



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

Student Senators:

At-Large Senator Guilford
Athletics Senator Hinz
Interdisciplinary Programs Senator Beaty-**absent**
Health, Business Senator Kim
Liberal Arts Senator Habte
Media Senator Savarese
Residence Hall Senator Walters
Service Club Senator Wynn
Technical Education Senator Jackson
Senator Shanel Montalvo

Acting President:

Scott Blue

Vice President:

Acting Speaker:

Rabbil Jackson-Harris

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

SL&LD Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog

Visitors: Suzanne Fava, Yesenia Rivera, WMCC the Fuse; Ailanda Martinez, Chris Nguyen, S.E.G.A.; Benjamin Serbicki, Student; Richard Ryther, Student Services; Catherine Higgins, Elizabeth Flanagan, SA Secretaries.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:15 pm)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of September 25, 2012 Minutes

Acting Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion to approve the minutes of September 25, 2012.

Senator Savarese so moved, seconded by Senator Kim.

Shanel Montalvo proposed that a correction be made for the misspelling of her name. Senator Montalvo so moved, seconded by Senator Kim.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association unanimously approves the September 25, 2012 minutes as amended.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Suzanne Fava, General Manager of WMCC, asked that requests go through the website on Banner for events at which WMCC plays music.

III. REPORTS

Senator Reports

Senator Savarese

Senator Savarese introduced himself as the new Media Senator for the Monroe Community College Student Association. He is a first year student here at MCC. During the past two weeks, he has had the chance to meet with two of the clubs that he represents: Cabbages and Kings, and The Monroe Doctrine. Many good and exciting things are happening with both of these clubs.

Senator Savarese attended the September 18th and 25th meetings of the Cabbages and Kings Club. They have issued their magazine for the school year. They wish to hold some creative writing and

illustration workshops to recruit potential writers and illustrators for their next publication. They also will be holding an open mic at Java's Café during which writers may present their work. Their hope is to hold an open mic the first Thursday of every month.

Additionally, Senator Savarese recently met with The Monroe Doctrine, and found many exciting things happening with them. They had a great first meeting dedicated to encouraging new membership, as only two members of the newspaper remain from last year. As they devote time to the quality training of new reporters and editors, the first publication may be slightly delayed.

Conclusion: Many exciting things are happening with the clubs. He plans on meeting with the WMCC The Fuse radio station and should have a report soon on the progress of that club.

Senator Hinz

Senator Hinz has been very busy with school and work with other senators.

Last Monday, Senators Savarese and Hinz met with Mike Kelly, the Academic Advisor for Athletes, and discussed possible goals for the season. They talked about the new baseball field, which is expected to be open sometime this fall, as well as the excitement about Athletics this year. One of the goals discussed was that of raising attendance for games. Advisor Kelly shared his belief that the fans play a key role during games, and Senator Hinz expressed his full agreement.

Last Saturday, Senator Hinz sent an e-mail to Dudley "Skip" Bailey, Director of Athletics, regarding the hope to meet and get acquainted, as well as establishing goals for the year.

Senator Hinz expressed his extreme excitement to get started, and how much he looks forward to working with the Athletic Students and Directors this week.

Senator Guilford

Senator Guilford indicated that the school year has gotten off to a great start. He has been busy with school work, and orienting himself to the MCC system.

During the past few weeks, he has been meeting with different departments of the college to see how things are going, and address any problems. Most of the departments have indicated that the school year has begun on a positive note.

On Monday of last week, Senator Guilford met with the Director of CAB to discuss working on a talent show for the student body. They will meet again this week to discuss details about this event. He is also working to create a scholarship for students who are in need of books for class. He will be contacting the MCC Association to make these scholarships possible for students requiring assistance. Additionally, he has participated in a few events on campus. One of these events was the Constitution Day event in which he was in charge of encouraging students to register to vote. This was a great success, and over 150 students registered to vote. Senator Guilford also participated in the Student Life Fair.

He noted that he has many new things in the works for this new school year, and he will keep everyone updated on his progress.

Senator Guildford yielded the floor.

Campus Center Advisor

Campus Center Advisor Stewart

Thanked all for the great work with the Leadership Retreat. It was a great opportunity for team building and was a very positive experience. Also, all are strongly encouraged to participate with Homecoming Activities and the athletic program this weekend. All are encouraged to support their peers and enjoy!

Faculty Advisor

Faculty Advisor McCauley

Encouraged all to attend class and study. This is important for success.

Faculty Advisor Herzog

The retreat was awesome. Check out the events such as the Zipline and comedy shows, which are all free! These events are a great way to interact and get involved. The jury is out regarding the pros and cons of fried dough vs. funnel cakes, but apples may be available, and apples make it all good.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to Approve the New Guidelines for the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Finance Committee

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Senate approves of the new guidelines submitted by the Finance Committee for the allocation of funds requested by Clubs.

Acting Speaker Jackson-Harris recognized the motion submitted by the Finance Committee, and Senator Savarese read the motion.

Discussion:

Senator Walters had a question regarding the allocation of funds, and whether or not the outcome would be neutral. Acting Speaker Jackson-Hines indicated that the outcome would be neutral.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves of the new guidelines submitted by the Finance Committee for the allocation of funds requested by Clubs. Resolution to approve Guidelines passed.

VI. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Senator Walters spoke with individuals at Phi theta Kappa regarding their event encouraging students to complete their 2-year degree program with MCC. If interested, please advise.

Advisor Stewart suggested that a plan be developed for understanding the importance of degree-completion sooner rather than later.

Acting Speaker Jackson-Harris invited guests from the Damon Campus to come forward and introduce themselves.

Chris Nguyen came forward and introduced himself as Multi-Campus Coordinator. Acting President Blue added that Chris is serving as liaison between the Damon and Brighton campuses, and is assisting with both student governments in this capacity.

Ailanda Martinez of Damon came forward and introduced herself as the Vice President of Events. She looks forward to working with SGA and enjoying campus-related events.

Acting President Blue and Acting Speaker Jackson-Harris indicated that the Blood Drive to be held on October 3, 2012 from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM is a very positive event and encouraged all to participate. Give blood and be cool like friends from Twilight.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:32 PM, Acting Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Habte so moved, seconded by Senator Guilford. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth V. Flanagan
SA Secretary