



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, March 27, 2012
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)**

Student Senators:

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

President:

Michael Gray

Vice President:

Kelly Bynes

Speaker/At-Large Senator

Scott Blue

Deputy Speaker/Service Clubs Senator

Jason Childers

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart-Absent

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

SL&LD Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog

Visitors: Dick Ryther, Student Services; Ginny Geer-Mentry, MCC Association, Inc.; Shirley Batista-Provost; Billy Mitchell, Dungeons & Dragons; Alyssa Palmieri, Alec Vozzy, Steve Powers, Engineering Leadership Council; Brian Hawes, BASIC; Lexi Nesbitt, Campus Ambassadors; Tylifa Milton, Tom Carlin, Hospitality Club; John Dooley, Andy Binder, students; Lisa Armstrong, Alumni; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:19 p.m.)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

There was no one to Speak to the Senate.

III. REPORTS

A. Deputy Speaker

Deputy Speaker Childers...

- March 6th he attended SUNY Palooza to campaign for more money for Community Colleges. At a meeting with Assemblyman Joe Morelle's staffer, he related his story about being a non-traditional student, and how increases in college tuition affect the household budget, especially after the loss of one income.
- March 17th about 50 students and staff, including MCC President Dr. Anne Kress, marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Contingents from the Celtic Society; SGA; CAB; the Student Music Association (a 2 drum, 4 flute corps); the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Project; several athletes; and the Pool and Billiards Club were there; as well as single representatives from ΦΘΚ and WMCC the Fuse. He thanks the Parade Committee for getting the word out and providing input for the t-shirt design; Senator Jess Coulombe for getting the Athlete Contingent; huge thanks to Pamela Hutton for an outstanding job on the final shirt design. Also thank you Dr. Jeff Bartkovich, Donna Allen, and Professor Jeff Jones for their constant support and supplies; Global Union for use of their flags; Socrates Maura and the Monroe Doctrine for the article; and DCC's Human Service Club for their contribution. You also know when you have done a good job when you are sent a compliment from the College President's mom. So a "hi" and a "thank you" go out to Mrs. Mary Lou Kress.

B. President

President Gray...

- The Presidential Cabinet has been hard at work for the past several weeks with various activities that have already occurred and some that will be occurring in the near future.
- The Student Government elections are underway. He commends Elections Coordinator Sara Stevens for bringing this process up to speed and ensuring that all the candidates are given all the proper information. Members of the commission are being added and those members will be made public at the next Senate meeting by the elections coordinator.

- The Finance Coordinator and the Finance Committee have been hard at work representing SGA and working with various clubs and organizations to ensure successful trips and programs both on and off campus.
- Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Project held their annual Dialogs on Diversity program on March 14th with guest speaker Rose Mapendo, a survivor of a Congolese Death Camp. He commends and applauds HGHRP for how well they represented the Student Association and the college.
- March 17 – 20, 2012 he traveled to Washington, DC with Speaker Blue, Senator Jackson Harris, and Vice President Bynes for the ASACC Spring Advocacy Conference. They met with education staff members from Senator Schumer’s office and Congresswoman Slaughter’s office. He stated that MCC is the leading example of what a Community College should be across the United States. SUNY has also played a vital role in higher education on the national level with Chancellor Zimpher working with President Obama to create higher standards to make higher education more affordable but the best quality as well. He attended workshops on “Ways to Jump Start and Maintain Your SGA”.
- The Follow Me @ MCC program is underway. The high school counselors have begun responding to the invitation; 17 students are already signed up. He will be reaching out to the Student Leaders who signed up to volunteer.
- The September 11 Remembrance Ceremony planning is just about complete.

C. Senators

Senator Coulombe...

- MCC Swim Team – she swam for MCC at the National Tournament at Indian River State College in Florida. Overall MCC took the National Non-scholarship Champion Award, both men’s and women’s, as well as Coach of the Year, Scott Josephson, for his hard work all season with the one and only Tribune diver Alaiya Tuntemeke. A freshman, Alaiya took first place for 1-meter and third place for the 3-meter board. Sophomore Jennifer Conklin won Non-Scholar Swimmer of the Year. The women’s team gained recognition as an NJCAA National Top-Five Team, while with a collective effort; the Tribunes won the Al Zamsky Non-Scholarship Award and the Spyke Johnson Non-Scholarship Award. It was an amazing experience and she is grateful that Monroe gave her the opportunity to be successful in the classroom as well as the pool.
- Homecoming 2012 - any and all student involvement would be greatly appreciated so anyone that is interested in helping please contact her in the Senate office 3-127 or go to the Office of Student Life and Leadership Development for more information.
- Save the date for May 12 and 13: the NJCAA Women’s Lacrosse National Championship is being held here at MCC! Come out and support our Tribunes!

Senator Jackson-Harris...

- Green Week, April 16 - April 20, is being finalized with the combined efforts of himself, Vice President Bynes, OAU President Will Barker, Coordinator Winston, and Senator Valone as well as all the other individuals, clubs, and organizations involved. The hope is to bring a fun and impactful experience to the Monroe Community College student body and campus as a whole.

Senator Snyder...

