



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING MINUTES FOR**  
**Tuesday, December 13, 2011**  
**2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)**

**Student Senators:**

Academic Clubs Senator Valone  
At-Large Senator Isaacs  
CAB Senator Snyder  
Media Senator Bynes  
Social Clubs Senator Jackson-Harris  
Residence Hall Senator Sears-**Absent**

**President:**

Michael Gray-**Late**

**Vice President**

Theresa Ciaccio-**Absent**

**Speaker/At-Large Senator**

Scott Blue

**Deputy Speaker/Service Clubs Senator**

Jason Childers

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart

**Faculty Advisor:**

Joseph McCauley

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Rebecca Herzog-**Late**

**Visitors:** Dick Ryther, Student Services; Shirley Batistta-Provost, Trung Nguyen, Office of Student Life & Leadership Development; Will Barker, OAU; Alex Kates, Evan Ling, Monroe Doctrine; Miranda Kirsop, Lexi Nesbitt, Campus Ambassadors; Alexis Donohue, Honors Council; Brian Hawes, BASIC; Eric Muhammad, SEGA-DCC; Enxhi Panariti, Ben Serbicki, Presidential Cabinet; Christian Nelson, Luis Perez, Students; Melanie Childers; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

**I. CALL TO ORDER (2:15 p.m.)**

**A. Roll Call**

(See attendance above)

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

Enxhi Panariti, Presidential Cabinet Finance Coordinator, made the following announcements: SGA is selling candy canes on December 12 & 14 to raise money for the SGA Private Account; the SA Travel Contingency Account is out of money, all requests for funds will now go to the SGA Contingency Account.

Speaker Blue explained that the SA Travel Contingency has a very small budget and once that is depleted the funds being requested from Clubs and Organizations for travel and events comes from the SGA.

**III. REPORTS**

**A. President**

**President Gray...**

- Board of Trustees Meeting – he attended the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mayor Tom Richards gave a presentation to keep the MCC downtown campus in the Sibley building. The Board then went into executive session and decided to hold the vote for the following Saturday, December 10. He attended the December 10 Board of Trustees meeting to hear the recommendation of the new site for the Damon City Campus. With the selection of the Kodak site, he commends the MCC Board of Trustees, especially Student Trustee Megan Scott, for their hard work and for holding the best interest of the students at the forefront.
- Trip Presentations – at the December 6<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting, Global Union, the Spanish Club and the Travel Club gave presentations on their recent trips. He commends each club who participated and mentioned that their time and effort was noticed and he thanked them.
- Travel & Finance Committee meeting – he attended the committee meeting on Wednesday, December 7 and received a firsthand glance of the process each club and organization goes through to receive funds from the SGA. He would like to commend the Senators and Advisors involved on the committee for their diligence and hard work.
- Follow Me @ MCC – he met with Student Services Coordinator Ukatu to discuss the proposal for Follow Me @ MCC which is a program that will take place in the spring semester. He will present the proposal to Advisor Stewart on December 19.
- ROC the day for the MCC Foundation - ROC the day consisted of numerous not-for-profit organizations who collected donations for their various causes. The MCC Foundation makes numerous scholarships available to the students, and being a recipient of three scholarships, he felt it necessary to give back to future student leaders.

- SUNY Chancellor, Nancy Zimpher – on November 29 he had lunch with Chancellor Zimpher where he asked her about the status of SUNY Veteran Friendly Institutions. She informed him that there was no such thing and she gave him, as well as MCC, the challenge of creating a Veteran Friendly criterion that would give SUNY institutions the status of being Veteran friendly. He will follow up with the MCC Veteran’s Affairs Coordinator to coordinate these efforts.
- Coordinator Reports:
  - CAB Director – December 3 was Breakfast with Santa; a special thanks to Coordinator Serbicki, Senator Bynes, Senator Jackson-Harris, Deputy Speaker Childers, Coordinator Ukatu and President Gray for their help. December 12 was a New Year’s Resolutions event in the Terrace Lounge; December 14 they will be making Zen Gardens in the Terrace Lounge.
  - Finance Coordinator – Candy Cane Sale is going well.
  - Promotions Coordinator – with the help of Senator Isaacs, the SGA Facebook group has over 180 members and still growing.

## **B. Senators**

### **Senator Bynes...**

- Media Organizations:
  - Cabbages & Kings – she attended an officer meeting where they reported that they are in need of submissions for the annual literary magazine; they are also in need of newer equipment that is compatible with their current software.
  - WMCC The Fuse – reported to her that they are currently hindered by extremely outdated or dysfunctional equipment resulting in a less-than-perfect radio product. An example of how this affects the station is that their setup prevents them from utilizing software purchased last year that enables their staff to queue playlists effectively. She has set up meetings to begin the process of helping them remedy these obstacles. The Fuse will be traveling to New York City for their annual trip in March, led by advisor Tamara Hillabush-Walker.
- Campus Activities Board - on December 3 she managed the Student Government’s Hot Chocolate table at Breakfast with Santa. The event was well-organized and traditionally jovial.
- SGA Blood Drive – she volunteered at the December Blood Drive and was happy to see that students are willing to donate between classes and daily activities. The staff is always friendly and extremely thankful for any kind of donation. She encourages students to commit to donating at the next possible opportunity.

