



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR  
Tuesday, February 26, 2013 2:15 PM, Forum 3-130**

**Student Senators:**

Media Senator Savarese  
Residence Hall Senator Walters  
Social Club Senator Wynn  
At-Large Senator Halloran

**President:**

Shanel Montalvo

**Speaker:**

Rabbil Jackson-Harris

**Deputy Speaker:**

Kyle Savarese

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart

**Faculty Advisor:**

Joseph McCauley

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Rebecca Herzog-absent

**SA Secretary**

Elizabeth Flanagan

**Visitors:** Suzanne Fava, WMCC, The Fuse; Jason Childers, Celtic Society; Andy Binder, Student; Dan Steiner, Baja Club; Chris Nguyen, SEGA; Joel Veras, Spanish Club; Salman Masood, Muslim Student Association; Hae-Jeon Abbott, Muslim Student Association; Shirley Batistta-Provost, Student Life and Leadership Development

**I. CALL TO ORDER (2:15 pm)**

**A. Roll Call**

(See attendance above)

**B. Approval of February 12, 2013 Minutes**

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 2013.

Senator Walters so moved, seconded by Senator Wynn.

Errors were pointed out with regard to two attendees' names, which were noted and corrected.

A vote was taken.

*Be it resolved*, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association unanimously approves the February 5, 2013 minutes as amended.

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

Andy Binder, student, approached the Senate with his question about double-sided printing for the Interdisciplinary Center. Senator Walters expressed that she would make efforts to speak with an individual from the Center in person to address this issue.

Suzanne Fava of WMCC, The Fuse, then approached the Senate and indicated that she had three concerns. First, she mentioned that Bldg 9A is very small and may present safety hazards with the way its interior is currently arranged. She suggested that benches be put in for safer seating. Speaker Jackson-Harris and Advisor Stewart both agreed that this would be an issue for Facilities to address. Second, Suzanne mentioned that the rest rooms do not accommodate people below a certain height or with disabilities with regard to where the hangers for coats and bags are placed. Again, this was determined to be a Facilities issue.

Third, Suzanne expressed her concern with regard to the production of student IDs by students on campus. It is her contention that the policy requiring that students have their MCC ID cards with them be enforced for distinction between students and non-students on campus. Advisor Stewart mentioned that there are 64 entrances to the MCC campus (which is an open campus). She suggested that SGA

members might encourage their peers to abide by this policy and encourage other students to do the same.

Additionally, Suzanne mentioned that The Fuse office has been repainted and they are in the process of getting a new sign. She will soon be inviting people to come see it.

Andy Binder approached the Senate again with a follow-up question regarding IDs and security. He asked the Senate if the Damon Center's future facility (where Kodak had been housed) will maintain MCC's current security standards. Advisor McCauley indicated that security measures will likely be the same as currently indicated by MCC, and previously indicated by Kodak.

### **III. REPORTS**

#### **Senator Walters**

"The past week with Student Government was a special one. Fellow SGA members and I went to lobby in Washington DC.

While on Capitol Hill, President Montalvo and I spoke with educational representatives, Congressman Reed, and Senator Schumer.

We discussed issues on education, particularly The Principles of Higher Education Act, and requests for more accurate tax returns for students and their parents.

Also this past week, I have been sending emails to Susan Maduro about scheduling and planning an upcoming Relay for Life kick-off in March for our campus.

I have also scheduled a meeting with Shirley so that we can talk about possibly getting a presentation for Relay for Life which would ask for club involvement.

Additionally, the next blood drive will be held on March 11<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 -7:00 PM in the lobby of Canal Hall."

#### **Senator Halloran**

"I just wanted to thank everyone in the SGA for welcoming me into the group so graciously. My transition into being an At-large Senator has been quite painless. I look forward to bringing my multi-cultural and multi-dimensional experiences from the Marine Corps and my previous management experience to the table to help with whatever needs that may arise. I plan to hold everyone, at all levels of the educational experience, accountable for their responsibilities. We all need to make sure that the most important need is addressed and questioned on a regular basis: Are all students being served in the best way possible?

