



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, December 11, 2012, 2:15 PM, Forum 3-130**

Student Senators:

Athletics Senator Hinz
Health, Business Senator Kim
Liberal Arts Senator Habte
Media Senator Savarese
Residence Hall Senator Walters
Social Club Senator Wynn
Technical Education Senator Jackson
Service Club Senator Patnode
Academic Club Senator Jasmine Fleming

President:

Scott Blue

Vice President:

Shanel Montalvo

Speaker:

Rabbil Jackson-Harris

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

SL&LD Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog

SA Secretary

Elizabeth Flanagan

Visitors: Andy Binder, Student; Suzanne Fava, WMCC, The Fuse; Jason Childers, Celtic Society; Dick Ryther, Student Services, Mark White, Nelson Clark

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:15 pm)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of December 4, 2012 Minutes

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion to approve the minutes of December 4, 2012.

Senator Jackson so moved, seconded by Senator Habte.

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association unanimously approves the December 4, 2012 minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Andy Binder, student, approached the Senate inquiring about the status of double-sided printing for the Interdisciplinary Center. It is currently in process. Andy looks forward to the resolution of this issue.

President Blue mentioned that tonight at 6:00 PM, legislators will be voting on MCC's potential move to the Kodak building. A discussion ensued about the benefits this would bring to the MCC community as a whole, and how the move would save MCC \$10 million. Anyone who is available to join the MCC community in support of the vote this evening is encouraged to do so.

III. REPORTS

Senator Walters

This week has been eventful and successful.

The Red Cross blood drive (Dec 5&6) had a good turnout with over 70 donors. I want to thank the senators who volunteered.

On November 30th, I had a meeting with Dave Graupman (RD) to discuss the ecoreps program and excessive trash in the stairwells. We are currently working with the custodial staff to solve the issues.

I have scheduled a meeting on December 17th to introduce myself to Shelitha Williams, the Director of Housing and Residential Life. This Wednesday, December 12th, I will be attending the Appeals Committee hearings, and on Thursday, December 13th, I will be attending the Interdisciplinary hearing from 1-3pm.

Senator Habte

Two weeks ago, I attended a workshop with Senator Savarese and Senator Jackson to help us with our writing skills. I attended a Civility Committee meeting on Wednesday. I've contacted the women who run the Undecided Students' Newsletter, and they said they will keep me informed on events around school. In the next week I will hopefully get more information on current events going on around the school that are associated with my department.

Senator Savarese

The Cabbages and Kings workshop on November 29 was very well done. Senators Jackson and Habte attended it with me. Their open mic on December 6 was also well attend and very successful.

The Monroe Doctrine has just printed their newest paper. I encourage you all to read it. There are many staff writer positions and some editor positions that have yet to be filled with the Monroe Doctrine.

Senator Jackson

The past two weeks have been a learning experience. I want to thank Nelson for helping me get the surveys over to the ATC. Also for encouraging the students to fill and return the surveys out before they went on break. I attended a cabbages and king meeting with Kyle and Haben. Last week I helped with the blood drive. I think that it was very successful. Conclusion: In the weeks to come I hope to have a lot of people turn in the surveys. I hope to begin putting data together from the surveys.

Senator Fleming

Thanks to all for welcoming me. I've not yet joined a committee, but I'm working on that and will provide updates.

Advisor Stewart

Thanks to all and congratulations on a job well done with the Blood Drive. I echo President Blue's statement about the event at 6:00 PM this evening regarding MCC's possible move to the old Kodak building. This move would benefit not only the Damon Center, but MCC as a whole.

Thanks to all for their great work in the Atrium today with the College Orientation Seminar.

Be sure to register for the spring semester as soon as possible. The firm deadline for registration is January 15th. Be sure to encourage other students to do so, as well. Please note that next Wednesday, December 19th is Express Enrollment Day. Spread the word, and please let me know if you would like to volunteer and help out new students.

Advisor McCauley

Study! It really helps! This is the time of year when studying is especially important. Please work hard and continue your adherence to academic honesty.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate Vote)

a. Resolution to approve the petition for charter for Human Behavioral Research Group

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion for this first resolution. Senator Savarese so moved. A second was not necessary in this case as this was proposed by committee.

Senator Savarese indicated that it would be prudent for all senators to have an opportunity to communicate with members of this group prior to approval. For this reason, he suggested tabling it for now. Senator Savarese so moved this suggestion, which was seconded by Senator Walters. A discussion

ensued regarding the pros and cons of this suggestion. Senator Savarese so moved this suggestion, which was seconded by Senator Walters. A vote was taken on this suggestion.

It was determined that the Brighton Campus Student Government approves the tabling of the decision for the charter of the Human Behavioral Research Group to a future date.

b. Resolution to approve members of the Presidential Cabinet

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion for this second resolution. Senator Walters so moved, seconded by Senator Kim. President Blue spoke in favor of this resolution. He expressed how Mark White meets the needs of veterans as he can well relate to their unique challenges. Mark is an excellent candidate for this position and President Blue strongly supports this choice. Mark White then approached the Senate, and expressed his interest in helping the entire community of veterans, and noted the great need to support those struggling with PTSD. He strives to provide resources that will help all veterans. A vote was taken.

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves the appointment of Mark White as Commissioner of Veteran Affairs for the 2012-2013 Academic Year.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Senator Walters thanked everyone who helped out with the Blood Drive. She also congratulated Senator Kim on his great work with the Health Fair, and Week of Care. Speaker Jackson-Harris echoed her sentiment, along with Advisor Stewart. Advisor Stewart added that she met three students who became interested in becoming medical assistants after attending the Health Fair. Such interest exemplifies the event's success.

Suzanne Fava of WMCC, the Fuse, reminded everyone that tomorrow (12/12/12) is the ROC the Day event which raises money for charities. Give \$12.00 on 12/12/12 and help support Student Services.

Speaker Jackson-Harris reminded everyone that there will be no senate meeting next week.

President Blue indicated that this is the final senate meeting of this semester, and gave thanks to all for being the most productive SGA team. Appreciation was extended to Nelson Clark for his great work on environmental issues, Vice President Montalvo on her excellent work, and to Speaker Jackson-Harris for his exemplary work as Speaker. He also expressed gratitude to the advisors who steadfastly support and encourage, the cabinet and secretary. Great team!

Speaker Jackson-Harris wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Season's Greetings.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:47 PM, Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Jackson so moved, seconded by Senator Habte. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth V. Flanagan
SA Secretary