



MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, February 14, 2012
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)

Student Senators:

Academic Clubs Senator Valone
At-Large Senator Isaacs
Athletics Senator Coulombe
CAB Senator Snyder
Media Senator Bynes
Social Clubs Senator Jackson-Harris

President:

Michael Gray

Vice President

Theresa Ciaccio-absent

Speaker/At-Large Senator

Scott Blue-absent

Deputy Speaker/Service Clubs Senator

Jason Childers

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

SL&LD Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog

Visitors: Dick Ryther, Student Services; Presidential Cabinet: Hassan Ali, Sara Stevens; John Dooley; Brian Hawes, BASIC; Ginny Gear-Mentry, MCC Association; Robin Lalissee, WMCC; HGHRP: Jessica Adams, Lauren Paiz; Sara Zeitz, Catherine Higgins, SA Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:17 p.m.)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

There was no one to speak to the Senate.

III. REPORTS

A. Senators

Senator Bynes...

Senator Bynes stated that things are going well in her position as Media Senator. She was happy to see that her friends from WMCC: The Fuse were present at the meeting to support the important resolution to help fund a trip they have been extensively planning to the IBS Conference in New York City. In addition, WMCC partnered with CAB to host the Break the Ice dance to celebrate Valentine's Day. Currently, there are other events in the works, details pending. She has been spending time in the Monroe Doctrine office. Despite a delayed issue this past week, their production schedule will not change for the remainder of the semester. They are, however, desperate for student writers.

Senator Coulombe....

Senator Coulombe enjoyed her first month as an SGA member. She thanked everyone for welcoming her with open arms and showing her "the ropes." This is an extremely knowledgeable group and being involved will allow her to grow as a student leader.

Last Friday the Athletic Department held their annual volunteer event, *The Great Read*. Every year about 50 student athletes go to a local elementary school and spend time with the children and read to them. Athletic Director, Mr. Bailey, has always desired more student participation for this event, so that became her goal for this year. After pitching the idea to her fellow SGA members, and making this event known campus-wide via The Monroe Doctrine, about 40 student athletes participated this year, as well as Senators Valone and Jackson-Harris. She thanked them both for their time. Her hope is that next year they can make it twice as big.

The next couple of weeks are an exciting time for Monroe Athletes. This Friday begins the NJCAA Swimming and Diving Regional Championship Meet. Having captured 26 out of the past 28 Regional Championships, this is one of the most exciting moments of the season! Please come out and support them. Friday and Saturday meets start at 10:00am and

6:00 pm and the Sunday morning meet is at 9:00am. The awards ceremony, where the Regional Champion team will be announced, will be immediately following the final swim session at 3:30pm on Sunday afternoon.

The following weekend is the NJCAA Men's Ice Hockey National Tournament, also held at MCC. Currently ranked #1 in the NJCAA National poll, the Hockey team has an incredible shot at making it to the Finals. Dress in your best Black and Gold attire and go cheer on our men beginning on Saturday, February 25th at 1:00pm. The second session begins at 4:30pm. Sunday the 26th at 2:00pm will be the Finals tournament. A reminder that admission to all MCC games is free to all faculty, staff and students who present a valid MCC ID at the door.

Senator Jackson-Harris...

OAU

Senator Jackson-Harris is working in collaboration with Outdoor Activities Unlimited in order to get their Green Week underway. They are currently recruiting clubs and organizations to be a part of the event.

They are planning another Winter Survival Trip after the success of the previous one this past January. They have Ultimate Frisbee up and running again. They are working on getting Quidditch back up and running, due to popular demand. If any clubs or individuals want to volunteer for Green Week or for further information on the club, meeting, and or event times, OAU can be contacted at MCCOAU@gmail.com.

Cinema Society

Cinema Society is working on their spring production and plan on having a feature of all the productions that they have produced over the last few months. They have completed two episodes of their online show Cinema Society On The Interwebz. (To view this go to their YouTube Channel, MCC Cinema Society). For further information, contact MCC Cinema Society@gmail.com.

Anime Club

The club hosted a Yu-Gi-Oh/Magic, the Gathering Card Tournament, which seemed very successful. They are planning another event like this for the future.

In a collaboration with Coordinator Ukatu, he is in the process of creating an SGA Informational Brochure, as well as revamping the display board in order to make it more visually appealing and informative during functions such as the Student Life Fair and Orientation.

