



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, March 20, 2012
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)**

Student Senators:

Academic Clubs Senator Valone
At-Large Senator Isaacs
Athletics Senator Coulombe
CAB Senator Snyder
Social Clubs Senator Jackson-Harris

President:

Michael Gray

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-Absent

Visitors: Dick Ryther, Student Services; Nathan Pitt, Campus Ambassadors; Brian Hawes, BASIC; Selamon Bashu, Hana Beyene, Africa United; John Dooley, Andy Binder, Kelly Byne, students; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:17 p.m.)

Speaker Blue opened the meeting by informing the Senators that Senator Byne has resigned from her position as Media Senator effective March 16, 2012; he accepts her resignation

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of the February 7, 2012 Senate Meeting Minutes

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve the February 7, 2012 Senate Meeting Minutes.

Senator Snyder so moved, seconded by Senator Isaacs.

There was no discussion.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the February 7, 2012 Senate Meeting Minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Andy Binder inquired about the status of the new downtown campus. Senator Snyder informed him that the County Legislature still needs to vote on the funding for it. Speaker Blue, speaking on behalf of Student Trustee Megan Scott, stated that it was the MCC Board of Trustees recommendation that the new campus move to the Kodak site.

Andy also inquired about the 2 shuttle busses that were running in the morning at the beginning of the semester but now there is only one. President Gray informed him that the second bus was contracted to be there only for the first 3 hours of the day to accommodate students if needed. Once the 3 hours was up, that second bus left.

John Dooley expressed concern about the clothes some of the students are wearing now that warmer weather is here. He asked if there was something that could be done to keep the students covered. Advisor McCauley stated that there is not a lot that can be done because it becomes a freedom issue and schools have lost in court on these issues.

John also stated that he spoke to Maureen at Sodexo about some of the concerns with the food service. He stated that Maureen thanked him for his input and asked him to send her an email if he had other concerns and/or questions.

III. REPORTS

A. Senators

Senator Valone...

- Roundtable – she gave updates on the Events Calendar, which is located by the front door of the Office of Student Life and Leadership Development, and the Student Leader Lounge. Room 3-138B will be used as the Student

Leader Lounge for club members at set times during the week. Eating will be permitted in the Lounge providing it is kept clean. This will offer a comfortable, informal way for the clubs to communicate.

- Academic Clubs Information:
 - ✓ ASL Club - she met the new officers and had a great time playing sign language games with them. She also learned that their trip to Gallaudet University was postponed until next semester.
 - ✓ Honors Council – she visited them as they were making costumes for their “Human Chess” game which was held on March 16.

B. Office of Student Life & Leadership Development Advisor Advisor Stewart...

- Open House – the Office of Student Life & Leadership Development Open House is tomorrow, March 21 in the Campus Center Atrium from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. She asked for student volunteers to help at the tables.
- Emerging Leaders Program – she thanked those who helped at the SGA table and mentioned that 7 students took election packets.
Speaker Blue stated that Student Trustee Megan Scott gave a phenomenal speech and said it was good to see SGA getting involved in an event for future student leaders.
Advisor Stewart mentioned that Speaker Blue also gave a phenomenal speech at the event.

C. Faculty Advisor

Advisor McCauley mentioned that he accompanied the students to the ASACC Conference in Washington, DC.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve Hassan Ali to sit on the MCC Association Board of Directors

Resolved, that the SGA Senate approves the appointment of Hassan Ali to sit on the MCC Association Board of Directors for the remainder of the 2011-2012 academic year.

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve Hassan Ali to sit on the MCC Association Board of Directors.

Senator Valone so moved, seconded by Senator Isaacs.

President Gray read a statement on behalf of Hassan who was not able to attend the meeting. In the statement Hassan stated that it is an honor to be appointed to sit on the MCC Association Board of Directors. By working with the Board of Directors he said it will give him a better understanding of how to equally and effectively distribute the funding. He also stated that he will be very thankful to the Senate for their approval.

President Gray stated that Hassan is currently the SGA Finance Coordinator and in the SGA Constitution and By-laws it states that it is highly recommended that the Finance Coordinator sit on the MCC Association Board of Directors. President Gray also stated that Hassan expressed to him that he would like to come back next year. This will give him the opportunity to learn the process this year which will be a major benefit for him and the Student Government as a whole. President Gray informed the Senators that Hassan had to go through training and if the MCC Association was not comfortable with him, they would not have approved him. He asked that everyone look at Hassan’s performance not at his inability to attend the Senate meeting.

Deputy Childers stated that since Hassan was approved as the Finance Coordinator he has been very active and he has filled his position responsibilities.

Senator Isaacs stated that he understands that he does an amazing job but he would rather vote for him upon seeing him.

Senator Snyder stated his support for the approval of Hassan stating that student representation on the MCC Association Board is vital.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the appointment of Hassan Ali to sit on the MCC Association Board of Directors for the remainder of the 2011-2012 academic year.

b. Resolution to approve Kelly Bynes as Vice President of the MCC Student Government Association

Resolved, that the Senate approve Kelly Bynes as Vice President of the MCC Student Government Association for the remainder of the 2011-2012 academic year.

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve Kelly Bynes as Vice President of the MCC Student Government Association for the remainder of the 2011-2012 academic year.

Deputy Childers so moved, seconded by Senator Snyder.

Discussion:

President Gray first thanked former Vice President Ciaccio for her service. He mentioned that the position became vacant 3 weeks ago and Kelly was the only one who expressed interest. He spoke with Speaker Blue to make sure that Kelly leaving the Senate would not be a hindrance to the Media Senator position.

Kelly stated that becoming the Vice President feels like a good fit. Given her experience as a former member of the Presidential Cabinet she feels there is a lot she can do to help it grow.

Senator Snyder stated that he completely supports Kelly's appointment; her leadership style makes her a good fit for the position.

Deputy Speaker Childers stated Kelly knows the organization very well because of her experience on the By-laws Committee and the re-writing of the By-laws.

Senator Jackson-Harris stated that Kelly is an excellent choice for the position; she is very hard working and intelligent.

A roll-call vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association unanimously approves Kelly Bynes as Vice President of the MCC Student Government Association for the remainder of the 2011-2012 academic year.

V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Senator Snyder mentioned that a voter registration drive is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21 from 11:30 – 1:30 in the Terrace Lounge.

President Gray mentioned that a Spelling Bee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18 from 3:30 – 5:30 in the Theatre. There will be teams of 3 and it is open to students. Prizes will be awarded after each round. If the SGA is interested in forming a team, contact him.

Deputy Speaker Childers informed everyone that the St. Patrick's Day Parade went well with over 50 marchers representing MCC. Over 100,000 people turned out to watch the parade.

Senator Jackson-Harris stated that the ASACC Conference in Washington was amazing. He attended the conference with President Gray, Speaker Blue and Senator Bynes.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Brennan
SA Secretary