- Campus Activates Board:
 - ✓ Next year’s homecoming is being planned.
 - ✓ Maci Bookout from MTV’s Teen Mom program has been confirmed. She will be talking about teen pregnancy and her struggles to complete school while pregnant. The event will take place on April 18, from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm in Monroe A & B.
 - ✓ “Speak Out Against Violence” Open Mic is being sponsored by CAB, WMCC the Fuse, and Cabbages and Kings. The event, which is part of MCC’s 3rd annual Enough is Enough campaign, will take place from 11:30am to 1:30pm in the North Atrium.
 - ✓ A Scavenger Hunt will take place on April 23rd in the Campus Center Atrium 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.
 - ✓ Spring Fling will be held on May 2nd in parking lot A. The theme this year is Mardi-Gras.
 - ✓ A Battle of the Bands will take place on May 7 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the Campus Center Atrium.
 - ✓ Applications are being accepted for the 2012-2013 Campus Activities Board Director position, and other E-Board positions. If interested, stop at the CAB office 3-132. CAB is still looking for active members. Active Member meetings take place every Wednesday, from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the CAB office 3-132.
- SUNY Student Assembly – he attended the Executive Committee meeting March 17 & 18 at Farmingdale State College. The Farmingdale Student Government Task Force, composed of several students, faculty, and administration, gave an excellent and eye-opening presentation regarding the structuring of their new student government after losing its recognition about a year ago. The SUNY SA Spring Conference will take place on April 27-29 in Liverpool, NY. Elections for next year’s group will take place at the conference.

E. Office of Student Life & Leadership Advisor

Advisor Herzog announcements:

- Club/Organization Award Applications are due April 6.
- Maci Bookout from MTV's Teen Mom is being sponsored by CAB and the FYE Office. Maci has a very inspiring story; there will be a meet and greet at the end.
- The next Talk About Something That Matters event will be about Sexual Harassment and will take place on Tuesday, April 3 in the Forum after the SGA Senate meeting.
- The Student Awards Banquet is May 18; she reminded the student leaders to get their bios in.
- The Enough is Enough Program will take place the week of April 2-5. She highlighted some of the 28 programs that will take place during the week.

F. Committee Reports

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony Committee:

President Gray mentioned that President Emeritus Flynn has been invited as a guest speaker. There will be a flag folding ceremony and possibly a bagpiper.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. The following resolution came from committee – Senator Jackson-Harris read the resolution.

Resolution to approve the funding of \$5,419.78 to the Engineering Leadership Council

Resolved, that the SGA Senate consents to the funding of \$5,419.78 to the Engineering Leadership Council to sponsor the event Design Build Fly.

Discussion:

Alec Vozzy, Engineering Leadership Council President, thanked the Senate for their continued support. He explained that the Design Build Fly Competition is both educational and fun; MCC will be the only Community College at the Competition.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously consents to the funding of \$5,419.78 to the Engineering Leadership Council to sponsor the event Design Build Fly.

Speaker Blue asked him to advise next year's group to get the paperwork for the competition in much earlier than they did this year.

b. The following resolution came from committee – Senator Valone read the resolution.

Resolution to approve the funding of \$4,000 to the Hospitality Club

Resolved, that the SGA Senate consents to the funding of \$4,000 to the Hospitality Club to sponsor the event Educational Trip to Chicago.

Discussion:

Tylifa Milton, Hospitality Club President, explained that the funding is for travel to the National Restaurant Association educational conference and trade show in Chicago, May 5-8. There will be 70 educational sessions, tours of Chicago hotels and President Bill Clinton will be presenting. He stated that the club has started fundraising for the trip and he thanked the SGA for their support.

President Gray asked him to come back to the Senate after the conference with a presentation about what they did.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously consents to the funding of \$4,000.00 to the Hospitality Club to sponsor the event Educational Trip to Chicago.

Speaker Blue also asked him to advise next year's group to get the paperwork for the conference in much earlier than they did this year.

c. The following resolution came from committee – Senator Coulombe read the resolution.

Resolution to approve the funding of \$300.00 to Campus Ambassadors

Resolved, that the Senate consents to the funding of \$300.00 to Campus Ambassadors to sponsor the event Love Justice Dance.

Discussion:

Lexi Nesbitt, Campus Ambassadors Advisor, explained that the event is to bring about awareness regarding slave prostitution. There will be 11 dancers telling the story of children rescued from slave prostitution. One of the dancers is a 12 year old who was rescued. The event will take place on April 20.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously consents to the funding of \$300.00 to Campus Ambassadors to sponsor the event Love Justice Dance.

V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Senator Isaacs reminded everyone that they have three days to pick up Elections packets.

Shirley Batista-Provost announced that auditions for Expression of the Arts will take place tomorrow, March 28 in the Empire Room.

President Gray announced that all pending fund requests have been approved and there is still time to sign up for the Spelling Bee which will take place on April 18.

Senator Valone asked the members of the Engineering Leadership Council to explain the Design Build Fly plane and what it has to do. Alec Vozzy explained the process.

Senator Coulombe announced that on Wednesday, April 4, Jamie Nabozny will be on campus as part of the Enough is Enough Campaign. Jamie will speak about the movie Bullied.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 3:02 p.m. Speaker Blue called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Isaacs so moved, seconded by Senator Snyder. The motion passed. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Brennan
SA Secretary