



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR  
Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 2:15 PM-Forum (3-130)**

**Student Senators:**

Senator Broadnax  
Senator Donnelly-absent  
Senator Noble  
Senator Polozanin  
Senator Tower

**Speaker of the Senate:**

Jeremy Carmichael-absent

**Deputy Speaker:**

Michael Lavere

**President:**

Mark White

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart-absent

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Rebecca Herzog

**SA Secretary:**

Lisa Truman

**Visitors:** Bethany Ruggero, MCC Student; Christopher Cormack, Celtic Society; Evan Marcellus, Celtic Society; India Stallworth, CUFI; Gabriel Roth, CUFI; Katya Mailloux-Kuz, Travel Club; April Newman, Campus Ambassadors; Benjamin Lapchuk, Campus Ambassadors; Douglas Williams, VOR; Diane Cheasty, Travel Club Advisor; Shirley B. Provost, OSLLD; Debra Dwyer, Public Safety; David Schuh, Student Music Association; Christopher Piro, Public Safety; Dr. Susan Baker, Student Services.

**I. CALL TO ORDER (2:20pm)**

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

**B. Approval of the September 23, 2014 Minutes.**

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the September 23, 2014 Minutes.

Senator Tower so moved, seconded by Senator Broadnax.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association,** approves the September 23, 2014 Minutes as written.

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

Assistant Director Debra Dwyer and Coordinator Christopher Piro of Public Safety spoke with Dr. Susan Baker on the Tobacco Free Policy that is in a soft rollout at this time at MCC. The hard rollout will begin on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015, and stricter enforcement will begin. While the goal is to have the entire MCC community assist in enforcing this policy, Public Safety will approach individuals who are violating the policy and remind them MCC is a Tobacco Free Campus and they will have to extinguish or remove any tobacco product in use. MCC will have smoking cessation products and assistance available at Health Services. There are questions regarding the use of "Smoke Free" and "Tobacco Free" being interchanged during this discussion, and President White clarifies this is a Tobacco Free policy and does include chewing tobacco. He would like to see professors enforce this rule while in class, as he has witnessed students chewing tobacco in class. Debra Dwyer stated she would like to see that as well, as it is a collaborative effort to enforce this policy and in effect change the culture here at MCC. Senator Tower asks how exactly will the policy be enforced, and what will the penalty be for violating the policy. Dr. Susan Baker tells all a student will be asked to extinguish/remove any tobacco products, and given a verbal warning. If the individual complies, the warning will remain just that. If there are repeat violators who continually violate the policy and are seen around campus doing so, they will meet with a representative of Student Services, and issued a letter of reported policy violation. These letters and meetings will be tracked to see if further action is required on an individual basis. The concern of faculty and staff using tobacco products has been addressed by departments, and Debra Dwyer and Dr. Baker feel this has been successful. Christopher Piro tells all this is a policy adopted by all SUNY schools, and this is not exclusive to MCC. MCC does not want this to

turn into a situation where someone will be fined, his hope is this will be an adaptable cultural change that will take place over time. Senator Broadnax asks who should be contacted if there are issues in the Residence Halls, or students who are stating they were unfairly targeted. Debra Dwyer said she would be glad to assist in such matters, please contact her. Advisor Herzog tells Mr. Piro there are still signs in some areas of campus that are from the old smoking policy, and he is going to look into that and have them removed. Student Trustee Poloznik offers his assistance if anyone has any concerns or questions. Please feel free to contact him.

Shirley Battista-Provost spoke about the Model UN. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Model UN that MCC will have participated in, and they will attend the conference in New York City. The Model UN is an exciting opportunity to truly put yourself in the mindset of someone from another country. You will immerse yourself in that country's cultures, values, and philosophies. You will in essence be a diplomat from that country. Model UN is not a debate class, or part of SGA. It is really not part of government at all. It is a simulation of the real United Nations, and diplomats from other countries. A student in model UN will learn all about the foreign policies, allies, and enemies of the country they represent. It is a wonderful experience to be in NYC, amongst your peers and to immerse yourself in a different culture. This is a competitive program, which receives many applications.

A brief video overview is shown to all from the 2013 Model UN trip to New York City. Please contact Shirley Battista-Provost with questions or interest.

