



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, February 10, 2015 2:15 PM-Forums (3-130)**

Student Senators:

Senator Greco
Senator Tower

Speaker of the Senate:

Jeremy Carmichael (*acting President*)

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Deputy Speaker:

Michael Lavere (*acting Speaker*)

SL&LD Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog

President:

SA Secretary:

Lisa Truman

Visitors: Edin Polozanin, MCC Student; Ginny Geer-Mentry, MCC Association; Blake Moore, MCC Student.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:22pm)

A. Roll Call (See attendance above)

B. Approval of the February 3, 2015 Minutes.

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the February 3, 2015 Minutes.

Senator Tower so moved, seconded by Senator Greco.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association, approves the February 3, 2015 Minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

There was no one to speak to the Senate.

III. REPORTS

Speaker Carmichael (*acting President*)

He has been concentrating on two main topics over the past week. The first being the proposed increase in the Student Life Fee, and the second being SGA recruitment. He had worked with fellow Senators to put together an on-line survey that had been running on OrgSync. He thanked Jaime Smith in Publications for his assistance. He had advertised the survey during other events held around campus in hopes to have many students provide feedback. He thanks all who participated. He also had been speaking with a number of students around campus regarding the increase and encouraged other members of the SGA to do the same. There has been interviews set-up for the open positions in the SGA and committees have been established to assist. All applications for President, Vice-President and Student Trustee are due no later than this Friday, February 13th. Applications for these positions, as well as open Senate seats are available in the SGA office or The Office of Student Life and Leadership Development. He encourages all interested students to apply.

Senator Tower

He has been working on recruiting with fellow members of the SGA, and has had several students hand in applications for the various available positions. Senator Tower served as Roundtable Coordinator at this months' meeting and was

encouraged to see so many clubs in attendance and so many great events in the works. He reached out to fellow students around campus for some input and feedback on the proposed increase in the Student Life Fee. He reported the response was overall positive in response to the fee increase. He attended the February Conference for SUNYSA of which he gained information on several projects he plans to implement here on our campus related to SUNY's new policies on sexual assault. They discussed a model University of Buffalo has in place, as they have a group of students who pledge to be advocates against sexual violence.

Senator Greco

Over the past few weeks, he has been visiting clubs in their respective rooms to introduce himself. He promoted and volunteered at the SGA sponsored drive that was held last Thursday. There was also a Blood Drive held in the residence halls on Wednesday. Between the two drives, almost 50 donors gave blood. Going forward he will be assisting with SGA recruitment to increase member numbers and fill open positions.

Advisor Herzog

Announced she and some CAB members will be traveling to attend the National Association for Campus Activities College Circuit event this Friday. They will gather ideas to plan for next year and hope to bring many new and exciting ideas back with them. This year's Spring Fling will be a Luau theme. She is hoping many clubs and organizations will assist with the planning and get involved. It will be a fun event for all. CAB is hosting a Key Note speaker for the "Enough is Enough" campaign. More details to follow.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution to support the MCC Association Student Life Fee increase.

Resolved, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the resolution to support the MCC Association Student Life Fee increase.

Acting Speaker Lavere called for a motion to approve the resolution for the Student Life Fee increase.

Senator Tower so moved, seconded by Senator Greco.

Discussion: Acting President Carmichael reads details from the actual OrgSync survey participants. There was a total of 113 submittals and he was grateful for all who participated and for those who left comments. The total result was 69% for the proposed increase, and 31% against said increase. Please see some actual comments that were taken from the OrgSync poll below:

"A \$10.00 increase to allow for more activities is so simple that it could be paid out of pocket. I like the events that CAB throws for students and it is very convenient to have a shuttle service, being as I do not have a car."

Acting President Carmichael notes the increase in the Student Life Fee is not just adding activities, but means being able to maintain and keep the activities and services we currently have.

"As shown at the Senate Meeting, our fee is already much smaller than other schools in the area. I think an increase of \$8.00 is not only very reasonable, but modest. If this passes maybe, they should look to increase it by another few dollars not long after to upgrade or improve on our existing services. I also had the thought that if it does not pass, perhaps the sports department should look into asking the student athletes for a fee per semester to support their departments. If they were to play at a club outside of school they would perhaps have to pay a small membership fee. Asking something similar would not be unreasonable."

Acting President Carmichael notes MCC is not asking for any additional fees at this time.

"The Student Life Fees shouldn't increase to support other things such as athletics that get more than enough funding already. It should be used for club funds especially non-technology club organizations instead of athletics and technology club or its sub-clubs."

Acting President Carmichael encourages all clubs to come to the Budget Meetings, which allocate and go over spending for the academic year. These meetings are important to all clubs and their funding.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the resolution to support the MCC Student Life Fee increase.

V. DISCUSSION ITEM

There were no discussion items.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VII. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Acting President Carmichael thanked students who participated in the survey regarding the Student Life Fee increase. FYE and the Mpire have a student dressed as a bear giving out “bear hugs” from 11am-1pm to anyone who would like to participate. The Mpire has big plans for this weekends’ sporting events. Plan to stop by, support fellow students, and enjoy a great sporting event. Do not miss the fun.

A question is asked regarding a previous visit from RTS who asked to collaborate with MCC students to see what services they would like to see offered. Acting President Carmichael stated that David Broadnax, a Residence Hall Advisor has plans to contact RTS to go over available and additional services they may be able to offer MCC. He will let everyone know when this is scheduled so they can attend.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker Laverie called for a motion for adjournment.

Senator Greco so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.

A vote was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43pm.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Truman
SA Secretary