



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR  
Tuesday, April 8, 2014 2:15 PM-Forum (3-130)**

**Student Senators:**

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

**Speaker of the Senate:**

Adrian Hale

**Deputy Speaker:**

Glenn Rapp

**President:**

Mark White

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Rebecca Herzog

**SA Secretary:**

Lisa Truman

**Visitors:** Jim Heyl, Liberal Arts; Denise Kinsella, Pride Alliance; Katelyn Scherzi, Pride Alliance; Joe McLean, WMCC; Ameen Smith, WMCC; Patricia Henkel, WMCC; Ken Koban, WMCC; Sharde Salters, SGA; Ginny Geer-Mentry, MCC Association.

**I. CALL TO ORDER (2:16 pm)**

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

**B. Approval of the April 1<sup>st</sup> Minutes.**

Speaker Hale called for a motion to approve the April 1st Minutes.

Senator Jackson so moved, Senator Poloznik seconded.

**Discussion:**

Senator Jopson asked the minutes be amended to reflect his new title as At-Large Senator, and Senator Cassidy will now be the Academic Clubs Senator.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association,** approves the April 1<sup>st</sup> Minutes as amended.

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

There was no one to speak to the Senate.

**III. REPORTS**

**Speaker Hale**

Speaker Hale and President White both met with Ginny Geer-Mentry, the Director of the MCC Association to discuss an EBT program at the bookstore at the Damon Campus. Hopefully this will be a success and the program would be added to the Brighton Campus as well.

**President White**

President White reports on his experience this past weekend at the S.U.N.Y Convention. He felt two-year schools were grossly under-represented as far as voting, programs and overall S.U.N.Y. issues. President White wanted to do all he can for MCC and other two-year institutions so he is now a S.U.N.Y. Representative.

### **Deputy Speaker Rapp**

Wanted all to be aware the new SGA Constitution final draft is completed and all SGA members should have a copy. It was definitely worth the eight months of hard work they all put in to create a document that strengthens and clarifies the mission of the SGA. He felt the old version was confusing and slightly contradictory and the new version is clear and easy to understand.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Action Items (items requiring a Senate vote)**

#### **a. Resolution to amend the Student Government Association Constitution.**

*Resolved*, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the proposed Constitution amendment be placed on the ballot at the next election.

**Speaker Hale** called for a motion to approve the amendment of the Student Government Association Constitution and place it on the ballot at the next election.

Senator Schollnick so moved, seconded by Senator Jackson.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved**, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the proposed Constitution amendment be placed on the ballot at the next election.

#### **b. Resolution to approve the amended Pride Alliance Constitution.**

*Resolved*, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the amended Pride Alliance Constitution.

**Speaker Hale** called for a motion to approve the amended Pride Alliance Constitution.

Senator Schollnick so moved, Seconded by Senator Jackson.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved**, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the amended Pride Alliance Constitution.

#### **c. Resolution to endorse the adoption of open textbooks by faculty in MCC courses.**

*Resolved*, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association endorses and requests the utilization of open textbooks.

**Speaker Hale** called for a motion to approve the endorsement and adoption of open textbooks at MCC.

Senator Schollnick so moved, Seconded by Senator Jopson.

**Discussion:** Senator Jopson asked that the resolution be read in its entirety. *Please see verbatim resolution attached to minutes.* Senator Jopson would like to see all colleges move to the adoption of open textbooks by faculty as the publishers of textbooks have a near monopoly and he would like to draw attention to this fact. The cost of textbooks has risen each year exponentially and 5 publishers own nearly 80% of the market.

Senator Jopson would like the resolution amended to strike the phrase “and other textbook affordability options for their courses”. This verbiage appears in the second to last section of the resolution.

**A vote was taken on the proposed amendment.**

**Be it resolved**, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the amended resolution to strike the phrase, “and other textbook affordability options for their courses”.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved**, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the resolution to endorse the adoption of open textbooks by faculty in MCC courses.

### **2. Discussion Items**

#### **a. S.U.N.Y. Spring Conference**

President White, Senator Cassidy, Senator Jopson, Senator Poloznik, and Amy Walters from C.A.B. attended the S.U.N.Y. Spring Conference this past weekend. Several Senators and President White reported in on the event. Senator Jopson tell all the conference is a collaboration of approximately 65 invited S.U.N.Y. schools to discuss issues and concerns. He agrees with President White that the two-year schools should have more of a presence, and many of the issues voted on pertain to four and six year institutions. President White clarifies his frustration originated when he nominated Senator Jopson for a Vice-President position with S.U.N.Y. He felt there were some inconsiderate statements being made since he was a last-minute nominee and there were three other potential candidates who had prepared presentations in advance. Even though they asked for additional nominees at that time, Senator Jopson’s nomination by President White was not well received by the group as a whole and he felt this to be disrespectful and uncalled for. Senator Jopson and Senator Cassidy noted the experience brought the group closer. Senator Cassidy attended this conference as a non-voting delegate and was able to enjoy a different perspective from the last conference she attended as a voting delegate. President White agreed, this was a bonding trip and he stated he enjoyed the group who went with him.

**V. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

Advisor Stewart attended last week's S.U.N.Y Chancellors Award for Student Excellence on Wednesday, where seven students from MCC received awards, including our Speaker of the Senate, Adrian Hale. She was extremely proud of all and honored to be a part of the ceremony. She also thanked Brian Steele, the Elections Coordinator for all his hard work. He has done a wonderful job so far.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**A vote was taken.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:48pm.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Truman

SA Secretary