



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, November 24, 2015 2:15 PM-Forums (3-130)**

Student Senators

Senator Butler
Senator Davis
Senator Khanna
Senator Shoff
Senator Spikes
Senator White

President

Blake Moore

Vice President of Governance

Michael Viele

Vice President of Programming

Dawn Williams

Chief Justice

Joshua Gagner

Treasurer

Aqueelah Abdullah

Secretary

Marie Jackson

SL&LD Advisor

Elizabeth Stewart

Visitors: Carlos Sanchez – Hospitality Club, Angel Phinizic – Guildpact, Maurice Carter – Guildpact, David Paolini – Guildpact, Jason Childers – Celtic Society, Kelsey Zelaya – ASL Club, Luke Reber – ASL Club, Dean Yencer – Engineering Leadership Council, Mahdi Haji – Africa United, Halima Aweis – Muslim Student Association, Wasila Khattab – Global Union, Juliana Oliva – Global Union, Cat Hael - Student

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:19pm)

A. Roll Call (See attendance above)

B. Approval of the November 10, 2015 Minutes.

Vice President of Governance Viele called for a motion to approve the November 17, 2015 SGA Minutes. Senator Spikes so moved, seconded by Senator White.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the November 17, 2015 Minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Jason Childers came to speak to the senate about St. Andrews Day where the Celtic Society will be displaying their family colors. He requests that everyone join them on Monday 11/30/15 at 12:15 on the Terrace.

III. REPORTS

President Moore

Good afternoon. The past week has been filled with wonderful events and great programing. President Moore would like to commend the Global Education office and Global Union for all of their wonderful International Student Week. President Moore personally had the opportunity to attend the Immigrant presentation on Wednesday the 18th. He found it to be very interesting especially since we find ourselves dealing with the issue of immigration on the international stage now.

This past week he also had the opportunity to attend a shared governance meeting with college President, Dr. Kress the team of Vice-Presidents, and key faculty. It is our current goal to begin assembling a mission statement or goal for the make-up of our model here at MCC. Looking for examples of shared governance models from similar institutions is the starting point. At which point we will begin assembling the actual college council framework.

President Moore would like to congratulate Don Biggelow for being appointed as the new interim Resident Hall Director. He is sure he will do a great job. He knows Resident Hall Senator, Phil Butler is anxious to begin working with Don soon.

President Moore would also like to thank the entire crew for attending the mandatory meeting last Thursday. The redefinition of our goal and standards is a key turning point for us. Moving forward, specific attention to individual roles as defined in our constitution and Robert's rules will be our foundation.

Seeing that this is a short week for us due to the holiday, He would like to remind everyone that pre agenda will take place directly following our executive session a little later. Please be on time for executive session, we have a timeline that he plans to adhere to. As always, President Moore would like to thank the Office of Student Life and Leadership Development, the SGA senate and the SGA judicial board for their continued support. The status of our union is strong.

Vice President of Governance Viele

Vice-President Viele has had an extremely busy week. Even an early morning at that. This past Thursday, he sat down with the Chief of Public Safety, Salvatore Simonetti and assistant chief, Deb Dwyer. This meeting lasted 2 hours and full of useful information, student concerns and future collaboration points and opportunities to work together. Chief Simonetti and assistant chief Deb Dwyer, who oversees operations, were very open to work with student government and very responsive concerns. Chief Simonetti remarked jokingly: "We work for you, my friend!" As Vice-president Viele remarked earlier, he did have a busy morning, too. He was invited by Chief Simonetti to be apart of the lockdown this morning, as opposed to being on the student/faculty/staff side of it. It was very beneficial from a student viewpoint to be able to see just how important a lockdown is, the work that goes into it, and the accuracy of the procedures carried out by our Public Safety officers. Assistant Chief Dwyer had also stated in the meeting that public safety has a "ride along" program, bearing the signature of a waiver, you can ride along with Public Safety and see all the things they really do. Additional information included that public safety officers who wear gray/tan are seasonal officers who may only work 20 hours a week and are only hired during the 2 semesters. The ones in blue are campus peace officers, and are just about the equivalent of a real officer. They possess arrest authority and are the full time public safety staff. Chief Simonetti was also kind enough to lend a tour around building 21 and see how the inner workings are achieved everyday. Chief Simonetti has communicated to me, that if any of these issues persist, he would more than happy to come down to a senate meeting and clarify any further discrepancies.

As for his textbook affordability committee, he received an email for Mark McBride last week, and he was introduced Saman Azimi. Mr. Azimi is the Treasurer and CFO for UCONN Chapter of Student Public Interest Group and has done great work advocating for textbook affordability in the U.S. He will be in touch with Mark to create a virtual meeting space so we can tackle out concerns with SUNY. He believes that Mr. Azimi will be of utmost importance to the committee, so he will be meeting as soon as possible. Possible advantages include, advocacy, strategizing about textbooks costs and a plethora of resources to tackle SUNY and really make this committee come to life.

