with President Gray and feels that Senator Childers makes an excellent candidate for this position.

**Speaker Blue** stated that he hears all of the discussion and feels that if Senator Childers is not approved that will hinder him, as Speaker, and the Senate from doing their job appropriately. He hopes the Senators will trust his judgment and his leadership.

**Senator M. Snyder** motioned for a secret ballot.

**A vote by secret ballot was taken.**

**The resolution to approve Senator Childers as Deputy Speaker fails.**

c. **Resolution to approve Kevin Dixon as the Communications Coordinator**

**Resolved**, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate approves the appointment of Kevin Dixon as the Communications Coordinator for the 2011 – 2012 academic year.

**Speaker Blue** called for a motion to approve Kevin Dixon as the Communications Coordinator.

**Senator J. Snyder** so moved, seconded by Senator Bynes.

**Discussion:**

**President Gray** stated that Kevin's job will be to get SGA information out to the various media outlets. He will be working very closely with the Promotions Coordinator to insure that when things are promoted, they are also communicated through those outlets as well as through social networking and posters.

**Kevin** stated that he has been promoting, organizing and producing for over 6 years. He looks forward to expanding his ideas and learning from others by creating new ways to reach out to the student body.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves Kevin Dixon as the Communications Coordinator for the 2011-2012 academic year.

d. **Resolution to approve Thomas Hayes as the Elections Coordinator**

**Resolved**, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate approves the appointment of Thomas Hayes as the Elections Coordinator for the 2011 – 2012 academic year.

**Speaker Blue** called for a motion to approve Thomas Hayes as the Elections Coordinator.

**Senator Bynes** so moved, seconded by Senator M. Snyder.

**Discussion:**

**President Gray** read a statement from Thomas explaining why he feels he is qualified for the position. President Gray mentioned that Thomas is a very direct person and he will work well with the elections commission and candidates.

**Senator M. Snyder** is very excited to have someone to work on the elections packets this early and he would like to have Thomas on the Rock the Vote Committee.

**Senator Bynes** stated that one of the goals of the Elections Committee last year was to increase the amount of people who voted; that result was somewhat disappointing. She is looking forward to seeing how he can work with the Promotions and Communications Coordinators in making that goal a reality.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves Thomas Hayes as the Elections Coordinator for the 2011-2012 academic year.

e. **Resolution to approve By-Laws Committee Members**

**Resolved**, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate approves the appointments of Benjamin Serbicki and Theresa Ciaccio to the By-Laws Committee for the 2011-2012 academic year.

**Speaker Blue** called for a motion to approve By-Laws Committee members.

**Senator M. Snyder** so moved. Senator Isaacs offered a friendly amendment to remove Theresa Ciaccio's name from the resolution. Senator M. Snyder agreed to the friendly amendment.

**A vote to amend the resolution was taken.**

**The motion passed.**

The amended resolution now reads:

**Resolved**, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate approves the appointment of Benjamin Serbicki to the By-Laws Committee for the 2011-2012 academic year.

**Senator M. Snyder** so moved, seconded by Senator J. Snyder.

**Discussion:**

**President Gray** stated that Coordinator Serbicki takes on a quiet leadership within the Cabinet. He always looks out for the best interest of SGA as a whole. He will be a very beneficial member to the committee.

**Senator Childers** explained that Vice President Ciaccio was being removed from the resolution because she is already a member of the committee having been appointed over the summer.

**Senator J. Snyder** spoke in support of Coordinator Serbicki being appointed to the committee.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate** approves the appointment of Benjamin Serbicki to the By-Laws Committee for the 2011-2012 academic year.

## **V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

President Gray thanked Senator M. Snyder for Constitution Day, as well as the other Senators and Coordinators who helped.

Senator J. Snyder commended Shirley Batistta-Provost and Don Beech for the Model UN presentation at the last Senate meeting. He mentioned that the Personal Health & Safety Committee met and a number of critical issues are being addressed.

Speaker Blue thanked Senator J. Snyder for his work on the Personal Health & Safety Committee and mentioned that a student from the Applied Tech Center has applied to the SGA because of that.

President Gray mentioned that he has been asked by Library staff to get students together to have their picture taken with their favorite book which the Library will then display. If anyone is interested let President Gray know. He would also like to have students appointed to the Library Student Advisory Committee (LSAC) to keep that committee active.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:15 p.m. Speaker Blue called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Isaacs so moved, seconded by Senator M. Snyder. The motion passed; the Senate meeting was adjourned.

## **VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Brennan  
SA Secretary