



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR  
Tuesday, April 28, 2015 2:15 PM-Forums (3-130)**

**Student Senators:**

Senator Greco  
Senator Tower  
Senator Frost  
Senator Jackson  
Senator Viele-*absent*

**Speaker of the Senate:**

Jeremy Carmichael

**Deputy Speaker:**

Michael Lavere

**President:**

Suhail Prasathong-*absent*

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Rebecca Herzog-*absent*

**SA Secretary:**

Lisa Truman

**Visitors:** Emily Loson, Dungeons & Dragons Club; Nicalos Jasak, Veterans Club; Ekaterina Jones, PTK/MCC Student Trustee; Andy Binder, MCC Student; Cynthia Cooper, MCC Marketing & Community Relations; Janet Ekis, MCC Marketing & Community Relations; Edin Polozanin, MCC Student; Kristal White, MCC Student; Deidre Pullen, MCC Student.

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

**A. Roll Call (See attendance above)**

**B. Approval of the April 21, 2015 Minutes.**

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the April 21, 2015 SGA Minutes.

Senator Greco so moved, seconded by Senator Frost.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association** approves the April 21, 2015 Minutes as written.

**C. Deputy Speaker Lavere asks for a motion to move the Discussion Item before the Action Items in the agenda due to a scheduling conflict with the presenters.**

Senator Greco Seconds.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved,** the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the motion to move the Discussion Item before the Action Items in today's Agenda.

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

Cynthia Cooper and Janet Ekis from MCC's Marketing and Community Relations Department spoke on the reduction and eventual discontinuation of the paper copies of the MCC College Catalog. After researching the amount of catalogs sold and number of times the course information was reviewed on-line, it became evident that people were using the on-line catalog primarily for course descriptions. The printed copies have been reduced from previous printed copies of 36,000 per academic calendar to 4,000. The majority of printed copies sold were due to a requirement of a class and this can still be accomplished by utilizing the on-line version, which will allow you to either print the catalog in its entirety or print specific sections. The on-line version is also searchable in PDF format. MCC is committed to sustainability and this would certainly be a benefit to the cause. Other colleges and universities have already discontinued printed versions of its catalog and MCC would like to follow suit. The content of the catalog would also be pared down to what is most

viewed, and discussions of links within the on-line version to other information would be provided. The first and foremost goal is to best serve the students, and provide necessary information in the most efficient way possible.

### III. REPORTS

#### **Speaker Carmichael**

He apologized for his absence last week, he was under the weather. His main concentration has been ensuring we are prepared for the elections. He thanked Senator Jackson for her hard work and great design for our election t-shirt. All will have a chance to win an election t-shirt if you participate in our Election Day Scavenger Hunt. Please spread the word about the upcoming elections. We would like a large voter turnout.

#### **Senator Viele** *(read by Deputy Speaker Lavere in his absence)*

After searching and pricing cupcakes for the upcoming election, he was able to secure a very good deal. He felt having cupcakes given to voters will provide incentive so more students will participate in the elections. He has been campaigning this past week and has received a lot of important feedback from students. He has also gone around campus promoting the election and advocated for voting in general. He is hopeful the SGA can look into the concerns of students next year and work on solutions.

#### **Senator Jackson**

The scavenger hunt is coming together for the elections and she and other Senators have been working hard. She is still gaining knowledge as to her roll in the Senate and the SGA process in general. She is looking forward to the elections next week and is hopeful more than 2% of the student body will participate this year.

#### **Senator Greco**

International Day was today and he volunteered at the event. There were many talented and inspiring people performing and it was a fun afternoon and luncheon. He has been initiating contact and communication with the clubs and sharing information on upcoming events.

#### **Senator Frost**

For the past few weeks, she has been working on elections along with her fellow Senators. She has been working on the Election Scavenger Hunt as well. She is sad the semester is coming to an end, but looks forward to many accomplishments in the SGA next semester.

#### **Senator Tower**

Over the past few weeks, he has been speaking at several club meetings. He has been re-elected as a S.U.N.Y. Representative for two-year schools.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

#### **a. Resolution to approve \$360.00 in funding to the Dungeons and Dragons Club to purchase books and necessary club items.**

*Resolved*, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the \$360.00 in funding to the Dungeons and Dragons Club.

**Speaker Carmichael** called for a motion to approve the resolution to approve the funding.

Senator Jackson so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.

**Discussion:** Emily Loson, from the Dungeon and Dragons Club was in attendance. These supplies are necessary to keep the club in existence and to fully play the game correctly. It is a very complex game and rulebooks are needed as well as other game items.

#### **A vote was taken.**

***Be it resolved***, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the \$360.00 to the Dungeons and Dragons club to purchase books and necessary club items.

#### **b. Resolution to approve the Revised Student Government Association Constitution.**

*Resolved*, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the Revised Student Government Association Constitution and it will appear on the ballot for the upcoming 2015-2016 SGA Elections.

**Speaker Carmichael** called for a motion to approve the Revised Student Government Association Constitution. Senator Greco so moved, seconded by Senator Jackson.

**Discussion:** Deputy Speaker Lavere, Senator Tower, Senator Noble, and other MCC students worked on this constitution. The goal was to create a workable government and a more sustainable Student Government

Association. It is the opinion of all that this is exactly what was accomplished. Deputy Speaker Lavere hopes to have everyone's support. It is a more efficient document with set rolls and responsibilities that will allow the SGA to operate more efficiently.

**A vote was taken.**

***Be it resolved,*** the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the Revised Student Government Association Constitution and it will appear on the ballot for the upcoming 2015-2016 SGA Elections.

**V. DISCUSSION ITEM**

Ginny Geer-Mentry, MCC Association Director, and Todd Garnier, MCC Association Finance Manager, discussed the 2015-2015 MCC Association Budget Draft. They have provided a power-point presentation for all to view which outlines the proposed budget, and shows the budget changes from last year to the new budget draft presented. The budget process starts in December for the upcoming year. In April, the draft is presented to the SGA, SEGA, and the Finance Committee. The upcoming budget draft takes into account declining enrollment. There are increases in Student Life Fees and First Year Experience/Orientation. Some of this increase is due to the mandatory minimum-wage increase, which has impacted several areas on campus. It is the goal of the MCC Association to have this as transparent a process as possible, and she invites all to call or come in to ask any questions or address any concerns.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

*There was no old business.*

**VII. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Advisor Stewart reminds all the SGA Elections are coming up May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. Advisor Stewart hopes all will support the new SGA Constitution. A lot of hard work went into creating the best document possible, and she is pleased with the finished product. There will be copies at each polling location for all to review. The "Meet the Candidates" event went very well yesterday. Candidates went out into the dining area with pizza and introduced themselves. She wished good luck to all in the upcoming elections. Please remember poll workers are needed, especially at the ATC. Please contact Lu Muntanga the Elections Coordinator, or Lisa Truman, the SGA Secretary.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion for adjournment.  
The meeting was adjourned at 3:23pm.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Truman  
SA Secretary