



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, March 25, 2014 2:15 PM-Forum (3-130)**

Student Senators:

Academic Clubs Senator Jopson
At-Large Senator Poloznik
Social Clubs Senator Major
Senator Jackson
Service Clubs Senator Schollnick
At Large Senator Cassidy
At Large Senator Savarese
Science, Health & Business Senator Wyble-**absent**

Speaker of the Senate:

Adrian Hale

Deputy Speaker:

Glenn Rapp

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

SL&LD Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog

President:

Nelson Clark-**absent**

Vice President:

Mark White-**absent**

SA Secretary:

Lisa Truman

Visitors: Doug Williams, MCC Student; Patricia Henkel, WMCC; Joe McLean, WMCC; Ken Koban, WMCC; Ameen Smith, WMCC; Sharde' Salters, MCC Student; Ginny Geer-Mentry, MCC Association; Amy Walters, CAB Director; Andy Binder, MCC Student; Matthew Lawson, Office of Student Life and Leadership Development; Evan Marcellus, Celtic Society, Chrystal Schlenker, ASL Club; Haley Bonczyk, ASL Club.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:16 pm)

A. Roll Call (See attendance above)

B. Approval of the March 25th Minutes.

Speaker Hale called for a motion to approve the March 25th Minutes.

Senator Jackson so moved, Senator Major seconded.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association, approves the March 25th Minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Matthew Lawson from the Office of Student Life and Leadership Development reminds all Ty Patterson will be speaking at MCC regarding the Tobacco Free Policy that will be in place soon at MCC. Mr. Patterson is a national consultant that works with colleges and universities on their Tobacco Free initiatives. He is working with MCC, and is a consultant for several other S.U.N.Y. schools. He will be here April 1st and 2nd. He brought handouts for all who would like that list the public, private, and S.U.N.Y. colleges and universities that are currently smoke-free, tobacco-free, or are working towards that policy. The second being an information sheet on Tobacco-Free Universities/Colleges and the benefits that policy has on college campuses throughout New York State. The "soft" rollout will take place in the fall of 2014, and in January 2015, the full Tobacco Free Policy will take effect. MCC is relying on all to assist with the policy, not just public safety. It is a campus-wide initiative with potential disciplinary action after the full rollout.

III. REPORTS

Speaker Hale

Speaker Hale read an email he received from a student who was upset due to not being able to take a make-up exam due to illness. The student had a doctor's note explaining the nature of her illness, and the professor still denied her request for a make-up. The student expressed concerns with several issues regarding MCC's Exam Make-Up Policy. She spoke of students driving in to campus while ill and on medications that may affect their driving, getting others ill while taking an exam with a sick student, and the overall performance of a student who is ill at the time of an exam. When this student reached out to her professor for assistance and a make-up exam, she was told she would not be able to make the exam up. The professor stated she drops the lowest test grade, so the student would not have the zero percent factored in to her overall grade at the end of the semester. The student felt this practice should be reserved for when a student actually takes an exam and may not do as well as the expected, not to be used when a student is too ill to attend class. The professor denied her request for a make-up exam even with a doctor's note. Speaker Hale suggested the topic of exam make-up policies be put in as a discussion item for a future SGA meeting. He would also like the idea of a medically excused exam policy to be discussed further. Please see him if you would like to read the email verbatim as he has an available copy.

Speaker Hale reminds all this Saturday, March 29th, is MCC admitted student day. He hopes to see all there.

Senator Schollnick

Announced that WMCC/The Fuse will be changing its name to WMCC/The Pulse next year. They are also looking forward to a possible MTV interview on WMCC/The Fuse in the future.

Advisor Stewart

Reminds all the Emerging Leaders program is tomorrow. Please stop by and/or volunteer. It is an excellent opportunity to recruit.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Items (items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve the funding of \$3000.00 to WMCC/The Fuse to sponsor the Monte Carlo Night program.

Resolved, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the funding of \$3000.00 to WMCC/The Fuse to sponsor the program Monte Carlo Night.

Speaker Hale called for a motion to approve the funding of \$3000.00 for WMCC/The Fuse. Senator Schollnick so moved, seconded by Senator Jackson.

Discussion: Patricia Henkel from WMCC/The Fuse thanked the Senate for considering their request. She noted there is a timeline in place as to prepare for the event, and all are working on it to ensure success. Ameen Smith of WMCC/The Fuse explained Monte Carlo night is a Casino themed event to benefit the Wounded Warriors program. He has already been in contact with a company that will run the Casino Night program. There will be "fake" money played with and won, and you can pick out donated items with your winnings. They would like to involve other clubs and organizations to take part in the program. He has spoken to the Music Association about perhaps playing some live Jazz during the night, as well as the Student Art Association about providing an item for the auction table. He is currently speaking with the Vets Club as well. The proposed date for the program is April 28th, and there is a meeting tomorrow to finalize the contracts needed for the event.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the funding of \$3000.00 to WMCC/The Fuse to sponsor the Monte Carlo Night program.

2. Discussion Items

a. Status of Cell Phone Lot ticket refunds.

An email was received from the Director of Public Safety that all students who received a ticket in regards to the Cell Phone Lot will receive a refund if they have paid that ticket. They will also receive a refund if they appealed the ticket and were denied an appeal and had to pay the ticket. Any and all tickets given in regard to the Cell Phone Lot will be refunded.

b. Ideas to reach out to students to inform of MCC's Sexual Harassment and Assault Policy.

Several ideas were spoken of as to how to inform and reach the most students including incorporating the policies into the LEAD Workshops, having Public Safety assist in getting the word out, Residence Hall programs specific to the Sexual Harassment and Assault Policy, as well as having the C.A.B. and WMCC promote the policies. Senator Major, a previous student at R.I.T. described the differences in the way the policies are presented and

given to students at MCC, and the way she received the information at R.I.T. Senator Major stated the overall exposure of the policy was inadequate at MCC, and the pamphlet students receive just listing the names of faculty and staff members who have been trained on this policy is confusing. The listing shows the current job titles and positions of the faculty members, it does not assist a student in finding the correct person to assist them with their particular experience. Advisor Stewart noted the faculty and staff members who are listed in the pamphlet are trained in Title IX, which is the law the Sexual Harassment and Assault Policy is based on. They are the trained people a student would contact, but perhaps having the information presented in a different way to the students would make it more clear to them. Several Senators spoke of going to a mandatory orientation and having the Sexual Harassment and Assault Policy as part of that program. Senator Major, Senator Jopson, and Senator Poloznik all sit on the Personal Health and Safety Committee and stated Dr. Baker from Student Services will be attending their committee meeting tomorrow to discuss these and other ideas. Senator Major noted R.I.T. has a one-hour required class that pertains solely to Sexual Harassment and Assault. The class goes over specifically what to do if something does happen to you, and where specifically to go for help. She felt this training was adequate and very informative at R.I.T, and that there is essentially nothing in comparison offered here at MCC.

V. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Hale called for a motion for adjournment. Senator Schollnick so moved, with a second from Senator Jackson.

A vote was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 2:58pm.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Truman
SA Secretary