



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR  
Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 2:15 PM-Forum (3-130)**

**Student Senators:**  
Senator Broadnax-late  
Senator Donnelly-late  
Senator McGuire  
Senator Polozanin  
Senator Tower  
Senator Muntanga

**Speaker of the Senate:**  
Jeremy Carmichael  
**Deputy Speaker:**  
Michael Lavere  
**President:**  
Mark White

**SL&LD Advisor:**  
Elizabeth Stewart  
**SL&LD Advisor:**  
Rebecca Herzog  
**SA Secretary:**  
Lisa Truman

**Visitors:** William Hull, Jr., MCC Student; Morgan Shoff, Celtic Society; Benjamin Lapchuk, Campus Ambassadors; Ginny Geer-Mentry, MCC Association; Andy Binder, MCC Student; Bethany Ruggero, MCC Student.

**I. CALL TO ORDER (2:15pm)**

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

**B. Approval of the October 21, 2014 Minutes.**

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the October 21, 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 October 21, 2014 Minutes as written.**

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

Doug Williams, Roundtable Coordinator updated the Senate on this month's Roundtable Meeting.

Roundtable falls under the Student Government Association; therefore, if there is no acting Roundtable Coordinator, it is the responsibility of the President to ensure that something is planned for Roundtable. The office of Student Life should never have the responsibility of having to step in to plan the itinerary, while the Student Government Association's Roundtable Coordinator position is not filled. The itinerary of the monthly meeting may vary but every meeting has to follow protocol. The protocol is as follows:

Roundtable is the once a month meeting where the clubs have the opportunity to connect and share what they are working on. The Roundtable coordinator will share what the Student Government Association President and Senate want to share with all entities, plus the opportunity for each entity to share any concerns or joys that they have with the Student Government Association and President of the Student Government Association. Roll call is taken, and if any club is absent \$25.00 is deducted from their personal account. Though associations and organizations do not receive the \$25.00 deduction from their personal accounts for missing Roundtable meetings, their requests for any funding should automatically be cut in half, or more. Both campuses' student governing bodies are not excused from the monthly Roundtable. According to By-Laws, one of the three club senators is to be present. The time slot for the monthly meetings, 4-5 pm.

The itinerary of October's Roundtable had guest speaker Jesus Nebot. Jesus Nebot presented a hand out entitled, "Awakening Your Leadership Potential." The speaker shared his opinions concerning the makeup of a leader. There were exercises to demonstrate individual perspectives. Walking around and talking with clubs, there were numerous complaints about the guest speaker, both in the length and in the content of what he shared. The main complaint about content, too

much of a personal opinion, not fact; furthermore, some people were personally offended by what was said. Those concerns are being addressed; he will schedule a meeting with Student Government Association's Adviser Stewart, those who planned the guest speaker, and President White. I am very proud to announce the commitment shown by our Brighton Campus clubs. October's meeting had the highest percentage of clubs in attendance since he started attending Round Table Meetings in the spring semester of 2013. I want to thank the clubs and tell them how pleasant it is to witness their dedication. He reminds all clubs, associations, and organizations that when they request funds, that attending Round Table Meetings will have an effect on the funding request. There have been request for funds made and received for groups that were not in attendance at October's meeting and that was surprising to him.

### **III. REPORTS**

#### **Deputy Speaker Lavere**

For the past few weeks, he has been working on and participating in a variety of activities. At the SUNY Assembly, he attended a "Positivity Within" Leadership training session, an "Eye vs iContact" and a governance seminar. He felt all will help him to be a more effective leader in the SGA and at MCC. Deputy Speaker Lavere has contacted Skip Bailey regarding the MCC Club Hockey Team. He and Senator Donnelly have been working on their plans for the November basketball game, which include a blackout game and face/body paint. Finally, he has created a survey sheet for our Senators to be used to discuss topics of concern and initiate contact in the MCC community.

#### **Senator Donnelly**

Is currently working on t-shirt designs with the Publications Office and checking into pricing. Senator Donnelly is researching bringing a "Red Box" movie kiosk onto campus. She felt this would bring some fun and entertainment to campus. It will be nice for students who live both on and off campus to have access to affordable movie rental. It will be especially convenient for students who live on campus and do not have a car. This will enhance their campus housing experience.

#### **Senator Muntanga**

On Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, she met with MCC Library Director Mark McBride. They discussed the extension of library hours. Senator Muntanga will be organizing a poll to see if there is student interest in extending the library hours. She felt the meeting was successful in terms that there is a possibility the library hours can be extended if there is a high level of interest.

