



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, October 21th, 2014 2:15 PM-Forum (3-130)**

Student Senators:

Senator Broadnax
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: Jordyn Simmons, HPEW Club; Morgan Shoff, Celtic Society; Doug Williams, Round Table Coordinator; Juan Padilla, MCC Martial Arts Club; Bethany Ruggero, MCC Student; Ginny Geer-Mentry, MCC Association; Dr. Susan Baker, Student Services.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:21pm)

A. Roll Call (See attendance above)

B. Approval of the October 14, 2014 Minutes.

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the October 14, 2014 Minutes.

Senator Polozanin so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association, approves the October 14, 2014 Minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Morgan Shoff, Chieftain of the Celtic Society, has been working in Operations here at MCC. She noted the Gilman Lounge, located in building 3, does not have internal handicap accessible doors. While the doors to the outside do have the mechanism, the interior doors do not. She asks the Senate to look into this and to see if a handicap accessible button can be added to the interior doors. Speaker Carmichael thanked her for bringing this to the Senate's attention and he assured her the SGA will look into this.

Doug Williams, who is forming/chartering the VAOR Club, notifies all he is accepting donations of clothing and non-perishable food items to be distributed to MCC students in need. He is first looking internally on campus for support, but will eventually extend his search to approved organizations outside of campus. The food and the clothing will be free to any who are in need, and he is hoping everyone will get involved and donate what they can.

III. REPORTS

President White

He has created a standing committee for our "Take Back The Night" event. President White felt strongly this event will create a bond between MCC, RIT, U of R, and the city of Rochester for years to come. Sexual violence can affect anyone of any gender in any community. The SGA President's office and the Student Trustee are working to put together a food drive to replenish and sustain our food pantry. He will be looking for donations both on and off campus. The updated SGA Elections Packet is completed, and will be presented in rough-draft form to the Senate for review and

approval. There will be a Veteran's Appreciation Breakfast again this year on November 11th in the Atrium of Building #3. Volunteering is encouraged by all. I want to publically acknowledge and thank the numerous students who are bringing back the Black Student Union. This is a wonderful opportunity for students of color to have a voice on campus. Many students after graduating from the Rochester City School District may experience a wide divide in the academic expectations of high-school and those of college. President White is putting together a pamphlet with information on where to go for help in specific areas. He felt if students have this information at their fingertips they will be more likely to seek out the help they need, rather than drop out of college due to feeling overwhelmed.

Speaker Carmichael

Along with many of the Senators, he attended the SUNY Fall Conference this past weekend. The SUNY Student Assembly is the governing body for SUNY schools. There are delegates invited from all the SUNY schools and the voting delegates spend most of the weekend passing legislation to address the concerns of students statewide. Non-voting delegates got an opportunity to attend workshops. All were able to work with students from all over the state. MCC was well represented by the SGA and SEGA, our partners from DCC. Speaker Carmichael would like to thank everyone who represented MCC so positively this past weekend. He also congratulated Senator Tower on his election as one of the SUNY Community College Representatives. He will be working with a number of community colleges and the SUNY Student Assembly and Speaker Carmichael knows he will make us all proud.

Senator Broadnax

Attended the SUNY Conference as a non-voting delegate. He was able to network with students from schools all over New York and gained many different perspectives. He attended several different workshops. One he found very interesting was on veterans attending college. SUNY colleges are working hard to keep veteran's needs in mind, and making more departments readily accessible. This evening, in the Canal Hall Conference Room, there will be an informal meet and greet with SGA Senators. This will take place from 6pm-7pm. All are welcome to attend.

Senator Donnelly

She has been working with Senator Lavere on what events and plans we are going to hold during the basketball game Pep Rally. She is looking into purchasing shirts for the SGA with Speaker Carmichael's assistance. This past weekend Senator Donnelly attended the 2014 Fall SUNY Conference and gained knowledge of how other SUNY Student Governments work. She really enjoyed the "Lean in Women, Lean In" session which spoke about women owning and holding higher positions in the business world. She stated this was a very organized presentation and she is hoping to have the presenter here at MCC sometime this academic year.