Vice President of Programing Williams

Good afternoon everyone. Last week, Andre Raynor the Day Time Chair along with Megan Smith, the Day Time Assistant Chair planned a Poetry Slam on Wednesday the 18th with a Presenter named Carlos Robson. The workshop he spoke at helped give a new light on how to get through writers block and think more on oneself and the events going on around us. Later on that day, the Poetry Slam that happened 3-5pm was also very successful. It took place in Javas and it attracted a variety of people who stopped and listened. Vice President Williams would like to thank everyone who went and sang or read poetry. She would also like to thank Hospitality for providing desserts. Furthermore, Jennifer Larsen, who is the Traditional Chair is presently working on Breakfast with Santa and we are in the final stages of planning. Also, both Educational Chairs are working towards panels and events for this upcoming month. Overall, a lot of events are still in the making and being worked on which will be happening both this month and next month.

Chief Justice Gagner

Good evening, this week Chief Justice Gagner is continuing work on our petition website. At the moment he am reviewing the contract between MCC and RIT. He will have more information to share within a few weeks for students. The judicial branch is also making progress on the judicial code and we anticipate us finishing soon. He also has been in contact with a potential candidate for a student justice for the Damon city campus and plan on a interview as soon as possible.

Senator Davis

This week has been pretty exciting for Senator Davis. She cannot wait for the "Give Away" that she will be hosting December 3rd, and she's looking forward to seeing the way it will impact the student body's knowledge of SGA and events we host and/or sponsor. Senator Davis hopes that this event will result in a larger following for the Student Government Association.

On a different note, The Red Cross is hosting another blood drive at MCC December 9th and 10th. Senator Davis is coordinating SIGN-UPS so students can make an appointment to donate blood and/or Volunteer for the event. She has no doubt that this blood drive will go just as well as the last.

Senator Khanna

Senator Khanna is still working on the diabetes awareness fundraiser. It has been rescheduled for December 11th, the time is still 11-2. She is also working with treasurer sovereign on the fashion show. Finally Senator Davis and Senator Khanna are working on another blood drive. Thank you.

Senator Shoff

This past week has been fun and eventful. On Friday SWORD hosted a board game night in which 35-40 people attended. They also raised \$122.71 to go to the Child Care Center.

This week the ELC will be hosting their bridge building competition on Wednesday the 25th in the Atrium. When we get back from the Thanksgiving break the Pool and Billiards club will be hosting their last open tournament of the semester. If you are interested in participating it is a \$3 entry fee.

Senator White

Hello everyone Senator White has spent the past weekend collecting items to put into our Thanksgiving basket. The basket will be given to our local Foodlink Bank. Foodlink provides food to a number of agencies in Rochester, some to name are local food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters. They are known to provide food to schools, help families in need, and cater to senior center. The basket will be made up and taken to the location on Wednesday November 25 upon school closing. There is still time to donate so please bring non-perishable or monetary donations to the Student Life and Leadership Office, The Advisement and Graduations center, or The Student Government Office Room 3-127.

Advisor Stewart

Advisor Stewart would like wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution to approve the constitution for The Guildpact Club

Be it resolved that by the Senate present and voting that The Guildpact Club be chartered and their constitution accepted

Vice President of Governance Viele called for a motion to approve the constitution of The Guildpact Club Senator Shoff so moved, seconded by Senator Davis.

Discussion: Angel Phinizec, Maurice Carter, and David Polini spoke on behalf of the Guildpact club. The Guildpact Club will allow people to enjoy the collectible card game Magic the Gathering together. They intend to host tournaments and learning sessions for anyone who would like to join. As most people have noticed there is a large population of students who are interested in this card game who currently gather in the cafeteria every day. Senator Shoff wanted to know if they plan to exclude other card games, the plan is to begin with Magic the Gathering and then extend to more games as the club interest grows.

A vote was taken. The resolution was passed

Be it resolved, by the Senate present and voting that The Guildpact Club be chartered and their constitution accepted.

V. DISCUSSION ITEM

There were no discussion items.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VII. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Cat Hael came to speak to the Senate regarding a Peace Rally being held this weekend against the Anti-Muslim attitudes that are occurring at many of the colleges around Rochester, including Monroe Community College.

Senator Shoff would like to ask anyone who sees any Anti-Muslim Posters on the bulletin boards around campus to report them immediately.

President Moore would like to thank Cat for coming to inform the senate about the Peace Rally, and wants to make sure everyone knows that the Senate is Aware of the Anti-Muslim occurrences at Monroe Community College.

Senator Shoff would like to remind everyone that the Toys for Tots bin is still in the Student Government Association Office, and needs to be filled with toys, un-wrapped, un-opened before December 6th, 2015. If you would like to provide a monetary donation you can do so in the Counseling and Veterans services office.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President of Governance Viele called for a motion for adjournment.

Senator White so moved, seconded by Senator Butler.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40pm.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Jackson
SGA Secretary