Senator Snyder...

Senator Snyder hopes the semester is going well for everyone without any problems. Only one more week left until winter break!

Campus Activities Board

On Monday, February 6th, CAB hosted their Condom Bingo event that took place in the Terrace Lounge. It was a great success with around thirty-six attendees. This event was geared to promote safe-sex. Additionally, CAB hosted a Speed Dating event on the following Wednesday. This event was not about "dating" but was geared to bring a diverse group of students together to meet people they probably would not have met otherwise. He had the opportunity to check out the event, and was impressed with what he saw. Both the Condom Bingo and Speed Dating events were a great success. Daytime Events Chair Teti Moniz and Daytime Events Co-Chair Alex Kogut did a fantastic job.

There is still time to submit a design for CAB's New Logo contest! The contest is going on until February 29, 2012 and CAB really needs students' help. The guidelines for the contest is as follows:

- Designs must have the letters "CAB" incorporated in it
- Colors must include black, gold and silver
- Design must also look good in black and white
- Designs need to be submitted as a high-res eps file using Adobe Illustrator or Photoshop
- Design must be legible when reduced to very small sizes
- Design must be simple enough to be noticed immediately

Please send your submission to: yourlogohere12@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please stop by the CAB Office 3-132.

Senator Snyder congratulated Marla Karol on her new position as CAB's designated photographer. He had the pleasure to sit in on her interview and feels she is going to make a great addition to CAB.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

- a. **Resolution to approve the funding of \$2,690.00 to the Holocaust Genocide and Human Rights Project**
Resolved, that the SGA Senate consents to the funding of \$2,690.00 to the Holocaust Genocide and Human Rights Project to sponsor the event Voices of Vigilance.

This resolution came from Committee. Senator Jackson-Harris read the resolution.

Discussion:

Lauren Paiz, from HGHRP informed the Senate that they are bringing Rose Mapendo to MCC on March 14th. They will be raising money for Mapendo Horizon, a charity sponsored by her to help African refugees. They would like to get as many students involved as possible.

Senator Vallone was excited to receive this flyer and is glad they are holding this event.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, that the Senate approves the funding of \$2,690.00 to the Holocaust Genocide and Human Rights Project.

b. Resolution to approve the funding of \$1,000.00 to WMCC: The Fuse

Resolved, that the Senate consents to the funding of \$1,000.00 to WMCC: The Fuse to sponsor the event WMCC: IBS NYC Conference.

This resolution came from Committee. Senator Vallone read the resolution.

Senator Bynes asked that the resolution be changed from "Public Senate meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2011" to "Tuesday, *February 14, 2012*".

Discussion:

Program Director Robin Lalissee, from WMCC: The Fuse, stated that he attended the IBS NYC Conference last March and it was a valuable experience. He hopes to use the information he gathers by improving programming at the station. He would like to find a better way to engage the college community in their programming.

Stephanie Gill stated that it will be an educational trip and should be very beneficial.

Senator Bynes stated that this trip has been in the works for awhile. Everyone is very excited. It will help them manage the station more effectively.

Senator Coulombe loves The Fuse and supports the funding of this event.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, that the Senate consents to the funding of \$1,000.00 to WMCC: The Fuse to sponsor the event WMCC: IBS NYC Conference.

c. Resolution to approve the appointment of Sara Stevens to sit on the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee

Resolved, that the Senate consents to the appointment of Sara Stevens to sit on the St. Patrick's Day Parade 2012 Committee for the remainder of the 2011-2012 academic school year.

Acting Speaker Childers called for a motion to approve the appointment of Sara Stevens to sit on the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. The motion was seconded by Senator Jackson-Harris.

Discussion:

Sara Stevens stated that she is very excited to sit on this committee.

Senator Jackson-Harris stated that this committee sets up a structure that will be much more effective in the future.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, that the Senate approves the appointment of Sara Stevens to sit on the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Stephanie Gill thanked the Senate for approving funds for the NYC trip.

President Gray will meet with the Faculty Senate on Thursday regarding Follow Me at MCC. After that, he will meet with Admissions Director Andy Freeman, who will be sending out emails. They need student leaders to sign up. He thanked those who have expressed an interest, for their support. More updates will follow.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:45 p.m. Acting Speaker Childers called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Bynes so moved, seconded by Senator Jackson-Harris. The motion passed. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Higgins
SA Secretary