



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING MINUTES FOR  
Tuesday, January 31, 2012  
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)**

**Student Senators:**

Academic Clubs Senator Valone  
At-Large Senator Isaacs  
Athletics Senator Coulombe  
CAB Senator Snyder  
Media Senator Bynes  
Social Clubs Senator Jackson-Harris

**President:**

Michael Gray

**Vice President**

Theresa Ciaccio-Absent

**Speaker/At-Large Senator**

Scott Blue

**Deputy Speaker/Service Clubs Senator**

Jason Childers

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart

**Faculty Advisor:**

Joseph McCauley-Absent

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Rebecca Herzog

**Visitors:** Dick Ryther, Student Services; Ginny Geer-Mentry, MCC Association, Inc.; Hency Yuen-Eng, College & Community Relations; Cathrine Higgins, Office of Student Life & Leadership Development; Brian Hawes, B.A.S.I.C.; Ehizeme Aruya, Presidential Cabinet; John Dooley, Sara Stevens, Andy Binder, Students; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

**I. CALL TO ORDER (2:17 p.m.)**

**A. Roll Call**

(See attendance above)

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

~~James~~ John Dooley, a student, inquired about the possibility of having safety mirrors installed in some of the areas around campus. As he was traveling through the halls he almost ran into someone coming out of an office. He mentioned that he has spoken to someone in Public Safety.

Speaker Blue informed him that the SGA is working on new goals for this semester and they will add safety mirrors to the list. Mr. Ryther suggested that they start with Marty Gilmore, Supervisor of Safety/Hazard Prevention.

Andy Binder, student, mentioned that he spoke to Dr. Kress regarding the shuttle bus service. He stated that there are 2 shuttles before 10:00 AM and he was wondering if the 2 shuttles could be moved to 4:00 PM.

Ginny Geer-Mentry, Director, MCC Association, Inc., informed him that they track the count on a daily basis and that is what determined where there was a need for 2 shuttles. They added the 2 shuttles in the morning because students from the Damon Campus were their missing classes.

**III. REPORTS**

**A. President**

**President Gray...**

- Follow Me @ MCC – he met with Andy Freeman, Director of Admissions, to ensure their help with the program. He also attended a Faculty Senate meeting to get faculty support and will be attending the next Faculty Senate meeting to get their feedback. He will be attending a Roundtable meeting to solicit help from some of the student leaders. The program will run during the month of April 2012.
- Orientation over Intersession – he had the opportunity to Welcome the Students and encourage them to participate in student government.
- Office Storage Room - Saturday, January 28, he and Veterans Affairs Liaison Serbicki, Speaker Blue, Deputy Speaker Childers, Senator Jackson-Harris and Mel Childers got together to clean the storage room. He encourages all the SGA members to assist Deputy Childers in keeping the room clean and tidy.
- Roundtable – he will attend the meeting tomorrow, February 1, to discuss the enhancement of Roundtable through Advisory Councils.

- On the Senate Agenda today there four Presidential appointments that are pending the Senate approval. He encourages the Senators to approve all of these appointments; they will not only be a great addition to the Presidential Cabinet but the SGA as a whole.
- CAB Coordinator report:
  - ✓ Executive Board - 3 new members were added bringing the total to 10 E-Board members.
  - ✓ February Events: 2/6 – condom Bingo in the Atrium; 2/8 – speed dating; month long “New Logo Contest” – deadline for submissions is 2/29, winner will receive a \$200 VISA card.
  - ✓ Educational Events – they are working on bringing in speaker, Michael Franti or MTV series Teen Mom, Maci Bookout.
  - ✓ Spring Fling – planning is almost complete. There will be 3 carnival rides, carnival food such as fried dough, cotton candy and others, and the Monroe on the Go food truck.
  - ✓ Active member meetings will be bi-monthly during the spring semester; time and day will be announced through e-mail and on their facebook page.

