



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, December 9th, 2014 2:15 PM-Forums (3-130)**

Student Senators:

Senator Ayala-**absent**
Senator Broadnax
Senator Donnelly
Senator Greco
Senator Tower
Senator Muntanga
Senator Polozanin

Speaker of the Senate:

Jeremy Carmichael

Deputy Speaker:

Michael Lavere

President:

Mark White-**late**

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

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Rebecca Herzog

SA Secretary:

Lisa Truman

Visitors: Morgan Shoff, Celtic Society; Marcus Bowens, National Society of Black Engineers; Kristie Edick, Travel Club; Holly Pumputis, Hospitality Club; Sara Zeitz, Hospitality Club; Carlos Sanchez, Hospitality Club; Randy Wamsley, Geo Club; Hannah Webster, OAU Club; Jennifer Pfaff, Honors Council; Bethany Ruggero, MCC Student; Diane Cheasty, Travel Club; Drew Lawrence, Hospitality Club; Kristen Egan, SWE; Amrita Singh, Honors Council, Shirley Provost, OSLLD.

Visiting Members of the Engineering Leadership Council (ELC): James Gray, Lei Yin Mon, Bryan Lilly, Aviviana Fellet, Justin Arenda, Suhail Prasathong, Chris Hufzinger, Kevin Vinch, Thomas Reimer, Ryan Reber, Kent Lilley, Stan Krupenya, Dominic Barbarita, Brenden Wabnitz, Connor Kilmer, Shahid Borges, Orion Adams, Alex Ribes, Shane Michtovy, Corinne Wellington, Karen Martina, Daniel J. Miner, Mike Huntley, Vincent Le', Michael Caruso, Nick Recino, Brian O'Dell, Clarke LaCelle, Dean Yencer, Tim VanSlyke; Victor Ortiz, Nick Wyble (former President of the ELC, SGA Senator, and current RIT student).

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:17pm)

A. Roll Call (See attendance above)

B. Approval of the December 2, 2014 Minutes.

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the December 2, 2014 Minutes.

Senator Tower so moved, seconded by Senator Polozanin.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association, approves the December 2, 2014 Minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Randy Wamsley, a member of the Geo Club, thanked the Senate for approving the funding for the Vancouver trip. They were able to present work previously compiled and learned a lot from others who presented. The conference was a wonderful networking tool, and these resources gained will assist the MCC community. He appreciated the support of the SGA.

Douglas Williams presents his last Roundtable Coordinator's Report as he is graduating this semester. The Senate and the visitors congratulate him. He was pleased with the number of clubs and organizations that attended the mandatory monthly meeting. The meeting was held in the Empire Room due to a scheduling conflict, and the Office of Student Life and Leadership Development assisted with contacting all clubs and organizations. He thanked Shirley Provost for her assistance. Jamie Smith from the Publications Office gave a presentation on OrgSync and the benefits it has provided to our college community. OrgSync does work when utilized and is extremely effective in assisting clubs and organizations

in planning, implementing and marketing events. Mr. Williams provided a sheet listing proposed and planned events that are coming up, and urges all to contact clubs to follow-up if interested. He shared during the Roundtable Meeting that the SGA is holding everyone more accountable, and reminded all of new policies for requesting funds. He noted if any club or organization has any questions or is not on board with the new policies, to please attend a Senate meeting. The SGA works for the college community, and is there to listen. Due to the fact the SGA did not have their Senators in attendance at the Roundtable Meeting, there will be no \$25.00 deduction to the clubs who did not attend.

Kierstyn Dodson, President of the Engineering and Leadership Council (ELC) voiced concerns over the new SGA Funding Policy of one trip request per club/organization per semester. The ELC is a large organizational umbrella that encompasses several clubs. The ELC handles the administrative aspect of the clubs under their umbrella so they are able to concentrate on research and development. The sub-groups under the ELC, handle many different aspects and areas of engineering, and have their own group conferences and events they would like to attend. Ms. Dodson does not want these sub-groups penalized due to the new policy restrictions, and would like them to be able to approach the Senate with their individual requests. Several students from the ELC sub-groups speak on their specialty areas. Deputy Speaker Lavere notes there is a limited budget allotted for travel, and all groups, clubs, and organizations should be able to have an opportunity to request funds. The new policy is in place to try to distribute funds evenly amongst all, so no one group gets a disproportionate amount. There are suggestions from Senators as to requesting funds in different semesters and to request funds as a group of students instead of requesting under the ELC organization. Student groups are able to request funds as well, not just clubs and organizations. Speaker Carmichael reminds the ELC to attend any budgetary meetings before the budget is established as this may assist as well. Nick Wyble, former ELC President, stated he is the originator of the ELC policy to assist the sub-groups with the administrative aspects required so they can work uninhibited on their specialty areas. They have been able to maintain this assistance, and it appears to still be working well. The ELC is a unique organizations, and he urges the Senate to please consider its different components. He is currently studying at RIT, and felt the ELC here at MCC is a superior program that is invaluable to its members.

