



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, February 5, 2013 2:15 PM, Forum 3-130**

Student Senators:

Media Senator Savarese
Residence Hall Senator Walters
Social Club Senator Wynn
At-Large Senator Halloran

President:

Shanel Montalvo

Speaker:

Rabbil Jackson-Harris

Deputy Speaker:

Kyle Savarese

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

SL&LD Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog-absent

SA Secretary

Elizabeth Flanagan

Visitors: Brian Hawes, BASIC; Suzanne Fava, WMCC, The Fuse; Dick Ryther, Student Services; Nelson Clark, Environment & Sustainability; Mark White, Veteran's Club; Dan Steiner, Baja Club; Adam Keister, Campus Ambassadors

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:15 pm)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of January 29, 2012 Minutes

Deputy Speaker Savarese called for a motion to approve the minutes of January 29, 2013.

Senator Walters so moved, seconded by Senator Wynn.

Senator Walters indicated the need to remove Senator Kim's name from the list of student senators. So noted.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association unanimously approves the January 29, 2013 minutes as amended.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Mark White approached the Senate. He offered a warm welcome to President Montalvo. He then expressed his concern regarding a conflict of interest between his Veteran's Club which focuses on the MCC community, and another club that serves veterans outside of the MCC community. He indicated that he contacted Chris Johnson, but has not yet heard back. Mark noted the importance of being able to vote in elections. Deputy Speaker Savarese indicated that a charter process takes time, and was assured that the Student Veterans' Association (SVA) charter is currently with Assistant Director, Shirley Batistta-Provost.

III. REPORTS

Deputy Speaker/Media Senator Savarese

"I followed up with the newly-chartered Theater Club. Their last two meetings were great with good attendance and interest. They are planning many exciting things for the future."

Residence Hall Senator Walters

“This week, I have been sending emails to offices in Washington DC to set up some meetings for our trip this February. I managed to solidify a date and time (February 20 at 2:00 PM) with Laura Ringdahl, Senior Legislative Assistant to Congressman Reed. I am also currently working to contact Senator Schumer’s office. Also, with regard to the DC trip, I have been assisting with the research of hotels in the area.

Deputy Speaker Savarese and I cleaned the senate office this past week as well. Let’s keep it clean please!

I have also been preparing for the upcoming blood drive this Thursday.”

Advisor Stewart

Reminded everyone of the Student Life Fair on February 6, 2013, from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM in the Atrium. Please join your fellow students for this exciting event.

Advisor McCauley

Study diligently.

Advisor Herzog

The Campus Activities Board is traveling to the NACA Conference and are looking forward to that event. Dave and Ethan, dating coaches, will be visiting MCC on Wednesday, February 13th in Monroe A and B during the lunch hour, and this promises to be entertaining and lively. Also, the Condom Bingo event will soon take place, and it is expected to be fun and informative.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate Vote)

a. Resolution to approve the funding of \$1,095.00 to the Civility Committee

Deputy Speaker Savarese called for a motion for this resolution. Senator Walters so moved.

No second was required as this issue was brought to the table by committee.

Brian Hawes approached the Senate to speak on behalf of the event. Brian expressed that this artistic event is geared towards raising awareness of, and putting a stop to, violence. Senator Halloran asked what is being done to raise such awareness. Advisor Herzog explained two aspects that do that:

One is a movement entitled, Web, which expresses the repetitive cycle of abusive relationships, and another entitled, Grace, which expresses the release from that cycle and the acquisition of support.

She expressed her feeling about the incredible performance of this group, and how we are fortunate to have the opportunity to experience their work at a reduced rate. A brief discussion ensued, and a vote was taken.

Resolved that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association gives consent to the Civility Committee for \$1,095.00 to sponsor the event, Push Physical Theatre.

b. Resolution to approve the funding of \$300.00 to BASIC

Deputy Speaker Savarese called for a motion for this resolution. Senator Wynn so moved.

No second was required as this issue was brought to the table by committee.

Brian Hawes approached the Senate to speak on behalf of the event. He shared that this event promotes awareness of human sex trafficking. Oasis of Hope, an organization (based in PA) which helps women freed from human trafficking, will be present at the event. A brief discussion ensued, and a vote was taken.

Resolved that the Brighton Campus Student Government approves of the funding of \$300.00 for BASIC to sponsor the event entitled, Love Justice.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Brian Hawes approached the Senate with a question regarding the process for creation of a new amendment. Deputy Speaker Savarese responded, detailing the process as follows:

- Submit petition
- Meet with Assistant Director, Shirley Batistta-Provost
- Discussion
- Goes to Committee
- Discussion
- Approval or Disapproval determined
- Goes to Senate
- Final Approval or Disapproval determined

Senator Walters expressed congratulations and welcome to Senator Cory Halloran. Senator Halloran then introduced himself, sharing some of his past and present experience. He is currently an MCC student studying law enforcement, and is in a preparatory program with the Rochester Police Department. He mentioned how his experiences in the U.S. Marine Corps and in other parts of the world are substantive to his contributions to the MCC community.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:40 PM, Deputy Speaker Savarese called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Walters so moved, seconded by Senator Wynn. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth V. Flanagan
SA Secretary