

## MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING MINUTES FOR Tuesday, October 16, 2012, 2:15 PM, Forum 3-130

Student Senators: At-Large Senator Guilford Athletics Senator Hinz Interdisciplinary Prog. Senator Beaty-absent Health, Business Senator Kim Liberal Arts Senator Habte Media Senator Savarese Residence Hall Senator Walters Service Club Senator Wynn Technical Education Senator Jackson **President:** Scott Blue **Vice President:** Shanel Montalvo

**Speaker:** Rabbil Jackson-Harris SL&LD Advisor: Elizabeth Stewart Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley **SL&LD Advisor:** 

Rebecca Herzog

**Visitors:** Andy Binder, Student; Jason Childers, Celtic Society; Diane Cheasty, Hospitality/Travel Club; Jenn Morris, Hospitality/Travel Club; Meghan Aner, Hospitality/Travel Club; Shirley Baptist-Provost, SLLD; Elizabeth Hardee, Hospitality; Anthony Young, Hospitality; Nelson Clark, Cabinet; Suzanne Fava, WMCC the Fuse; Richard Ryther, Student Services; Elizabeth Flanagan, SA Secretary.

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

#### A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

#### B. Approval of October 9, 2012 Minutes

Acting Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion to approve the minutes of October 9, 2012. Senator Hinz so moved, seconded by Senator Guilford. Acting Speaker Jackson-Harris requested a correction to add Senator Wynn's first name for consistency on page 3 of the minutes. So noted and amended.

A vote was taken.

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association** unanimously approves the October 9, 2012 minutes as amended.

#### II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Jennifer Morris, Travel Club President, approached the Senate and indicated that she had spoken with Acting Speaking Jackson-Harris regarding their trip, and that he is addressing their concerns.

#### III. REPORTS

# Senator Reports

# Senator Savarese

"The Cabbages and Kings Open Microphone at Javas was very successful. A good number of students came and shared their poetry and musicianship.

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The Monroe Doctrine is moving along well. They are still in the process of training new editors and writers. They have started to gather ideas for their first issue as well. The Fuse is going strong. They have done many events and have even motioned amending their constitution. Also, Fusestock is coming up some time in the Spring."

# Senator Guilford

"The school year has been very busy for me. I have been very focused on my school work and many other projects on which I am currently working.

Since my last report, I am still working on my current project, and have a few more in the works:

On Monday, October 8th, I attended the Radio club meeting with Senator Savarese. They were talking about the changes they made to their constitution, and the meeting went well.

On Tuesday, October 9th, I participated in a phone conference with the MCC Foundation Department to set up a meeting, and to move forward with the MCC Student Book Scholarship on which I am working.

On Wednesday, October 10th, I met with the members of the CAB to talk about the MCC Got Talent Show that I would like to host along with them. In that meeting, we talked about having the talent show in the fall, but after further discussion, we decided that it would instead be best to hold the event in the spring, during Spring Fling.

I have participated in a few events here on campus. There were many going on, and I tried to attend as many as I could. I am also working with Senator Hinz and the new group who is working to build a track team for MCC.

As of today, I have many new matters along the current projects that I am working on, and I will keep everyone updated on my progress."

#### Senator Kim

Senator Kim indicated that he is working on plans for the Health Fair, which is scheduled to take place on 12/6, 12/10 and 12/11. He is planning to attend another meeting about the Health Fair later this week.

#### Senator Wynn

Senator Wynn expressed his enthusiasm for his roles as student and senator for Student Government, and how he continues to strive for excellence as he learns more about these roles.

During the past week, he met with the president of the Celtic Society and was inspired with an idea to get the word out to students about events. He came up with a plan for the creation of a poster for upcoming service club events that will be informational to interested students.

He also mentioned how glad he was to hear that some members of the SGA attended the recent MCC carnival, even though he was unable to attend.

# Campus Center Advisor Campus Center Advisor Stewart

There are a couple events students may wish to attend on campus this week: One will be on Tuesday in the Atrium from Noon -1:00 PM entitled, <u>Why Should I Vote</u>? Another event will be on Thursday in the Forum from Noon -1:00 PM, and will feature a panel of judges for the Supreme Court.

# Faculty Advisor Faculty Advisor McCauley

Do your homework, prepare to vote, and remember to honor George McGovern with a moment of silence.

#### Faculty Advisor Herzog

A couple events to note: There will be a Pumpkin Party on October 22 from Noon -1:00 PM. Also, a Ghost Hunter will be in the Forum on 10/29 from Noon -1:30 PM.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. <u>Resolution to approve Scott F. Blue for the position of Student Government Association</u> <u>President and Shanel M. Montalvo for the position of Student Government Association</u> Vice President

Acting Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion.

Senator Hinz so moved. (A second was not necessary in this case.)

Discussion: Acting Speaker Jackson-Harris shared his thoughts in support of the motion, stating that Acting President Blue will not only be best for the Student Association, but best for the Student Body of MCC as a whole. He also spoke in strong support of Vice Presidential candidate, Senator Montalvo.

A vote was taken.

*Resolved,* that the Brighton Campus Student Government Senate approves Scott F. Blue II for the position of Student Association President and Shanel M. Montalvo for the position of Student Association Vice President.

A vote was taken.

**Be it resolved that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association** approves Scott F. Blue II for the position of Student Association President and Shanel M. Montalvo for the position of Student Association Vice President.

# VI. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

President Blue commented with his appreciation to all for their hard work, and celebrates the excellence and efficient running of the student government with only a senate in place. He noted that his election to president indicates his resignation from his former position, as well as the elevation of Rabbil Jackson-Harris to Speaker. President Blue expressed his appreciation for the excellence of Speaker Jackson-Harris' work and leadership abilities. President Blue then requested that Vice President Montalvo take her seat in the Vice President's place at the table, and praised her excellence and dedicated work, as well. President Blue indicated how much he looks forward to working with all, and knows that this will be a great SGA for MCC.

Speaker Jackson-Harris asked if there were further comments and/or questions, and Jason Childers of the Celtic Society came forward to speak. Jason congratulated President Blue and Vice President Montalvo on their new appointments. He also thanked Senator Wynn for his attendance at the Celtic Society meeting, and his support for their cause.

Andy Binder, student, then approached the Senate to speak. He expressed his concern about the lack of double-sided duplication capabilities in the Interdisciplinary Center. Speaker Jackson-Harris addressed Andy's concern, assuring him that this issue is being looked into, and he will pursue resolution of this matter.

Senator Walters commented that a Blood Drive will take place in the Residence Halls on 11/6. She will be attending a meeting to discuss details about it on 10/17, and will offer a report subsequent to this meeting.

Speaker Jackson-Harris commented about his relief that the above resolutions have been made, and expressed his gratitude to all.

# VII. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:40 PM, Acting Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Habte so moved, seconded by Senator Guilford. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

## VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth V. Flanagan SA Secretary