## B. Senators

### Senator Coulombe...

- Athletic Senator – Jessica introduced herself and mentioned that she is currently a member of Phi Theta Kappa, a Monroe swimmer, and now, a member of the Student Government Association.
- Athletic Department – some of the many goals and projects she would like to initiate to better the already successful athletic programs include: increasing home game attendance - ultimately leading to more school spirit and team unity; more interaction with the public, including athletes giving volunteer hours in many different ways throughout the year; working in collaboration with other on-campus groups in hopes it will aid in a more unified campus, and wider Monroe student recognition within the community. Her first large goal is to see Homecoming Fall 2012 be an all-campus event, having participants from all departments of the campus come together with great school pride and celebrate the future success of our sports teams.
- “Coming from a small town and having always participated in many school activities and sports, I can say that, without a doubt, I have never been more proud to wear my school colors than I am today. Being able to say I am a Tribune is an honor. I am passionate about what this school, and its Athletic Department and SGA has to offer to all its students. My hope in being accepted into this position is to share my passion for this school, and pass on the wonderful tradition that is Monroe.”

## C. Office of Student Life & Leadership Development Advisor Stewart...

**Advisor Stewart** reminded everyone that the Student Life Fair is Wednesday, February 1; she encouraged everyone to attend. She also suggested that students read the Student Tribune. Information regarding the college being closed beginning February 18 at 5:00 p.m. until February 22 at 5:00 a.m. for an essential upgrade can be found there; faculty will also be talking about it.

## IV. NEW BUSINESS

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

#### a. Resolution to approve Kierra Winston as the Diversity Coordinator

*Resolved*, that the Senate approves the appointment of Kierra Winston as the Diversity Coordinator for the 2011-2012 Academic Year.

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve Kierra Winston as the Diversity Coordinator.

Senator Jackson-Harris so moved, seconded by Senator Isaacs.

Discussion:

Kierra was not able to attend the Senate Meeting; President Gray read a statement from her.

President Gray stated that Kierra applied for a position with the SGA last semester but due to her class schedule she could not participate. She adjusted her schedule for the Spring semester which will enable her to participate as well as balance her work and class schedules.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Senate unanimously approves the appointment of Kierra Winston as Diversity Coordinator for the 2011-2012 Academic Year.

#### b. Resolution to approve Amanda Villanueva as the Public Relations Coordinator

*Resolved*, that the Senate approves the appointment of Amanda Villanueva as the Public Relations Coordinator for the 2011-2012 Academic Year.

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve Amanda Villanueva as the Public Relations Coordinator.

Senator Kelly so moved, seconded by Senator Snyder.

Discussion:

President Gray stated that from his interview with Amanda and her attendance at the Presidential Cabinet meetings, he feels she is the right person for this new position. She has already helped him develop a power point presentation and with advertisement for his Follow Me @ MCC program.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Senate unanimously approves the appointment of Amanda Villanueva as the Public Relations Coordinator for the 2011-2012 Academic Year.

**c. Resolution to approve Sara Stevens as the Elections Coordinator**

*Resolved*, that the Senate approves the appointment of Sara Stevens as the Elections Coordinator for the 2011-2012 Academic Year.

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve Sara Stevens as the Elections Coordinator.

Senator Isaacs so moved, seconded by Deputy Speaker Childers.

Discussion:

Sara introduced herself and mentioned that she is a second semester student and is looking for something to do where she can help make a difference on campus.

Deputy Speaker Childers informed her that the Elections Coordinator is a big job and those who are not running for a position for next year can help her.

Senator Bynes mentioned that she went through the process before and is willing to help.

President Gray stated that when he interviewed Sara he liked what he heard and he is looking forward to a higher percentage of voter turnout.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Senate unanimously approves the appointment of Sara Stevens as the Elections Coordinator for the 2011-2012 Academic Year.