III. REPORTS

There were no reports.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Items

a. Resolution to approve the funding of \$2539.00 for the Honors Council to attend the Northeast Regional Conference.

Resolved, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the funding of \$2539.00 to the Honors Council.

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the funding for the Honors Council.

Senator Lavere so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.

Discussion: Amrita Singh, President of the Honors Council, thanks the Senate for their consideration. They are attending the NE Regional Annual Conference to present research and attend Transfer and Graduate School presentations. The Honors Council students who have interest to attend have already applied, and if their application is accepted, they will attend. Only the accepted will attend the conference, and five have applied.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the funding of \$2539.00 for the Honors Council to attend the Northeast Regional Conference.

b. Resolution to approve the funding of \$2625.00 to the Outdoor Activities Unlimited Club for the 22nd Annual Ski and Snowboarding Trip.

Resolved, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the funding of \$2625.00 to the Outdoor Activities Unlimited Club.

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the funding for the Outdoor Activities Unlimited Club.

Senator Donnelly so moved, seconded by Senator Lavere.

Discussion: Hannah Webster, Vice-President of the OAU, noted this is a very cost effective trip. They like to keep the cost of the trip under \$200.00 per student and have been able to continue to do so throughout the years. This trip is an MCC tradition, and this will be the 22nd year it has taken place. Students from all clubs, organizations, and the entire college community attend. The bus can hold 45, and it is usually sold-out.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the funding of \$2625.00 to the Outdoor Activities Unlimited Club.

c. Resolution to approve the funding of \$4500.00 to the Hospitality Club to attend the National Restaurant Show in Chicago, IL.

Resolved, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the funding of \$4500.00 to the Hospitality Club.

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the funding for the Hospitality Club.

Senator Greco so moved, seconded by Senator Donnelly.

Discussion: Holly Pumputis, Sara Zeitz, Jacob Fisher and Carlos Sanchez represented the Hospitality Club. The National Restaurant Show is the largest of its kind. It will showcase innovative restaurant ideas and various careers in the hospitality industry. If this is your career choice, this experience is the best opportunity available to see what is available and what the future holds. Attendees will attend demo sessions and training workshops as well as network and visit other culinary sites in Chicago.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the funding of \$4500.00 to the Hospitality Club to attend the National Restaurant Show.

d. Resolution to reactivate the National Society of Black Engineers Club.

Resolved, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the reactivation of the National Society of Black Engineers Club.

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the reactivation of the National Society of Black Engineers Club.

Senator Greco so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.

Discussion: Marcus Bowens spoke on behalf of the National Society of Black Engineers Club. Black Engineering and Science majors are an underrepresented minority. He realized the depth of this while attending a conference in Tennessee, which was a career fair, and engineering seminars specifically for the National Society of Black Engineers. It was such a positive experience to network with the group, he felt strongly this club will enhance the campus and minority engineering majors here at MCC. Any majors can join, it is not exclusive to Engineering and Science students.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the reactivation of the National Society of Black Engineers Club.

e. Resolution to adopt The Travel Club's Updated Constitution.

Resolved, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves The Travel Club's updated Constitution.

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the resolution to adopt The Travel Club's updated Constitution.

Discussion: Kristie Edick, a representative from the Travel Club stated the Travel Club's Constitution has not been updated since 1988. Several sections are outdated and needed to be removed, and the name needed to be officially changed to "The Travel Club".

Senator Greco so moved, seconded by Senator Polozanin.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the Travel Club's updated Constitution.

V. OLD BUSINESS

d. Resolution to approve the funding of \$2500.00 to SADHA.

Resolved, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the funding of \$2500.00 to SADHA to travel to Troy, NY for a conference.

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the funding for SADHA.

Senator Tower so moved, seconded by Senator Lavere.

Discussion: Senator Tower represented SADHA at the meeting. He spoke on their behalf regarding the conference and the new ideas and methods they will learn about and take this knowledge back to our campus. They will develop critical thinking skills. The trip will encompass 19 students and 1 advisor.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the funding of \$2500.00 to SADHA to travel to Troy, NY for a conference.

VI. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Deputy Speaker Lavere announced MCC is trying to hold a “gold out” at the men’s and women’s basketball games this weekend. Come on out and represent the Mpire and wear your gold t-shirts.

The Black Student Union presents Dr. Lloyd Holmes, Vice-President of Student Services, to speak this Thursday, December 11th, at 1:00pm in the Empire Room in Building #3. Dr. Holmes is an amazing speaker, please try to attend if you are able. All are welcome.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker Lavere called for a motion for adjournment.
Senator Polozanin so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.

A vote was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 pm.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Truman
SA Secretary