### **Senator Jackson-Harris...**

- Social Clubs - since his last report he has connected with the social clubs and has met the officers. He had the chance to play an extra in a Cinema Society production; he looks forward to the spring semester and working with the social clubs from Anime Club to OAU.
- Academic Policies Committee - changes are being made to academic policies regarding placement and placement requirements. He looks forward to bringing effective input to the committee.

### **Senator Valone...**

- Academic Clubs:
  - Geosciences Club - she met with the club officers and Advisor Barone. They reported that their used electronic recycling event went well; it served as a fundraiser for them. The students seemed very enthusiastic about their club and she looks forward to working with them a little more in next semester.
  - Travel Club – she met with Advisor Janet Zinck who reported that they are currently working on a fundraiser, a community service project, and planning for a spring trip. Their Silent Auction fundraiser was held on December 7-9. She met with the President of the club, Christine Brumfield as well as some of her fellow officers. Christine shared her goals for the club and some ideas she has to make the club even better. The club’s community service project will be to send care baskets to soldiers serving overseas. Lastly, the Travel Club hopes to take an educational trip on a Caribbean cruise line to learn some of the tricks of that booming industry. They will get a chance to work behind the scenes of the vessel.
  - Chemistry Club – they invited her to join them on a field trip to the forensic lab which is next to the prison near campus. She saw how Chemistry is used in the professional world and she had the chance to observe several high-tech procedures used to help the medical examiner. She is very thankful to the club and to Dr. Anderson for letting her follow them around.
  - Math Club – was very welcoming to her as they worked on a math-skit they were preparing to present to kids at the Henrietta Public Library. It follows the adventures of a boy named Timmy who needs to use Math to face the challenges of an alternate dream world. They will be presenting it on Saturday, December 17.
  - Radiology Club – they talked about some of the fundraisers they have done, the Bone Marrow Drive and other projects.

- Roundtable – she attended the meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup>. They are working on ways to increase communication between clubs and the Student Government. A plan called “Advisory Boards” is being proposed for this and they are looking for feedback from the clubs regarding this proposal.

**C. Office of Student Life & Leadership Development Advisor Stewart...**

**Advisor Stewart** thanked the members of the Senate and Cabinet who volunteered at the Blood Drive. She mentioned that she talked with a staff member from College and Community Relations who informed her that Dr. Otero invites anyone who would like to tour the proposed site for the downtown campus. She stated that this would be a great opportunity to show support and assistance to the DCC student leaders. Let her know if you are interested.

**D. Faculty Advisor McCauley...**

**Advisor McCauley** encouraged everyone to study hard and wished everyone happy holidays.

**E. Committee Reports**

**Club Constitution Committee** – Senator Isaacs met with the President of the Chess Club and explained edits that need to be made to the constitution and requested a list of the club officers. Since that meeting he has emailed the President of the club twice looking for the status of his requests. The constitution will be held for chartering in the spring semester.

**IV. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

President Gray gave a PowerPoint presentation to explain the purpose of the Advisory Boards they are hoping to form as a division of Roundtable and as a means to improve awareness, communication and collaboration between the clubs and organizations.

He explained the purpose of Roundtable as stated in the SGA By-laws, section 9.3.2.1, A, B and C. Currently, the Roundtable meetings are not completely meeting the stated purpose: not every club or organization reports on their activities, many possible collaboration ideas have been missed; the allotted time is not sufficient for everyone to have the opportunity to speak; not all of the clubs or organizations know who the others are or what their function is.

The Advisory Boards will break Roundtable into four divisions: Academic, Social, Service and Media with the SGA Club Senator of the division being the chair. These groups would meet once a month during the already scheduled Roundtable meeting: 4:00 – 4:30 the Advisory Boards would meet; 4:30 – 5:00 everyone would convene for a full Roundtable meeting. President Gray explained that this is a work in progress and asked that everyone keep an open mind; the goal is to encourage the clubs and organizations to work together and with the Student Government to accomplish their goals.

During discussion, Will Barker, President of OAU; Evan Ling, writer for the Monroe Doctrine; Christian Nelson, member of the Psychology Club; Brian Hawes, Vice President of BASIC; Alexis Donohue, President of the Honors Council; Lexi Nesbitt, Advisor to Campus Ambassadors; Advisor McCauley, Advisor Stewart and the Senators offered suggestions, comments and concerns about the establishment of the Advisory Boards.

President Gray reminded everyone that this would be a test run to see how the advisory boards work within the Roundtable meetings then, with input from the student leaders, work together to improve on this idea. He asked everyone to keep an open mind, to remember that the Advisory Boards would be part of Roundtable, they would not create an extra meeting and they would help to encourage cross collaboration between the clubs and organizations. He encouraged anyone who has thoughts and or ideas on this topic to contact him or any of the senators.

Deputy Speaker Childers mentioned that President Anne Kress will appear on WXXI’s 1370 Connection on December 14 to discuss the recommendation to move MCC’s downtown campus to space at the Kodak site on State Street. During the discussion, President Kress mentioned Student Trustee Megan Scott and former Student Trustee Eddie Visagie. The discussion can be found on WXXI.org.

Senator Snyder mentioned that on Monday, December 19 and Tuesday, December 20 the SGA is having a fundraiser with Great Northern Pizza Kitchen in Henrietta. Stop by for some great food.

Speaker Blue stated that it has been an honor serving the student body and the senators as Speaker this semester and he thanks them for giving him the opportunity. He also thanks Student Trustee Megan Scott for representing us so well.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:45 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.

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna M. Brennan  
SA Secretary