Senator Tower

Attended the SUNY Assembly this past weekend as a voting delegate. He learned a lot about student government and felt this was a great experience. In the business meetings, we voted on aspects of such different issues, such as giving more support to veterans attending college. This issue had a lot of support. There was a discussion on student ID's not being legal documents, and that was discussed at length then finally tabled. Discussion on colleges purchasing local produce was also discussed and voted in favor of. Senator Tower ran as a new MCC Representative at the SUNY level and was voted in. He looks forward to doing all he can to improve certain aspects in our community colleges and will keep all informed and updated.

Advisor Stewart

Congratulated Senator Tower on his Community College SUNY Representative position. Speaker Carmichael will be his alternate. It is a great way to be informed and to stay involved. She reminds all to please vote for the name of our new "Spirit Squad" on OrgSync, as the polls will be closing soon. You can vote for your favorite name, or suggest one you like best.

Advisor Herzog

Last week, as part of the Complete to Compete! program, Phi Theta Kappa, Campus Activities Board, and First Year Experience collaborated and brought Svet, the Hip Hop Violinist to MCC. The event was titled "Strings to Success" and went very well. Svet is also an MCC Alumnus. Tomorrow and Thursday CAB is presenting "Psychics on Campus." They will be in the atrium of building #3 for approximately 3 hours both days. The "Trash or Treat" display will be presented in building #3 next week. This is a collaboration between CAB and the Civility Committee. Building Services will collect the trash and debris that is not properly disposed of to show how much trash is left around campus. It is a visual to try to remind all to please pick-up after themselves and to respect one's environment.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Items

a. Resolution to Amend the Funding Request Contract.

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

Funding Request Contract.

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the amended Funding Request Contract.

Deputy Speaker Lavere so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.

Discussion: Speaker Carmichael clarifies this was a format change so the document is clear to all. He wants to ensure all understand the funding requirements going forward.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the amended Funding Request Contract.

b. Resolution to approve the funding of \$100.00 to the MCC Martial Arts Club.

Resolved, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the funding of \$100.00 to the MCC Martial Arts Club to purchase new kicking shields.

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: Juan Padilla of the MCC Martial Arts club explained the old kicking shields are held together with duct tape and are unsafe. New shields are a necessity.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the funding of \$100.00 to the MCC Martial Arts Club to purchase new kicking shields.

c. Resolution to approve the funding of \$186.00 to the MCC Health, Physical Education, and Wellness Club.

Resolved, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the funding of \$186.00 to the MCC Health, Physical Education, and Wellness Club to purchase promotional polo shirts.

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the funding for the MCC Health, Physical Education, and Wellness Club.

Senator Tower so moved, seconded by Deputy Speaker Lavere.

Discussion: Jordyn Simmons of the MCC Health, Physical Education, and Wellness Club would like to purchase polo shirts to represent MCC and their club in the community. She explained the funding request was for half the amount of the shirts, and the club members would be responsible for paying for the other half. She presented her shirt design, and has already had the design approved.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the funding of \$186.00 to the MCC Health, Physical Education, and Wellness Club to purchase promotional polo shirts.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VI. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

President White will be holding drawings to win an iPad at the Men's and Women's Soccer Regional Tournaments. He will have pizza and possible noisemakers available at the game to cheer on our teams. Don't miss the fun and excitement and you just may go home with a prize.

Advisor Stewart stated the Women's Volleyball game is tonight. Come out and support them, they are having a phenomenal season. The Pirates of Penzance play is 11/20/14-11/23/14. Come and enjoy the show. The Celtic Club is having a tea sale tomorrow in the atrium of building #3. There will be scones and a large variety of teas to purchase.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion for adjournment.

Senator Lavere so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.

A vote was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02pm.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Truman
SA Secretary