



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, November 11th, 2014 2:15 PM-Forum (3-130)**

Student Senators:
Senator Broadnax-late
Senator Donnelly-late
Senator McGuire
Senator Polozanin
Senator Tower
Senator Muntanga

Speaker of the Senate:
Jeremy Carmichael
Deputy Speaker:
Michael Lavere
President:
Mark White-absent

SL&LD Advisor:
Elizabeth Stewart

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Rebecca Herzog

SA Secretary:
Lisa Truman

Visitors: Morgan Shoff, Celtic Society; Kaleena Hill, Pride Alliance; Katelyn Scherzi, Pride Alliance; Ginny Geer-Mentry, MCC Association; Danielle Colagio, Cabbages & Kings; Betheny Ruggero, MCC Student; Doug Williams, Presidential Cabinet.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:21pm)

A. Roll Call (See attendance above)

B. Approval of the November 4, 2014 Minutes.

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the November 4, 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 November 4, 2014 Minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Speaker Carmichael gave thanks to any veterans in attendance of the meeting today on Veteran's Day, and asked any vets to please stand. Doug Williams, a member of the SGA Presidential Cabinet stood and all applauded his service to our country.

Kaleena Hill, a member of MCC's Pride Alliance, was told by SGA President Mark White that he had heard that Speaker Carmichael had made a comment at a SUNY Conference regarding two Senator's sexual orientation. If this was in fact true, she was shocked and dismayed that a member of the MCC community would represent themselves in such a way in any situation, let alone at a SUNY Conference. Speaker Carmichael apologized, and stated the comment was not meant in any way to be a derogatory reference to anyone's sexuality, and he in no way meant to offend or upset anyone.

Kaleena Hill noted sexual orientation is not a choice, and any lifestyle should be fully supported. Speaker Carmichael agreed, and restated it was not his intent to offend in any way.

Doug Williams thanked President White and the SGA for providing breakfast for all today on Veteran's Day.

III. REPORTS

Deputy Speaker Lavere

Our sports teams entered the playoffs this weekend. The women's soccer team dominated Essex College this weekend at Rutgers University with a score of 11-0 in the District E semi-finals before losing to Monroe College 1-0 in the final minute of the game. The men's soccer team sadly lost this weekend to Monroe College 2-0 in the district semi-finals. The women's volleyball team will be heading to nationals this Friday in Rochester, Minnesota, and has placed four athletes in all region teams. I am also still in the process of working on setting up a meeting with our athletic director to

discuss the club hockey team and the possibility of longer gym hours. He and Speaker Carmichael met with Ginny Geer-Mentry, Director of the MCC Association, about transit possibilities for students in the residence halls. Other topics that were also discussed include the pizza machine, soda machine, and laundry services within the residence halls. This Saturday, he and Senator Donnelly will be hosting an SGA painting station at the men's basketball game in collaboration with the FYE Spirit Week. Students will be able to get either their face or body painted prior to the game. They hope to see a large turnout of residence hall students at the game to increase the energy and school spirit.

Senator Broadnax

As the play, *Pirates of Penzance* is almost upon us, as a cast member he has been extremely busy with the play and his schoolwork and has not been the most active in the senate this past week. He has been looking into the suggestion boxes around campus. The keys have been located for some locations, and Senator Broadnax is going to map the college for the best locations for the suggestion boxes so they are utilized.

Senator Donnelly

Is currently working on a video project with Advisor Herzog, and Margaret Whelehan, the Resident Director for Tribune Hall. It is modeled after SUNY Brockport's video and hashtag called "Not Asking for It". It talks about rape and how someone's provocative attire does not mean they are asking for a sexual encounter. Senator Donnelly is working with Pamela Hutton in Publications creating designs for SGA clothing and calculating costs. She is still working with Redbox in attempt to get a movie kiosk on campus.

Senator McGuire

Last week, he was circulating around campus introducing himself to several clubs. He is collaborating with other members of the SGA into reorganizing our entryway.

Senator Muntanga

This past week collected signatures for a petition to extend library hours. She has started to research ways that the residence halls can assist with the food drive.

Senator Polozanin

Is currently is looking into the possibility of the weight rooms being open longer hours to accommodate students attending night classes. The weight rooms are currently open until 9pm, when most evening classes are being dismissed. He has been working with the presidents of the media clubs individually as to find a mutual time all can meet to form the Media Committee. He will contact the Red Cross for details on the upcoming December Blood Drive.

Senator Tower

There will be a competitive food drive for all clubs to participate in and the winner will receive a prize. He spent this past weekend attending a conference as a SUNY Representative, and several outcomes of the conference will interest MCC. He was able to attend a hockey game and observe a huge school spirit at Oswego. The team support was fanatical, and people were wearing school jerseys with pride all weekend. Due to an upcoming empty chair secretarial position, a vote was held, and Speaker Carmichael filled the spot as first runner-up. He offered congratulations to Speaker Carmichael and is confident he will do a great job.

Advisor Stewart

Thanked and acknowledged all our veterans on their day. She appreciated their service to our country.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Items

There was no new business.

V. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Doug Williams asks if reading to a group of students in a classroom would be considered community service. Speaker Carmichael says it is considered community service. He also hoped the members of the MCC community had an opportunity today to check out the Veterans Memorial, which was designed by MCC students and thanks them for a job well done.

Morgan Shoff asks if there has been any contact or conversation with anyone that could assist with the handicap accessible doors that are needed in certain areas around campus. Senator Broadnax will be following-up on that issue and Advisor Stewart has a contact name of someone who may be able to assist. Speaker Carmichael asks him to report on this at the next meeting.

Kaleena Hill would like MCC to add more gender-neutral bathrooms to the campus. It would appear there are only two on campus at present, and she would like to see more available. These are generally comprised of just a sink and a toilet.

Senator McGuire would like to share some information he felt was relevant to the Christians United for Israel Club. He read from several sheets of information pertaining to Israel regarding death tolls, Israel's relationship to surrounding countries, their political and religious views and how they have affected their citizens, schools, and people of certain religious affiliations. He did not have the source documentation at the meeting, but stated he would pass out his cards to anyone who would like him to cite his sources.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Speaker Carmichael brings up the topic of changing the weekly Tuesday SGA meetings from 2:15pm to 2:30pm. This would allow students who have a class before the meetings that are dismissed at 1:50pm enough time to get there. It would also make it easier for the Senators who have a class before to change and prepare for the meeting. Several students in attendance at the meeting agree the time change would be easier for people to be able to attend after class.

The Charity event proposal that it would be a weeklong event with a different theme/charity each day is discussed. Advisor Stewart is not supportive of that idea as she felt one event is difficult to plan and draw supporters, and a full week will be much more difficult. She suggests this is discussed at a later date and ideas can be brought to the table then.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion for adjournment.
Senator Polozanin so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.
A vote was taken.
The meeting was adjourned at 2:57pm.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Truman
SA Secretary