The SVA charter and constitution are currently being reviewed. I sat down with Nelson Clark on Thursday, February 21, 2013, and discussed his objectives and current issues. We are optimistically looking to see this move forward."

#### **Advisor Stewart**

Reminded everyone about the upcoming OrgSync training this week, and encouraged everyone to be open to what promises to be a wonderful new student experience. Don't forget!

President Montalvo asked if she might be able to train at a different time due to a scheduling conflict. Advisor Stewart encouraged her, and all student leaders to participate in one of Megan's training sessions if at all possible, but if absolutely necessary, she could provide training at a later date.

#### **Advisor McCauley**

After the trip to Washington, DC, follow-up communication is imperative. Also, please share your thoughts about what a better package might be for next year.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate Vote)**

**a. Resolution to approve the appointment of Cory Halloran to the Travel and Finance Committee**

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion to this resolution. Senator/Deputy Speaker Savarese so moved, seconded by Senator Walters. There was no discussion. A vote was taken.

**Resolved** that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association confirms Speaker Rabbil E. Jackson-Harris's appointment of Cory Halloran to sit on the Senate Travel and Finance Committee as a voting Committee member for the remainder of the 2012-2013 academic year.

**b. Resolution to approve the funding of \$1570.00 to Global Union, Celtic Society, Muslim Students' Association, Africa United and the Spanish Club**

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion to this resolution. Senator Halloran so moved. No second was necessary as this resolution came from committee. Jason Childers of the Celtic Club approached the Senate to discuss details of this matter. He mentioned that more funds would be needed to cover the costs of prizes, professional performers' fees, and the preparation of food. Senator/Deputy Speaker Savarese asked Jason about how publicity was being handled. Jason indicated that posters, audition notices, word of mouth and a plan to work on a public service announcement are the modes in use. Senator Walters asked if this event is open to the outside community and Jason indicated that is indeed the case. Shirley Batistta-Provost mentioned that so far there have been 36 – 38 auditioners including an opera singer, two sets of Irish dancers and African drummers. All auditions will take place before decisions will be made.

A vote was taken.

**Resolved**, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association gives consent *for* the funding of \$1570.00 to Global Union, Celtic Society, Muslim Club, Africa United and the Spanish Club to sponsor the event International Day.

**c. Resolution to approve members of the Presidential Cabinet**

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion to this resolution. Senator Walters so moved, seconded by Senator Halloran. President Montalvo commented that Christopher Sweeney is a veteran who has good, valuable experience, and that she looks forward to working with him.

A vote was taken.

**Resolved** that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association approves the appointment of Christopher Sweeney as Elections Coordinator for the 2012-2013 academic year.

**d. Resolution to approve Kaylie Potter as CAB Director**

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion to this resolution. Senator Walters so moved. No second was required as the resolution came from committee. President Montalvo noted that Kaylie has wisdom beyond her years and hopes to carry out the role of CAB Director on a higher level. She added that Kaylie certainly has the experience necessary to carry out these responsibilities well.

A vote was taken.

**Resolved** that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association approves the appointment of Kaylie Potter as the CAB Director for the 2012- 2013 academic year.

**QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

Suzanne Fava commented on the tobacco-free policy initiative for SUNY, and identified herself as part of that Committee of which Dolores Pasto-Ziobro is chair. She also mentioned that there will be meetings with Richard Ryther regarding this initiative. On January 1, 2014, there will be a soft implementation of the policy, and in September 2014, there will be full force implementation. Signage detailing a countdown of days to the implementation will be visibly placed on campus to aid people who smoke in preparing for implementation. Senator Walters raised the question of how the policy will be applied to the residence halls. Proper handling of this aspect of the matter will be part of the initiative's ongoing discussion.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:55 PM, Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Walters so moved, seconded by Senator Wynn. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth V. Flanagan  
SA Secretary