



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, April 23, 2013 2:15 PM, Forum 3-130**

Student Senators:

Media Senator Savarese
Residence Hall Senator Walters
At-Large Senator Halloran
At-Large Senator Williams

President:

Shanel Montalvo

Speaker:

Rabbil Jackson-Harris

Deputy Speaker:

Kyle Savarese

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

SL&LD Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog

SA Secretary

Elizabeth Flanagan

Visitors: Andy Binder, Student; Hency Yuen-Eng, College and Community Relations; Suzanne Fava, WMCC; Jason Childers, Celtic Society; Virginia Geer-Mentry, MCC Association; Chris Nguyen, SEGA; Brian Ho, Student; Shirley Batistta-Provost; Office of Student Life and Leadership Development; Valerie Avalone, Institutional Planning

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:15 pm)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of April 16, 2013 Minutes

Deputy Speaker Savarese called for a motion to approve the minutes of April 16, 2013.

Senator Halloran so moved, seconded by Senator Walters. One amendment was noted regarding the absence of Senator Halloran at the April 16th meeting.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association unanimously approves the April 16, 2013 minutes as amended.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Valerie Avalone of Institutional Planning and Hency Yuen-Eng of College and Community Relations approached the Senate to give a presentation regarding the Loop Road Project. Valerie indicated that this project will provide solutions for current traffic congestion problems on campus, and provide a more welcoming collegiate atmosphere. Signage informing staff, students and visitors of the project will be posted prominently beforehand. She noted that the project has three phases: The first phase is to begin on May 28th with a target date for completion of July 1st; the second phase is to begin on July 2nd with a target date for completion of December 31st 2013; and the third phase is planned for implementation next year.

The first phase will widen the lane at the back of campus near Gilman Lounge. The RGRTA #50 Bus will be redirected to this area. All other RGRTA buses will pick up and drop off passengers on East Henrietta Road. RGRTA plans to place bus shelters at the East Henrietta Road bus stops. The plan is to have guards in these areas, as well. Questions arose regarding bus capacity and service. Virginia Geer-Mentry of MCC Association, mentioned that our MCC shuttle reduces the strain on RGRTA buses, and Valerie assured all that plans are subject to change as the reality unfolds.

Valerie also noted that on June 4th, the pedestrian ramp extending up to Building 1 will be closed. The lower level doors will be operational for all foot traffic including access for those with disabilities.

The second phase will begin on July 2nd (provided that Phase 1 has been completed). This phase will involve the closure of the front loop. The closing of the front loop will alleviate the problems created by the current lack of a four-way stop in that area. Through Lot D, traffic will be directed to Lot C for parking. Visitors may then walk into Bldg 5, and find an information desk there. (There will also be an information desk in Bldg 1.) People with disabilities using bus service will have a designated drop-off location near the Warshof Conference Center. Ambulances arriving for Health Services calls will be directed to the area near Bausch and Lomb lobby. Mail Delivery will be directed to Bldg 4. New visitor parking will in the front area and it will be gated. Parking for visitors will be validated. No one other than visitors should attempt to park in the visitors' parking lot, as they would be locked in and fined. The front campus green (less embellishment to be done over time) is scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2013.

Phase 3 is scheduled to begin in 2014. During this phase, a roundabout will be created off of Brighton-Henrietta Townline Road.

A discussion ensued during which Valerie and Hency answered questions regarding implementation. Valerie let everyone know that information will be provided at Open House and Orientation sessions, and that signage will be prominently displayed. Hency welcomed further ideas regarding the dissemination of information. She also provided all present with the website address (the website is currently under construction and is coming soon): www.monroecc.edu/go/looproad and indicated that print-outs of information will be distributed to students and prospective students.

III. REPORTS

Senator Walters

“This week, I am continuing my work on the Relay for Life kickoff, scheduled for May 8th from Noon until 2:00 PM on the terrace. Also, this week, I will be creating and posting the posters and finding other advertisements for the Relay event.

I participated in the Green week events, and I also worked on relocating the blood drives for next year to Monroe A.

Next week, I will work on advertisements for the last drive of the year in Canal Hall.

Also, I want to remind all in Student Government (including advisors) about the photo that will be taken after this meeting at 3:15 PM for our website.”

Advisor Stewart

We are in need of hosts/hostesses for the Award Banquet on May 17th for part of that evening. Hosts will help people in, take their tickets, and manage the crowd. If you know of any people in your groups who might be interested in helping in this way, please let us know. People who host will not require tickets for themselves.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, elections will be held. Get out the vote! We need poll workers. Poll workers will be paid \$7.75 per hour.

Advisor Herzog

Spring Fling will be happening next Wednesday outdoors in Parking Lot “A”. Let’s hope for good weather! Submit a form if you want a table at this event. There will be free ice cream and pop corn, and other food available at reasonable prices. The awards deadline has been extended until tomorrow at 5:00 PM, and materials may be accessed via OrgSync or through the Student Life and Leadership Development Office.

Advisor McCauley

Commented that the play, The Whipping Man at Geva Theatre is thought-provoking and worth experiencing.

With regard to the elections, if you are running, may the odds **ever** be in your favor!

IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Suzanne Fava mentioned that the organization, Journey of Hope, which supports people with disabilities will be holding an event tonight at Texas Roadhouse Grill. Suzanne's son, Jeffrey Flag, will be one of the individuals participating in this event. Please come out and offer your support!

Jason Childers of the Celtic Society thanked President Montalvo for her kind introduction of the Celtic Club.

He offered a suggestion regarding the traffic light near the Brighton-Henrietta Townline Road entrance to campus, and mentioned how a left-turn arrow from the eastbound lane would be most helpful to travelers coming from that direction. All agreed this was a great idea, and will see about suggesting this to those who might be able to make it happen.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion for adjournment. Senator Halloran so moved, with a second from Senator Williams. A vote was taken. At 3:00 PM, the meeting was adjourned.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth V. Flanagan
SA Secretary