



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

Student Senators:

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

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: Robin Lalissee, WMCC; Liana Leblanc; Alex Kates, Evan Ling, Monroe Doctrine; Lauren Paiz, Chloe Vazzana, HGHRP; Shirley Batista-Provost, OSLLD; Catherine Higgins, SA Secretary.

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

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of the November 8, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve the November 8, 2011 Senate meeting minutes. The motion was moved by Senator Snyder and seconded by Senator Bynes.

Discussion:

Senator Valone asked that her name be spelled correctly in her Senator's report. Senator Jackson-Harris asked to change Friday to "Fridays" and Sunday to "Sundays" in his report.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association unanimously approves the November 8, 2011 Senate meeting minutes as amended.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Evan Ling, of the Monroe Doctrine informed the SGA that he conducted a voter turnout survey. He polled 50 people with the following results: 32% knew what the SGA was. 26 people knew who the current President of SGA is. 4% knew where meetings are held. 12% voted.

Speaker Blue stated that those were unfortunate statistics and that they are doing everything they can to promote SGA. They are working with WMCC The Fuse to develop weekly broadcasts of Q and A sessions with SGA representatives. They have posted information on the Shuttle. They also give presentations at Orientation.

He indicated he is working with the Veteran's Affairs Liaison to create civility forums, which will feature topics that affect students and hopefully get them interested in Student Government.

Mr. Ling asked why parking permits were so expensive. President Gray explained that the parking is not controlled by the College, but by Monroe County.

Mr Lalissee stated that the Women's Soccer team will be in Florida on Thursday for the first round of the Jr. College National Championships.

III. REPORTS

A. Speaker

Speaker Blue...

B. Deputy Speaker

Deputy Speaker Childers...

On November 3rd he attended the National Conference on Student Leadership in Miami, along with President Gray, VA Liaison Serbicki, CAB Director Sparks, and CAB members Michelle Galvin and Teti Moniz. Office of Student Life and Leadership Advisor Herzog and Residence Director Margaret Whelehan also attended. They listened to motivational and inspirational speakers. He attended seven workshops, and has recommended some of these speakers in his Post-conference Review. During downtime, they went to the Bayside and Art Deco districts. He had fun getting to know his travelling companions better, and also enjoyed viewing the architecture in the Art Deco (aka South Beach) area.

The Holocaust Genocide and Human Rights Project's 20th Annual Kristallnacht Commemoration was a success. Dr. Ann Millin, the Curator of the State of Deception, the Power of Nazi Propaganda Exhibit at the Holocaust Museum, spoke about the strong influence that Nazi propaganda has. There were about 160 people in attendance.

Global Union and the Spanish Club, went to Washington over the weekend of November 4th. They will have a presentation of the trip next week.

Celtic Society's movie night is postponed until November 29th. They will be presenting *The Nephew*, with Pierce Brosnan and Hill Harper, in Bldg. 12-225 at 5:30pm. A discussion will follow the presentation. Popcorn and soda will be available. They will also be participating in the MCC Curling Event on December 10th at the Rochester Curling Club.

C. President

President Gray...

President Gray, Veterans Affairs Liaison, Serbicki, and Deputy Speaker Childers were privileged to attend the National Center for Student Leadership Conference in Miami, Florida. The MCC Delegation included CAB Director Rachel Sparks, CAB E Board members, Teti Moniz, and Michelle Galvin. Michelle Galvin became ill after the Conference, and he wished her a fast recovery. Topics included strengthening your SGA's power and influence on your campus, critical thinking and growing your grassroots. He attended keynote speaker, Jonathan Sprinkles presentation, *Being the One*. President Gray challenged everyone in SGA to be *the One*. This includes coming to meetings and events on time and turning in reports and meeting deadlines early. Mr. Sprinkles challenged us to go beyond the expected norms and set our expectations higher. He Cabinet members will meet with every Club President to hear their concerns and show that SGA is there for them.

On Tuesday November 8th 2011, he served as an Election Fellow with Aubree McClellan. About 25 MCC students served as poll inspectors. President Gray and Aubree went all over the County checking on volunteers to ensure that everything was running smoothly. It was a great turn out and fun, but tiring.

The next day he attended the Kristallnacht event put on by the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Project, with Guest Speaker, Dr. Ann Mann Millin. He commended the HGHRP for an excellent job at their event.

D. Vice President

E. Senators

Senator Bynes...

