



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING MINUTES FOR  
Tuesday, October 18, 2011  
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)**

**Student Senators:**

Academic Clubs Senator Valone  
At-Large Senator Isaacs  
At-Large Senator J. Snyder  
Interdisciplinary Studies Senator M. Snyder  
Science, Health & Business Senator Bynes  
Social Clubs Senator Jackson-Harris  
Residence Hall Senator Sears

**President:**

Michael Gray

**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

**Visitors:** Ehizeme Aruya, Campus Technology Coordinator, SGA; Pam Czaja, Chairperson, Library Student Advisory Council; Rebecca Herzog, SGA Advisor; Dick Ryther, Associate Vice President, Student Services; Elizabeth Stewart, SGA Advisor; Catherine Higgins, SA Secretary.

**I. CALL TO ORDER (2:20 p.m.)**

**A. Roll Call**

(See attendance above)

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

Pam Czaja, Chairperson, Library Student Advisory Council, spoke to the Brighton Student Government Association regarding their Books That Made a Difference campaign. This is a great way to connect students to reading. She handed out new publication materials featuring current Peer Mentors as an example of how their displays will look. They were able to purchase new software to create this material. She invited SGA members to participate in this event and handed out forms for them to complete if they are interested. She suggested having a photo shoot some time after a Tuesday Senate meeting, which would include any members who are participating.

Speaker Blue likes this idea and saw something similar on a visit to Albany.

President Gray indicated that they would be getting back to her in a week or two, before finals start.

Senator J. Snyder thanked Ms. Czaja for her presentation and the Library staff for being so helpful.

Ms. Czaja also asked for feedback regarding some changes that the Library made in creating the first and fourth floor Group Study areas. They have put up signage, but are still experiencing problems with students understanding that they must be quiet. She asked for some input as to the wording of their signs and on the areas in general.

Senator J. Snyder indicated these new areas have made huge difference. Senator Bynes suggested prominent signs around the elevators and stairs. Speaker Blue suggested creating signs that focus on the positive, highlighting the free speaking areas. Perhaps some tabletop signs directing students toward the quiet areas. He said they would continue to observe the areas in question. Ms. Czaja said she would take these suggestions back to the LEED Committee.

Mr. Ryther stated that in the past, Damon Campus has sent pairs of professional staff around to observe and report behaviors in various study and free areas across the campus. Ms. Czaja said that the Library is considering doing this and they would utilize their student aides to do so.

Senator Bynes asked about the possibility of the Library purchasing a color copier for the convenience of the students. Ms. Czaja said she would take this suggestion to the Director of the Library.

### III. REPORTS

#### A. Senators

##### **Senator Jackson-Harris...**

Senator Jackson-Harris reported that he has been contacted by some of the clubs and has received updated contact information from several of them. He is going to continue his endeavors as far as establishing contact with those that remain, and he hopes to have a complete list of contacts by the end of the month of October. (As well as substantially more to report on) He is currently working on creating a contact list for all of the clubs, as well as obtaining a list of office/meeting locations in order to promote better communication and awareness between all clubs.

He also reported that he is going to be working with OAU (Outdoor Activities Unlimited) with several upcoming projects that they are planning. Look for more details on that within the week ahead.

##### **Senator Bynes...**

Senator Bynes reported that the By-Laws Committee is moving along well. They set up a timeline to have the By-Laws finished and printed in time for the Elections packets. They have completed, not only Sections 1-3, which were approved at the last meeting, but also redid Sections 5-7. This week, they will finish Section 4. They have set deadlines for the rest of the semester for each of the sections.

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

Advisor Stewart thanked all who attended the Retreat over the weekend. It was a very good program. She and Advisor Herzog will bring everyone who was not able to attend, up to date on True Colors, as well as other activities.

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

Advisor Herzog suggested giving the True Colors assessment to anyone who could not attend or may not remember their colors, after the Tuesday Executive session.

#### D. Committee Reports:

Deputy Speaker Childers indicated that the Travel Contingency and Finance Committees have received many trip funding requests from various clubs this semester. They have agreed to help the following: OAU, West Virginia; Spanish Club and Global Union, Washington D.C.; Travel and Tourism, New Orleans; Hospitality Club, NYC; Campus Ambassadors, Fall Retreat; Radiology, Corning, NY; Student Music Association, NYC; BASIC, Conference in Rochester. Currently, there is \$3,126.00 in the Travel Contingency budget.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

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

##### a. Resolution to approve Constitution Review Committee Members

*Resolved*, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate consents to the appointment of Tessa Ciaccio and Ignatius Ukatu, to the Constitutional Review Committee for the remainder of the 2011-2012 academic school year. Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve the appointment of Tessa Ciaccio and Ignatius Ukatu to the Constitutional Review Committee for the remainder of the 2011-2012 academic school year.

Senator Sears so moved, seconded by Senator M. Snyder.

##### **Discussion:**

Speaker Blue has faith in both candidates. Both are well-spoken and have a good understanding of our constitution. President Gray agreed and added that he feels both will excel in teamwork and collaboration.

##### **A vote was taken.**

Be it resolved, that Brighton Student Government Association approved the appointment of Tessa Ciaccio and Ignatius Ukatu to the Constitutional Review Committee for the remainder of the 2011-2012 academic school year.

### IV. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

President Gray held a forum at the Residence Halls to introduce Senator Sears to the residents. They handed out flyers door to door, and got a good response. He thanked Senator Sears for her involvement.

Advisor Stewart proposed that the By-Laws Committee review the election rules so they will be ready at election time.

Senator Bynes agreed that it would be nice to have group consent on this.

President Gray highly encourages the By-Laws committee to review the election rules.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:00 p.m. Speaker Blue called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Jackson-Harris so moved, seconded by Senator Bynes. The motion passed; the Senate meeting was adjourned.

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Higgins  
SA Secretary