

# MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING MINUTES FOR Tuesday, November 26th, 2013 2:15 PM-Forum (3-130)

Student Senators: Academic Clubs Senator Jopson At-Large Senator Poloznik Senator Richards-**absent** Senator Jackson At-Large Senator Rapp Science, Health & Business Senator Wyble Service Club Senator Schollnick Social Clubs SenatorWilliams Technical Education Senator Miner Speaker of the Senate: Adrian Hale Deputy Speaker Alexandria Cassidy

President: Nelson Clark Vice President Mark White-absent **SL&LD Advisor:** Elizabeth Stewart-**absent** 

SL&LD Advisor: Rebecca Herzog-absent

**SA Secretary:** Lisa Truman

**Visitors:** Morgan Schoff, Celtic Society; Craig Proctor, MCC Association; Sean McCann, Celtic Society; Jason Childers, Celtic Society; Matthew Lawson, OSLLD.

# I. CALL TO ORDER (2:18pm)

# A. Roll Call (See attendance above)

### B. <u>Approval of the November 19<sup>th</sup> Minutes.</u>

Speaker Hale called for a motion to approve the November 19<sup>th</sup> Minutes. Senator Williams so moved, Senator Rapp seconded. A vote was taken.

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association,** approves the November 19<sup>th</sup> Minutes as written.

# II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

There is no one to speak to the Senate.

### III. **REPORTS**

### **Speaker Hale**

Has heard complaints recently from vendors working with the SGA and various clubs, that since the bus loop has been moved, the location they are in does not see as much traffic. He has initiated a three-step approach to assist the vendors draw more customers.

- 1. WMCC will offer radio ads and notifications of when and where vendors will be present.
- 2. Advisor Stewart has asked for thoughts and suggestions at various meetings to assist.
- 3. All clubs and organizations should assist in advertising all vendors at all times.

Speaker Hale announces Senator White's resignation and reads her letter verbatim. The letter thanks all for the opportunity to be part of such an amazing team, and she sends her support and encouragement to the SGA for the remainder of the year.

### Senator Jopson

Senator Jopson reported on the trip that was taken to New Orleans for a national leadership conference and thanked Margaret and Rebecca who were the advisors on the trip. Aside from the conference it was a great bonding experience and helped them all learn about conflict resolution and compromise. Trip participants attended seven different leadership workshops spanning many different leadership qualities. They also listened to multiple keynote speakers. It was a great experience that they thank MCC for sending them on. Senator Jopson said that his meeting with the Student Nurse's Association was postponed due to a scheduling conflict and it will hopefully take place on Wednesday. Senator Jopson also attended the Faculty Senate meeting. He mentioned that there were two guest speakers. The first guest speaker spoke about internationalizing the college and the Global Education and International Services Office. The second speaker was Mark McBride who is the library director. Senator Jopson says that he doesn't want to spoil the presentation since Mark would like to give it to the SGA but does point out how he raised the question to Mark on involving the students when dispersing funds to departments to order books and he offered a proposal on how to do so. He also found out about "Purchase-on-demand" initiative which he didn't know and explained at the meeting. He also recognized the generous \$2.25 million donation given to MCC for Wentworth scholarships. He moved on and spoke about his meeting with Mark Ernsthausen and how he feels it was very beneficial in regards to figuring out common ground between the two governments to work towards shared governance at MCC. He will be meeting with Mark McBride soon where they will share ideas and speak about the future of the library. He encouraged all input and suggestions be given to him so he can bring them with him to the meeting. Senator Jopson also said that there was a meeting on Monday about the Academies Initiative that he missed due to a conference. The planning committee will be meeting Monday 12/4 to follow-up on it and he will be brought to speed on what was said at that meeting. Lastly, Senator Jopson congratulates President Kress on being recognized in the Higher Ed news for being the number one two-year college President using twitter to engage and inform students.

#### **Senator Rapp**

This past week the travel and finance committee did not meet as two of the sitting senators were in New Orleans, and we would not have had quorum. The Constitution Committee made great progress on the Constitution. I and Speaker Hale worked a great deal on the document last week. We are anticipating the entire constitution will be completed before the end of the semester. If any senators or members of the public here today would like to give me any ideas they have I would be more than open to hearing them. We are also anticipating another open meeting soon to discuss what we have so far.

## IV. NEW BUSINESS

- **1.** Action Items (items requiring a Senate vote)
- There are no new action items.
- 2. Discussion Items

There are no discussion items.

### V. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Craig Proctor wants all to be aware that Mark McBride, who is the new MCC Library Director is a wonderful resource and has progressive ideas on how to move the library forward. Mr. McBride would be a great point of contact for ideas. President Clark stated he is not going to fill the position immediately that Senator Rapp held as Chair of the Travel and Finance Committee, and he is hopeful Senator Rapp will continue his role as Chair along with his new position as Senator until there is a replacement found.

Senator Williams announces the Celtic Society is showing the movie "Evelyn" on December 10<sup>th</sup>. He recently became aware the library offers SUNY resource materials from other schools. You request them at the library and are notified via email when they arrive. He felt this is a valuable service all should be aware of.

### VI. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Hale called for a motion for adjournment. Senator Schollnick so moved, with a second from Senator Wyble.

#### A vote was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 2:31pm.

### VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Truman SA Secretary