



MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, November 29, 2011
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)

Student Senators:

Academic Clubs Senator Valone
At-Large Senator Isaacs
CAB Senator Snyder-**absent**
Media Senator Bynes
Social Clubs Senator Jackson-Harris
Residence Hall Senator Sears

President:

Michael Gray-**absent**

Vice President

Theresa Ciaccio-**absent**

Speaker/At-Large Senator

Scott Blue

Deputy Speaker/Service Clubs Senator

Jason Childers

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

SL&LD Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog-**absent**

Visitors: Brian Hawes, B.A.S.I.C.; Ehizeme Aruya, SGA; Justin Bacher, Will Barker, OAU; Alex Kates, Monroe Doctrine; Shalym O. Naiter, Spanish Club; Ignatius Ukatu; Dick Ryther, Student Services; Catherine Higgins, SA Secretary.

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

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of the November 22, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve the November 22, 2011 Senate meeting minutes. The motion was moved by Senator Isaacs and seconded by Senator Valone.

Discussion:

Deputy Speaker Childers recommended removing the “M” from Senator Snyder’s name under Reports. He also suggested removing the commas after Student Services Coordinator and Campus Technology Coordinator in the Questions and Comments section.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association unanimously approves the November 22, 2011 Senate meeting minutes as amended.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Brian Hawes from B.A.S.I.C., shared his experiences of attending an event called Blue Print, which was held at the Rochester Plaza Hotel. Six hundred students attended this event from B.A.S.I.C. groups across New York State. Ten MCC students attended. Speakers talked about personal direction. He showed a PowerPoint presentation of the event. He thanked SGA for helping to fund this trip, which was a bonding experience for them. They hope to attend next year and will begin fundraising for that goal. They hope to be considered by the SGA for help with funding next year.

Will Barker and Justin Bacher spoke representing the OAU Club. They reported on their white water rafting trip taken last summer. They presented a YouTube video of their adventure. Mr. Barker spoke of the teamwork involved in hiking with people of different levels of experience. They practiced teambuilding skills as well. He encouraged the SGA to view their pictures on Facebook. Deputy Speaker Childers commented that OAU refunded \$500.00 that they did not use, and he thanked Advisor Mellas. Speaker Blue commended them for being an example to other clubs who may want to get funding from the SGA for trips.

Mr. Barker and Mr. Bacher presented ideas for events that would promote MCC, OAU and all the clubs and organizations. They are planning an event called Green Week, to be held in March or April in the Atrium. This would feature green events everyday from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Clubs and organizations and individual students would be invited to participate. He asked SGA to participate and to consider funding for this event. Once they get students involved, they would give out informational materials.

OAU, in conjunction with CAB, is also planning a Human Foosball event to be held in the Atrium. They are seeking funding to purchase materials needed to build a reusable court and equipment that could be a shared resource for clubs. They are looking for \$600 in funding. Both clubs would be splitting this cost and hope to get \$200 of it funded by SGA. This event will be a teambuilding effort for the students who participate.

Mr. Barker informed the SGA that they are also planning a Winter Survival Class Expedition to be held January 6th through January 8th in the Adirondacks. Mr. Bacher explained that they would teach survival skills such as building shelter and fires. It will be an educational event, rather than an event for fun. Mr. Barker stated that they would like SGA to help support the cost of their transportation. Faculty Advisor McCauley suggested that they start on paperwork soon.

III. REPORTS

A. Deputy Speaker

Deputy Speaker Childers...

Deputy Speaker Childers stated that the Global Union and the Spanish Club will be making a presentation of their trip to Washington at next week's meeting.

The Holocaust Genocide and Human Rights Project is sponsoring the presentation of "Shoah," the 1985 masterpiece Holocaust documentary. Join Professor Matthew Hachee for an in-depth look at portions of this film and expert commentary on its continued impact. It will be shown on Wednesday, November 30th at 6pm in the Forum (3-130) and on Wednesday, December 7th, at 6pm in the Empire Room (3-209). Both events are free and open to the public, with refreshments for all!

On Tuesday, November 29th at 5:30pm, the MCC Celtic Society will hold Celtic Movie Night, with *The Nephew*, with Pierce Brosnan and Hill Harper, in Room 12-225.

Wednesday, November 30th is St. Andrew's Day! Feel free to show yer tartan! Spread the word!

On Saturday, December 10th, the Rochester Curling Club is hosting the MCC Curling Party at the Rochester Curling Center from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$12 for youths (11-17). The price includes instructions, equipment, and curling. Contact Jennifer Hill at 292.2393 or jhill3@monroecc.edu by Thursday, December 8th.

B. Advisor Stewart...

Advisor Stewart shared with the group that while visiting another college, she saw a campaign posted to recruit students for student government. It was eye-catching and caught her attention. At this time of year she encouraged the SGA to look ahead to next year and think about who will be replacing them and also to think about ways to get students involved and informed about student government. She will talk more about this at next week's meeting.

C. Faculty Advisor McCauley...

Faculty Advisor McCauley reminded SGA that they should be actively recruiting for Spring, getting interviews and getting people lined up.

IV. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Speaker Blue stated that President Gray and Senator Snyder are in Albany meeting with the SUNY Chancellor. He is sure that they are doing a good job of representing MCC.

Deputy Speaker Childers reminded everyone that the Visiting Scholars Series is bringing Tina Rosenberg to MCC on December 7th at 7:00pm in Monroe A & B. It is free to the MCC community and \$10.00 for the general public.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Higgins
SA Secretary