



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR  
Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2014 2:15 PM-Forums (3-130)**

**Student Senators:**

Senator Ayala  
Senator Broadnax  
Senator Donnelly-**late**  
Senator Greco  
Senator McGuire  
Senator Muntanga-**absent**  
Senator Polozanin  
Senator Tower

**Speaker of the Senate:**

Jeremy Carmichael-**absent**

**Deputy Speaker:**

Michael Lavere

**President:**

Mark White

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Rebecca Herzog

**SA Secretary:**

Lisa Truman

**Visitors:** Alaine Thibault, ASL Club; Ryan Daniel, Pride Alliance; Blanca Burns-Morales, Pride Alliance; Lindsay Crist, Pride Alliance; Morgan Shoff, Celtic Society; Bethany Ruggeri, MCC Student; Andy Binder, MCC Student.

**I. CALL TO ORDER (2:23 pm)**

**A. Roll Call (See attendance above)**

**B. Approval of the November 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> , 2014 Minutes.**

Deputy Speaker Lavere called for a motion to approve the November 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> , 2014 Minutes.

Senator Tower so moved, seconded by Senator Polozanin.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association, approves the November 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> , 2014 Minutes as written.**

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

Bonnie Maguire, Director of Business Development at RTS gave a presentation on the how RTS has collaborated with local colleges by adding hours, routes, and additional buses to students on campus. RTS has added weekend routes to local malls and gathering places so students can shop and enjoy a night out. They have also extended route hours so you can relax and enjoy an evening out. Ms. Maguire has previously met with members of other colleges' Student Governments to appraise needs on campus, and was glad to have the opportunity to do so at MCC. She asked for ideas on how RTS could better serve MCC, and several students stated they would like to see weekend service available to shop and just explore Rochester. MCC hosts many international students and this would be a wonderful way for them to get around, as well as numerous Residence Hall students who either have no car or would prefer not to drive. RTS will be conducting a series of focus groups and asks the SGA to assist by either volunteering themselves or putting the word out around campus. They are open to any suggestions on amenities you would like to see added as well. RTS is currently working on easier to understand bus schedules that are more user friendly.

**III. REPORTS**

**Speaker Carmichael** (*read by Deputy Speaker Lavere in his absence*)

He spent the week before break at NCSL. The conference had some great keynote speakers and some amazing workshops. He gathered ideas on how to better both himself and the SGA. He had the opportunity to meet some remarkable student leaders from around the country. He was thankful for the opportunity to attend the conference and looks forward to implementing these ideas now and in the coming semesters.

### **Deputy Speaker Lavere**

This past week was a busy one for him as he worked on multiple tasks as a Senator and Athletic Senator. Due to budget restrictions, the hours for the on-campus gym cannot be extended this year. He is continuing his work on intermural teams and athletic promotion. Finally, he is taking a more active roll in the Mpire and recruiting resident hall students to attend games.

### **Senator Broadnax**

He hoped all had an enjoyable Thanksgiving break. The Pirates of Penzance play he was in had great turnout all 4 nights. Senator Broadnax has been following-up on the handicapped accessible door situation around campus, and has reached out to a new contact, but has not heard back yet. He is continuing to follow up on the suggestion boxes around campus as to make them more noticeable to reach a larger groups of students for input.

### **Senator Tower**

He has been very busy reaching out to the clubs and organizations around campus. He hoped all had a great holiday weekend and good luck to all with finals coming up.

### **Senator Greco**

Thanks all for their consideration, and he is proud to be a member of the Senate. He realized he has much to learn and is excited to become an effective asset to the school. Senator Polozanin gave him a tour of the MCC Applied Technology facility last week. He is currently working on school projects and learning about being a SGA Senator.

### **Senator Donnelly**

Recently attended the National Conference on Student Leadership in Florida where she attended sessions that talked about bettering oneself on public speaking, meetings, negotiations, and how to manage finances. Her favorite session was one regarding public speaking and Monroe's 5 Step Sequence was discussed on how to gain your audience's attention.

### **Senator Polozanin**

Has been very busy interviewing candidates for the SGA, and has been organizing more interviews for the future. Due to budget restrictions it does not look like the gyms will be open past 9pm, as you need 2 people working per hour. He is working on creating a new SGA Constitution and By-Law combination. He enjoyed taking Senator Greco to the MCC Applied Technology Center. They are working on solar-powering a Jacuzzi there, and solar power in general.

### **President White**

Announced the SGA Food Drive collaboration at the Board Meeting. He has realized hunger issues hit close to home and he is glad they are on the right path with both donations and distribution of those donations.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Action Items**

#### **a. Resolution to approve the funding of \$723.41 to the MCC ASL Club.**

*Resolved*, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves he funding of \$723.41 to the MCC ASL Club.

**Deputy Speaker Lavere** called for a motion to approve the funding for ASL.

Senator Tower so moved, seconded by Senator Polozanin.

**Discussion:** There has been some confusion regarding the clubs funding requests. Alaine Thibault, a member of the ASL Club asks why the funding request was cut in half. They had only asked for half the original amount as per instructions. Senator Tower stated this was in error, and asks Deputy Speaker Lavere to consider a motion to amend the funding request to \$1146.86 as per their original request.

Ms. Thibault stated this is a unique opportunity for Level 1 ASL members to participate in an immersion trip to gain skills, confidence, and experience in a deaf community. They will return having a perspective they would have never gained having not went on this trip. She thanks the Senate for their consideration.

**Deputy Speaker Lavere** calls for a motion to amend the resolution.

Senator Polozanin so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.

**A vote was taken.**

*Be it resolved*, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the resolution to amend the funding request to \$1146.86.

**A vote was taken on the amended resolution.**

*Be it resolved*, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the funding of \$1146.86 to the ASL Club for their immersion trip to Toronto, ON.

**b. Resolution to approve the funding of \$2500.00 to SADHA.**

*Resolved*, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the funding of \$2500.00 to SADHA to travel to Troy, NY for a conference.

**Deputy Speaker Lavere** called for a motion to approve the funding for SADHA.

**Discussion:** There is not a member of SADHA present at today's meeting to speak on behalf of this funding request. As this is a requirement to approve a funding request, several Senators ask this be tabled until a member is present.

**Deputy Speaker Lavere** called for a motion to table this resolution until a member of SADHA is present at the meeting.

Senator Tower so moved, seconded by Senator Polozanin.

**Discussion:**

**A vote was taken.**

*Be it resolved*, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate will table this resolution until a member of SADHA is present at the SGA Meeting.

**V. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

Lindsay Crist, of MCC's Pride Alliance, stated part of Pride Alliance's club mission is dedicated to eradication of a rape culture. She is concerned about the alleged rape that took place in the parking lot at MCC, and is curious to know how this was deemed a false report. She noted sometimes victims will recant statements regarding their rapist and is asking for details of the investigation. Advisor Stewart directs her to Public Safety and Ginny Geer-Mentry added the Brighton Police Department conducted the investigation so perhaps they could be of assistance. She also asks for an update on the gender-neutral bathrooms. Deputy Speaker Lavere who was checking into this, believes while the plan is to move forward on the restrooms in Buildings 5, 8, & 7 it is now a budgetary and funding issue. He will keep us all updated as this progresses.

**VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

*There were no discussion items.*

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Deputy Speaker Lavere called for a motion for adjournment.

Senator Polozanin so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.

**A vote was taken.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 pm.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Truman  
SA Secretary