#### **Senator Tower**

Is looking into the issues of college students facing hunger, not just at MCC, but SUNY wide. He is planning to meet with Matthew Lawson of The Office of Student Life and Leadership Development for information on the FYE Food Pantry already in place at MCC. He has devoted a lot of time to reading the existing SGA By-Laws and was disappointed that certain items have not yet begun. One of particular concern is the Media Committee. Senator Tower feels this group would be a wonderful way to communicate information that is directly relevant to the campus. He would like to see WMCC and the Monroe Doctrine utilized for this purpose as well. He will initiate the committee if no one steps up to do so. Senator Tower is working with other members of the SGA on looking into revamping the SGA hallway to draw more attention and traffic to the SGA office. He has been speaking with clubs discussing the new Funding Request policy and answering questions. He is trying to rally clubs to possibly hold a charity event with the funding that is set aside specifically for that. He would like to see all clubs participate, and felt this would be an important bonding opportunity for the clubs.

#### **Senator McGuire**

He has been a member of the SGA for one month now, and has attended many meetings as well as joined the Finance Committee. He is working diligently on increasing student involvement and harmony between the clubs. Senator McGuire is also a member of the "Take Back The Night" Committee, and attended the SUNY Fall Assembly last week. He is eager and committed to seeing greater empowerment of the student body and welcomes all suggestions.

#### **Senator Polozanin**

Is working with Senator Tower on college students facing hunger. He is also reading the By-Laws and constitution.

#### **Advisor Stewart**

Enjoyed a Student Leader Luncheon with some of our campus student leaders, Dr. Kress, and Dr. Holmes yesterday. Senator Tower and Senator Muntanga were in attendance. Advisor Stewart reminds that in the midst of all the communication and information that one might experience around campus regarding the SGA, please remember the Office of Student Life and Leadership Development (OSLLD) should be your first stop if you have any questions or concerns. Advisor Stewart or a member of the staff will be available to address any issues you would like to discuss. Please come to the OSLLD first with any concerns or for clarification on situations that may arise.

### **Advisor Herzog**

The CAB Psychics on Campus event was a huge success. There are plans to try to expand next year, as lines were long both days. The “Trash or Treat” presentation will take place tomorrow, which is a CAB and Civility Committee collaboration. Breakfast with Santa will be December 6<sup>th</sup> this year. This event sells out very quickly so please remember to get your tickets as soon as they become available. The ticket prices vary as to your affiliation with MCC, or if you are purchasing a general admission ticket. There is a possibility this year will have a “Frozen” theme as well as an appearance by Santa Clause. The event will be from 10am-12pm. CAB will be recruiting clubs to assist with games and crafts during the breakfast.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Action Items**

#### **a. Resolution to Charter the Christians United for Israel Club Charter.**

*Resolved*, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the Christians United for Israel Club’s Charter.

**Speaker Carmichael** called for a motion to approve the Resolution to Charter the Christians United for Israel Club Charter.

Deputy Speaker Lavere so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.

**Discussion:** Speaker Carmichael notes this was previously vetoed by President White due to Senators who abstained from the vote and may not have understood the implication of abstaining. He asked for a representative of the Christians United for Israel Club to approach the Senate, but no one was in attendance.

**Speaker Carmichael** calls for a motion to table the Resolution until such a time a representative of the club is able to attend the meeting.

Senator Broadnax so moved, seconded by Senator Donnelly.

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

*Be it resolved*, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the motion to table this resolution until a member of the Christians United For Israel Club will be in attendance.

#### **b. Resolution to approve Presidential Cabinet Members.**

*Resolved*, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves

John Fisher to the Presidential Cabinet for the 2014-2015 Academic Year.

**Speaker Carmichael** called for a motion to approve the funding for the MCC Martial Arts Club.

Senator Tower so moved, seconded by Senator Broadnax.

**Discussion:** Several Senators, President White, and Speaker Carmichael spoke on how eager John Fisher was to get started when they spoke to him previously. John Fisher was not in attendance at the meeting.

**A vote was taken.**

*Be it resolved*, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves John Fisher to the Presidential Cabinet for the 2014-2015 Academic Year.

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

## **VI. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

Speaker Carmichael stated going forward he will be actively inviting guest speakers for the Discussion section of the agenda. He is also looking for student input as to where fundraising dollars should go. He felt the entire MCC student body should be a part of those decisions and looks forward to getting various opinions. The SGA is always available and would love to hear your input. Contact them any time.

Doug Williams, who is in the process of forming the VOHR Club, would like to partner with SGA on the food drive and hunger issues amongst students. He also asks if anyone has any idea who will be occupying the space in building #3 that was formerly known as Starry Nights. Ginny Geer-Mentry of the MCC Association tells all the space will be a campus convenience store. They are currently working with architects and planners to see how best to connect the bookstore to the new convenience store as to utilize an existing pool of labor. There has been discussion of the convenience store being open later than the bookstore and a possibility it may be open on weekends. The proposed opening is scheduled for Fall 2015. Ginny Geer-Mentry will be at next week’s SGA meeting to discuss the plans and answer questions.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion for adjournment.  
Senator Polozanin so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.

**A vote was taken.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51pm.

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Truman  
SA Secretary