**d. Resolution to approve Hassan Ali as the Finance Coordinator**

*Resolved*, that the Senate approves the appointment of Hassan Ali as the Finance Coordinator for the 2011-2012 Academic Year.

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve Hassan Ali as the Finance Coordinator.

Senator Valone so moved, seconded by Senator Snyder.

Discussion:

Hassan was unable to attend the meeting; President Gray read a statement from him.

Senator Jackson-Harris stated that the SGA needs a Finance Coordinator and he feels Hassan is more than suitable for the position.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Senate unanimously approves the appointment of Hassan Ali as the Finance Coordinator for the 2011-2012 Academic Year.

**e. Resolution of Support regarding the recommended site of Monroe Community College's new downtown campus**

*Resolved*, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association (Brighton Campus) firmly believes that the recommended site of Monroe Community College's new downtown campus is in the best interest of the students, and finally be it

*Resolved*, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association supports the recommendation made by the Monroe Community College Board of Trustees.

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve support for the recommended site of Monroe Community College's new downtown campus.

Senator Snyder so moved, seconded by Senator Isaacs.

Discussion:

Senator Snyder thanked the Senate for bringing this resolution forward. He stated that the Kodak site was chosen because it would be a more reasonable investment of taxpayer funds. By owning a downtown campus, MCC can then invest more resources into academics and student services. It also gives MCC the ability and the space to grow as enrollment increases. He believes that the MCC Board of Trustees had the best interest of the students in mind when they made the recommendation. He also stated that Student Trustee Megan Scott has done a phenomenal job in voicing the student's needs and concerns.

President Gray congratulated Senator Snyder for the good job he did with the resolution and stated that he is happy it is on the table.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association (Brighton Campus) unanimously supports the recommendation made by the Monroe Community College Board of Trustees.

**f. Resolution to approve Parade Committee Member**

*Resolved*, that the Senate consents to the appointment of Jason Childers to sit on the St. Patrick's Day 2012 Parade Committee for the 2011-2012 Academic Year.

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve Parade Committee Member.

Senator Bynes so moved, seconded by Senator Snyder.

Discussion:

President Gray stated that Deputy Speaker Childers has played an instrumental role in the parade project. He will be working with other clubs and organizations.

Deputy Speaker Childers stated that his will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> year that MCC has participated in the parade. Last year they purchased t-shirts so that they looked like one group. This year they are working on getting a flag and having a banner made. During the summer the Celtic Society will be working on next year's parade.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Senate approves Jason Childers to sit on the St. Patrick's Day 2012 Parade Committee for the 2011-2012 Academic Year with one abstention.

**g. Resolution to approve the Elections Packet for the 2012 Student Government Association**

*Resolved*, that the SGA Senate approves the Elections Packet for the 2012 Student Government Association.

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve the Elections Packet for the 2012 Student Government Association.

Senator Coulombe so moved, seconded by Senator Isaacs.

Discussion:

President Gray stated that he hopes the elections packet is approved today so the new Elections Coordinator, Sara Stevens, can get working on the elections.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the SGA Senate unanimously approves the Elections Packet for the 2012 Student Government Association.

**IV. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Advisor Stewart mentioned that there is a Blood Drive on Wednesday, February 8.

President Gray mentioned that the new Diversity Coordinator Kierra Winston will be taking over the Blood Drive responsibilities and that a volunteer signup sheet will be posted soon.

Senator Snyder thanked the Senate for passing the resolution to support the new downtown campus site.

Speaker Blue stated that this is a good example of Brighton and Damon working together.

Speaker Blue thanked the Office of Student Life & Leadership Development for presenting him with the Speaker Gavel. He appreciates being allowed to be part of the Senate.

President Gray told Speaker Blue that the Student Government appreciates him and encouraged him to keep up the good work.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:09 p.m. Speaker Blue called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Jackson-Harris so moved, seconded by Senator Bynes.

The motion passed. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Brennan  
SA Secretary