Senator Bynes has enjoyed the transition to Media Senator, finding the role of messenger to be both challenging and rewarding. On Monday, October 31st WMCC The Fuse kicked off the week with Halloween festivities, giving MCC's more spirited students an opportunity to visit with clubs, as well as participate in a Costume Contest. On Wednesday, November 2nd, the Spanish Club taught Latin dance to students in the Atrium. Outdoor Activities Unlimited hosted a riveting game of Quidditch for Harry Potter fans. Plans for upcoming events are already in the works, including the much-anticipated FuseStock.

She journeyed to the Monroe Doctrine office multiple times in the past few weeks. Her primary goal is to ensure that inquiries are being met with answers. As always, the Doctrine is seeking students willing to contribute stories and opinions to be included in the newspaper. Cabbages and Kings is also looking for students, alumni, and faculty to send in pieces to be included in their annual magazine. She is looking forward to helping this group overcome obstacles, as they search for solutions to update their office equipment. She has been seeking answers as to how the recent budget will affect these organizations and hopes to assist them.

F. Committee Reports

Senator Isaacs stated that the Club Constitution Committee has been busy this year and congratulated them on getting so many new clubs started. They are hoping to get the Chess Club up and running.

G. Advisor Stewart...

Monday, January 9th the Office of Student Life and Leadership Development will hold their Winter Student Leadership Retreat from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Please plan on attending. It is a good way to develop relationships and meet new people.

She also reminded Senators to make sure that they have an information table for the Orientation dates in January.

H. Faculty Advisor McCauley...

Advisor McCauley encouraged Senators to keep recruiting and find people willing to get involved.

I. Advisor Herzog...

Advisor Herzog stated that CAB is working on the Breakfast with Santa event to be held on December 3rd, and will be soliciting volunteers for activity tables.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to Charter the Anime Club

Resolved, that the Senate approves the draft Constitution as submitted by the Anime Club members and the Constitution Committee, and further be it

Resolved, that the Senate approves the petition for charter as submitted, and accepts the chartering of the Anime Club.

This resolution came from Committee; Senator Isaacs read the resolution.

Discussion:

Lianna LeBlanc spoke stated that the Anime Club would promote diversity. This club will make MCC better than it already is. One of their major goals is to hold an Anime Convention. She will try to keep the interest in this club up.

Deputy Speaker Childers made a friendly amendment to change the fourth line of the resolution to read "Constitution *Review* Committee."

Senator Issacs made a friendly amendment that the third line of the resolution read Anime *Club*.

Speaker Blue called for an amendment to make these changes.

A vote was taken.

The amendment passed.

Senator Snyder moved to table the resolution until the next meeting in order to review the petition and charter.

Senator Bynes seconded.

Discussion:

Senator Snyder indicated that he would be more comfortable with this resolution if he could review the constitution first.

President Gray indicated that since this comes from Committee, Senators should have faith in the process.

President Gray asked to vote down tabling the motion to charter the Anime Club.

Senator Issacs agreed with President Gray, that the Committee has reviewed it, and the clubs should not be held back another week.

Senator Jackson-Harris reminded everyone that this constitution is also looked at by Shirley.

Deputy Speaker Childers supports President Gray and Senators Jackson-Harris and Issacs.

Speaker Blue made a motion to table this motion until next week's meeting.

A vote was taken.

The motion failed.

Senator Issacs believes that the Anime Club has a strong interest and will be a successful club.

Advisor Stewart reminded Senator Snyder that this resolution has been on the table and it was his responsibility to ask the Constitution Club Committee for a copy of the Anime Constitution for review, if he did not get a copy.

Senator Jackson-Harris noted that there is enthusiasm for this club and he supports them.

Speaker Blue called for a vote on the resolution to charter the Anime Club.

The motion passed, with one abstention.

IV. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

President Gray indicated that a group picture is needed for the website. It will be taken on Tuesday. Please submit your bios and pictures by then. He also reminded everyone to respond to Tessa's email regarding the get-together between Brighton Campus SGA and Damon SEGA.

Senator Bynes indicated that Complete to Compete is still going on.

Karrie Van Kouwenberg from the Radiology Club, thanked the SGA for help with funding their trip to Corning for the New York State Society of Radiology Technology Conference. They placed 2nd in their student poll. They learned a lot in student review and technology sessions. They got to talk with other students and feel like professionals. It was a great teambuilding experience. She also thanked Shirley Batistta-Provost for her help.

V. ADJOURNMENT

At 3:05p.m. Speaker Blue called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Isaacs so moved, seconded by Senator Bynes. The motion passed; the Senate meeting was adjourned.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Higgins
SA Secretary