



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday October 15th, 2013 2:15 PM-Forum (3-130)**

Student Senators:

Academic Clubs Senator Jopson
At-Large Senator Poloznik
Senator Richards
Foundation Senator White
Science, Health & Business Senator Wyble
Service Club Senator Schollnick
Social Clubs Senator Williams
Senator Miner-**absent**

President:

Nelson Clark

Vice-President:

Mark White

Speaker of the Senate:

Adrian Hale

Deputy Speaker:

Alexandria Cassidy

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

SL&LD Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog

SA Secretary:

Lisa Truman

Visitors: Glenn Rapp, SGA; Caitlyn Pilc, PTK; Sean McCann, Celtic Society; Rachel Peden, ASL Club; Ginny Geer-Mentry, MCC Association; Dan Steiner, Baja Club; Morgan Schoff, Celtic Society; Kareem Dyer, SGA.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:20 pm)

A. Roll Call (See attendance above)

B. Approval of the October 8th Minutes

Speaker Hale called for a motion to approve the October 8th Minutes.

Senator Williams so moved, seconded by Senator Jopson.

A vote was taken.

Senator Schollnick abstains.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association unanimously approves the October 8th minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

There was no one to speak to the Senate.

III. REPORTS

President Clark

Would like all to be aware the MCC Child Care Center was awarded a grant and there will be possible spots available for child care services. He suggests letting all know about the openings and all should act quickly.

Senator Wyble

Senator Wyble speaks of the hours of operation of the Human Performance Lab (HPL) and the Physical Athletic Center (PAC). He spoke with the athletic department chair, Skip Bailey, and discussed the current open access hours for the PAC and HPL. The current hours are: PAC Mon-Fri, 11am – 2pm, 6pm - 9:30pm. Sun. Noon - 4pm. HPL Mon-Thurs, 3:30pm – 8:00pm. Fri, 2 pm – 6pm. Sat. Noon – 4pm. Senator Wyble spoke with Skip Bailey about the possibility of opening the HPL and/or PAC during early morning hours for students who prefer to work out before class. He indicated that several years ago, one of the fitness centers was open between the hours of 6am and 8 am. Coaches volunteered to supervise this time Monday through Friday. There was no attendance in the early morning hours and there were signs advertising around the school and the dorms. The next year the centers were closed from 6am-8am due to lack of interest. He also asked Skip if it was possible to have the HPL and/or PAC

center reopened during those hours. If there was an average attendance of around 20 students, then the hiring of a staff member to supervise the fitness center in the morning could be justified. A survey will need to be put together to determine student interest.

Senator Jopson

This week Senator Jopson accepted an offer to become a voting member on the planning committee. This committee is a committee of the Faculty Senate. The responsibility of this Committee is to participate with the College in all aspects of long range strategic planning including cultural changes, building programs, budgets, accreditation and other matters relating to a master plan. This Committee develops and reviews proposals for submission to the President of the College through the Faculty Senate. He attended the planning committee's first meeting yesterday, Monday 14th. In this meeting all met with Deans and other faculty to discuss the implementation of academies in 2015. The meeting was his chance to learn about it all and ask questions so that when they begin to tackle the specifics it will be more understandable. There will be much more to report on in the future, however, now he wants to keep it brief because he is not "question ready" for specifics. He did mention that giving students the opportunity to bring their ideas forward and raise concerns can be an asset; the committees agreed and asked him for a list so he is compiling that right now. If anyone has background knowledge in academies or interest in being on this list please let him know and Senator Jopson will be sure to add you. Senator Jopson has a meeting with Deborah Dwyer Director of Public Safety tomorrow, Wednesday 16th. This meeting will be so he can go over the Full Arming of the Sworn CPO's survey with her and ask for her approval to publish it. This survey has received approval from the director last year and Stan K. the Lt. His primary goal of the meeting however is to speak with her about the research he has done and the idea he has to help the ATC students with parking. With that being said, he does have a survey on OrgSync and will hopefully be handing out physical copies again for ATC students to fill out. This would be very helpful for him so he encourage all ATC students to fill out a survey. He met with the finance committee as well and was given very good insight and training in how to appropriately distribute travel funding. He would like to tell all clubs that they should not be discouraged if a decision is a no but instead to listen and make changes for the next travel request. Even though we cannot accept them all he does love seeing the requests because most of them are clubs trying to be active which is strongly encouraged. The constitution committee for clubs has met, outlined what we feel is necessary in constitutions and began to implement this model when we assist with revising constitutions. There are a couple underway that should be coming to the Senate floor shortly.

Senator Williams

Senator Williams reviewed two club constitutions that are trying to become chartered, the Martial Arts Club and Frisbee Club. He has called each club and instructed all as to what needs to be added before the Constitution Committee can recommend their constitutions appear on the Senate floor. After working with Service Club Senator Schollnick, he brought the American Sign Language Club's (ASL) revised constitution to the Constitution Committee. After the Constitution Committee recommended the ASL Club's revised constitution be on the October 15th, 2013 Senate Meeting's Agenda, he called the club president, and requested that their club have representation at the meeting. After meeting with Advisor Stewart, Senator Williams had a meeting with Shirley Provost, and shared that the Student Government Association would be charging clubs fines for missing their mandatory monthly Round Table Meetings. After receiving advice, he drafted and delivered a letter that is going to be delivered to each club's advisor. Senator Williams had the privilege to meet with the Hospitality Club Advisor. He shared his goal and vision, as their club senator. He believes that the meeting was a huge success.