### III. REPORTS

#### **Deputy Speaker Lavere**

He and Speaker Carmichael met with Dr. Lloyd Holmes about increasing school spirit and a sense of community here at MCC. He came out of the meeting with the following objectives; first to begin working with the First Year Experience program regarding an official cheering section of MCC athletics, the Trib-Unit. Second, he will be getting in contact with the head of Athletics regarding our mascot. The suit will need to be found, then he will be passing out flyers for tryouts to be the mascot and to name the mascot. Finally, Deputy Speaker Lavere will be drafting a proposal to be presented at the next Roundtable meeting for all clubs to compete in a canned food drive during the first week of basketball season. He continues to gather facts regarding a club hockey team, and a possible collaboration with another local college.

#### **Senator Tower**

He has been working steadily on recruiting new members for the SGA. Senator Tower also volunteered at our Homecoming Carnival assisting in set-up and teardown as well as working at the tables. He is also researching a possible reinstatement with the American Student Government Association (ASGA).

#### **Advisor Herzog**

She was very proud and appreciative to see the SGA out in force at the Homecoming Carnival. She thanked the SGA for all their support and is glad we are all one big team. Do not miss guest speaker Jesus Nebot tomorrow. He will be speaking on immigration issues at noon. He will also be conducting a Leadership Workshop where all are welcome from each club and organization. This workshop can accommodate as many members as you would like to send, and will be held during the regular Roundtable meeting at 4:00pm tomorrow.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. Action Items

##### **a. Resolution to approve Presidential Cabinet Members**

*Resolved*, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the appointment of Tori Smith, William Green, and Douglas Williams to the Presidential Cabinet for the 2014-2015 Academic Year.

**Deputy Speaker Lavere** called for a motion to approve the Committee Members.

Senator Polozanin so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**A vote was taken.**

***Be it resolved***, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the motion to approve Presidential Cabinet Members.

##### **b. Resolution to remove Campus Activities Board Senator position from the By-Laws.**

*Resolved*, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the removal of the Campus Activities Board Senator position from the By-Laws.

**Deputy Speaker Lavere** called for a motion to approve the Committee Members.

Senator Tower so moved, seconded by Senator Noble.

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved**, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the motion to remove the Campus Activities Board Senator position from the By-Laws.

**c. Resolution to approve \$2585.00 in funding for the Campus Ambassador's Fall Retreat at Camp Pinnacle.**

*Resolved*, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the funding of \$2585.00 for the Campus Ambassador's Fall Retreat.

**Deputy Speaker Lavere** called for a motion to approve the Committee Members.

Senator Tower so moved, seconded by Senator Noble.

**Discussion:**

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved**, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate denies the motion for \$2585.00 in funding for the Campus Ambassadors Fall Retreat.

**d. Resolution to recognize SGA Members for success in hosting an event.**

*Resolved*, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association recognizes Speaker of the Senate, Jeremy Carmichael for his initiative, planning, and coordinating the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony of 2014.

**Deputy Speaker Lavere** called for a motion to recognize SGA for success in hosting an event.

Senator Tower so moved, seconded by Senator Noble.

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved**, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate recognizes SGA Members for success in hosting an event.

**e. Resolution to recognize SGA & CAB Members for success in hosting an event.**

*Resolved*, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association recognizes CAB/SGA Advisor Rebecca Herzog, CAB Director Rebecca Rumfola, CAB E-Board, CAB Members and volunteers for a successful and engaging 2014 Homecoming Carnival.

**Deputy Speaker Lavere** called for a motion to recognize SGA & CAB Members for success in hosting an event.

Senator Polozanin so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved**, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate recognizes SGA & CAB Members for success in hosting an event.

**f. Resolution to recognize SGA Members for success in hosting an event.**

*Resolved*, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association recognizes Senator Jacqueline Donnelly for her dedication and planning our Constitution Day event.

**Deputy Speaker Lavere** called for a motion to approve the Committee Members.

Senator Noble so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved**, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate recognizes SGA Members for success in hosting an event.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Resolution to approve \$3587.10 in funding for the Travel Clubs' Caribbean MSC Divina Cruise.**

*Resolved*, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the resolution of \$3587.10 in funding for the Travel Clubs' Caribbean MSC Divina Cruise.

**Speaker Carmichael** called for a motion to table this resolution for detail clarification until the next meeting.

Senator Broadnax so moved, seconded by Senator Noble.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved**, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the motion to table this resolution again, until next week's SGA meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**VI. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

There were no questions or comments.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**A vote was taken.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26pm.

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Truman  
SA Secretary