



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR  
Tuesday, November 4<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-**absent**

**Speaker of the Senate:**

Jeremy Carmichael

**Deputy Speaker:**

Michael Lavere

**President:**

Mark White

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart-**absent**

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Rebecca Herzog

**SA Secretary:**

Lisa Truman

**Visitors:** Morgan Shoff, Celtic Society; Bethany Ruggero, MCC Student; Erik Kopp, Global Union; Danielle Colagio, Cabbages & Kings; Andy Binder, Student; Hannah Webster, OAU; Casey Litzenberger, WMCC; Alaine Thibault, ASL Club.

**I. CALL TO ORDER (2:20pm)**

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

**B. Approval of the October 28, 2014 Minutes.**

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the October 28, 2014 Minutes.

Deputy Speaker Lavere so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association, approves the October 28, 2014 Minutes as written.**

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

Ginny Geer-Mentry of the MCC Association presented three possible plans to convert the location previously occupied by Starry Nights, into a campus convenience style store. They are in the preliminary stages of reviewing plans and have not yet discussed cost. She is hopeful the new plans will preserve the integrity of the existing structure and appear as if it has always been there. The goal is to have this completed by the Fall of 2015.

**III. REPORTS**

**Speaker Carmichael**

Speaker Carmichael spent this past Saturday at the Brockport RA conference. The conference was highlighted with a speaker on addiction who shared her story in dealing with her son's addiction to heroin and how it affected and motivated her to make a difference. Her son also spoke and shared parts of his story and offered advice on how to handle a situation where we might suspect or know that someone is abusing drugs. The presentation was very powerful and moving. Senator Broadnax will be looking into the possibility of having them join us to share their story. This weekend was a big one for our sports teams. Our Men's Soccer team won their regional title with a score of 4-0 and will be moving on to the Northeast District Tournament this weekend. The Women's Soccer team will be advancing to Nationals. The Men's and Women's Diving teams also won over Buffalo State, and both basketball teams kicked off their seasons with undefeated tournaments. Speaker Carmichael thanked Presidential Cabinet Member John Greco and Deputy Speaker Lavere for their assistance in the successful voter registration and polling location event. If you need to find your polling location [vote411.org](http://vote411.org) is a great resource. He noted the Engineering Technologies Department received a big boost to the future of the Optical Systems Technologies Program. They received two new OptiPro 80 machines that are for state-of-the-art optical grinding and polishing. This will allow MCC students to use true industry machinery. The

Pool and Billiards Club is hosting their third “King of the Hill” program this Friday. It is \$3.00 to play and anyone is welcome to come and join the fun. The event sign-in/practice starts at 3:00pm.

#### **Advisor Herzog**

C.A.B. is hosting “Breakfast with Santa” on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm. This year it will be a “Frozen” theme and there may be an appearance by Anna and Elsa. This is a very popular event so please get your tickets as it will sell out. The tickets will go on sale early next week. The NCSL Conference in Orlando, Florida will begin on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Advisor Herzog as well as two members of C.A.B. and two members from the SGA will attend. They will be attending conferences and workshops and looking for engaging speakers to invite to our campus. They will return with new and fresh ideas that will benefit the campus as a whole.

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Action Items**

##### **a. Resolution to approve the funding of \$6000.00 for Global Union to travel to Washington, DC.**

*Resolved*, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the funding of \$6000.00 to travel to Washington, DC to visit historic sites.

**Speaker Carmichael** called for a motion to approve the funding for Global Union.

Senator Tower so moved, seconded by Senator Polozanin.

**Discussion:** Erik Kopp from Global Union addressed the Senate. The trip is planned to take students and international students to Washington, D.C. to visit local landmarks and prominent universities. The last trip they took as a club to Washington, D.C. was in 2011. There will be 47 students total.

**A vote was taken.**

*Be it resolved*, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the funding of \$6000.00 for Global Union to travel to Washington, D.C.

##### **b. Resolution to approve the funding of \$3450.00 to Global Union to sponsor the speaker Tim Wise.**

*Resolved*, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the funding of \$3450.00 to Global Union to sponsor the speaker Tim Wise.

**Speaker Carmichael** called for a motion to approve the funding of \$3450.00 to Global Union to sponsor the speaker Tim Wise.

Senator McGuire so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.

**Discussion:** Erik Kopp from Global Union addressed the Senate. Tim Wise will speak on how race affects all of us in this country. His presentation is perfect for our college community as it will seek to broaden horizons, and allows for a deeper understanding of racial issues. He will also have a question and answer session after his presentation. The intention is to close the gap between differences and embrace diversity.

**A vote was taken.**

*Be it resolved*, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the funding of \$3450.00 to Global Union to sponsor the speaker Tim Wise.

**Speaker Carmichael** calls for a 10-minute recess at 3:00pm before moving on to Old Business.

Senator Polozanin so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.

*Be it resolved*, the Senate will recess until 3:10pm.

The Senate resumes business at 3:13pm.

### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

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

*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.

Deputy Speaker Lavere so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.

**Discussion:** President White will be speaking on behalf of the Christians United for Israel club. He asks Speaker Carmichael since this resolution was before the Senate previously, if he would consider a motion to Call for the Question and forgo discussion. Speaker Carmichael reminds all that a two-thirds majority is required to overturn a Presidential veto. President White noted the national affiliation for the club has been known to experience some controversy and backlash. He hopes the club will consider security at certain events for the safety of all.

**Speaker Carmichael** called for a motion to Call for the Question and move immediately into a vote.

Senator Tower so moved, seconded by Deputy Speaker Lavere.

**A vote was taken.**

*Be it resolved*, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the resolution to Charter the Christians United for Israel Club.

**VI. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

Senator McGuire has questions and comments regarding the Christians United for Israel Club’s charter today. He asks Speaker Carmichael for a vote reconsideration. Speaker Carmichael calls for a vote reconsideration. Senator McGuire so moves, seconded by Senator Broadnax.

**A vote was taken.**

The Christians United for Israel Club Charter was again passed. Speaker Carmichael asks the Senate to please always review the items presented in advance of the meetings, and he hopes to examine all club charter requests during Executive Session in the future.

**VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Speaker Carmichael would like to put in place a proposal to utilize the budget for the yearly charity event to be held on campus. He opens the floor to ideas from all. Some present would like the ideas to be presented during the SGA weekly meetings, others would like to use the Roundtable Meetings as the forum. Advisor Herzog cautions using the clubs as the sole presenters and planners of the charity event. She would like to see collaborative efforts from the entire student body, be that individuals or clubs. One idea is to use the Roundtable Meetings to get the word out about the event to the clubs, but welcome individual suggestions and ideas from anyone to form a planning committee. Casey Litzenberger with WMCC has already reached out to some clubs and organizations on behalf of WMCC to start planning the event. Advisor Herzog likes the idea of a joint collaboration of students so the club members do not feel they have to run an idea through the club officers before presenting it. There is discussion on involving more than one charitable cause, to touch on more areas that affect more people. A “Theme Week” of perhaps a different charity per day is a possibility as well.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**A vote was taken.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55pm.

**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Truman  
SA Secretary