Advisor Stewart

Advisor Stewart would like all to know MCC received a \$4 Million Dollar Title III Grant which will focus on redesign of developmental classes such as: Orientation, First-Year Experience and College Success Classes (COS). The Academy Jopson spoke of in his report will work in tandem with Title III. The Steering Committee put together a survey for new students to offer feedback if you participated in Orientation, and if you did not-why? Advisor Stewart encourages all to participate and complete a survey if the previous applies to them. Feedback is incredibly important and will assist in what is done down the road with the grants received.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Items (items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve amended and replaced SGA By-Laws.

Resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate approves the amended and replaced By-Laws listed. Amended By-Laws: 2.1.5, 2.1.6, 2.1.7, 2.1.8, 2.1.9, 2.1.10. Replaced By-Laws: 2.1.3, 4.2.1, 4.2.2.

Speaker Hale called for a motion to approve

Deputy Speaker Cassidy so moved, seconded by Senator Schollnick.

Discussion:

Senator Jopson raises concerns regarding section 2.1.7 as an amended By-Law. He feels a Senator should agree with the merits of a bill they are sponsoring and theoretically the way this By-Law reads, the Senator

sponsoring the bill can vote against it.

Senator Wyble agrees with the above and Senator Jopson.

Senator Schollnick stated a Senator is not biased and does not necessarily have to agree with the sponsored bill, and can vote as they feel appropriate.

Deputy Speaker Cassidy noted while full confidence is expected by a sponsoring Senator, anyone has the right to change their mind during a debate and a Senators right to vote should be respected.

Senator Jopson reiterates his belief that a sponsoring Senator should see “eye to eye” on the bill they are sponsoring

Senator Schollnick would like the amended By-Law to remain “as is”. Senators should be able to change their position/mind on a vote.

Senator Wyble states he is OK with the idea, but asks how unbiased representation is possible if you don’t agree with the bill you are sponsoring as a Senator.

Speaker Hale indicates this Senate is here to provide representation for all students. It is their obligation.

If a Senator is representing a bill, the Senator can exercise the right to vote objectively, as it is their obligation to represent the student. If the bill has merits, the merits of the bill will carry the bill.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate has approved the noted amended and replaced By-Laws.

b. Resolution to approve the ASL Constitution revisions.

Resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate approves the ASL Constitution revisions.

Speaker Hale called for a motion to approve the ASL Constitution revisions.

Senator Schollnick so moved, seconded by Senator White.

Discussion: The Senate asks the ASL Club representative Rachel Peden to come forward. She is asked to amend the wording on OrgSync to show that 2/3 of the “present and voting” persons are represented by *whomever* is voting. Deputy Speaker Cassidy asks that this is done as soon as possible. Rachel Peden the ASL Club Representative agrees and will do so.

Speaker Hale calls for a vote on the amendment per discussion.

Senator Schollnick so moved, seconded by Senator Jopson.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the ASL Constitution revisions.

c. Resolution to approve Raheem Tucker as the Intercampus Liaison Coordinator

Resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate approves the appointment of Raheem Tucker as the Intercampus Liaison Coordinator.

Discussion: This resolution should not have appeared as New Business and will not be discussed or voted upon. It erroneously appeared as new business as a previously tabled resolution.

No vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate will continue to table this resolution.

d. Resolution to approve the creation of a Constitution Re-Write Committee.

Resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate approves the creation of a Constitution Re-Write Committee to be comprised of Senator Jopson, Deputy Speaker Cassidy, Speaker Hale, President Clark and Chaired by Financial Coordinator Glenn Rapp for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Speaker Hale called for a motion to approve the creation of the Constitution Re-Write Committee.

Senator Jopson so moved, seconded by Senator Poloznik.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate has approved the creation of a Constitution Re-Write Committee.

e. Resolution to approve Javen Ramsden as the Round Table Coordinator.

Resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate approves Javen Ramsden as the Round Table Coordinator.

Speaker Hale called for a motion to approve Javen Ramsden as the Round Table Coordinator.

Senator Jopson so moved, Seconded by Senator Poloznik.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves Javen Ramsden as the Round Table Coordinator.

V. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Senator Williams commented on how amazed he is at the level of disrespect displayed by some students at MCC. He referenced seeing students sitting on tables, feet placed on dining tables, and general disrespectful behavior. He asks if anyone has noticed this and would like to brainstorm as to how to correct this behavior, to please contact him. He would like to work together.

Advisor Herzog notes this is an area of concern for the Civility Committee as well, and she is interested in hearing Senator Williams thoughts and would welcome working together.

Senator Schollnick sends out a huge thanks to the Celtic Club for already arranging volunteers for the next Blood Drive.

Senator Hale thanks all for attending these meetings and taking an interest in the SGA.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Hale called for a motion for adjournment. Senator Schollnick so moved, with a second from Senator Poloznik

A vote was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 PM.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Truman
SA Secretary