



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, March 13, 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

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-Absent

Visitors: Dick Ryther, Student Services; Ginny Geer-Mentry, MCC Association; Brenda Embrey, Health Professions; Brian Hawes, BASIC; Paul Drake & Susan Fenn, Psychology Club; John Dooley, student; Ashley Zackett, Alumni; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:19 p.m.)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of the January 31, 2012 Senate Meeting Minutes

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve the January 31, 2012 Senate Meeting Minutes.

Senator Snyder so moved, seconded by Senator Bynes.

Discussion:

Speaker Blue stated that in Speak to the Senate, James Dooley should be changed to John Dooley.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the MCC Student Government Association unanimously approves the January 31, 2012 Senate Meeting Minutes as amended.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Susan Fenn and Paul Drake, Psychology Club representatives, gave a presentation on the Conference they attended with funding help from the SGA. They thanked the SGA for making the experience possible.

John Dooley thanked the SGA for the work they did in Albany at SUNY Palooza. He talked about a couple of issues:

- the brackets under the metal staircase railings have sharp edges and suggested that rubber padding be put around the railing to protect fingers.
- Starry Nites café – he spoke with one of the workers who would like someone to speak to WMCC about the music they play.
- Marketplace – he has heard from many students regarding slow service, the quality of the food, and the limited grab and go choices. He wondered if it would be possible to put out a web-based survey to the faculty, staff and students.

Ginny Geer-Mentry, MCC Association Director, informed him that there was a survey out that ended last week which was sent to faculty, staff and students.

President Gray also stated that hard copies of the survey were also available.

Speaker Blue stated that Sodexo is working on making the food process faster and offering more of a variety. Regarding the music, he will ask the Media Senator to take the concerns to WMCC.

III. REPORTS

A. Senators

Senator Jackson-Harris...

- ✓ SUNY Palooza – he attended the event on March 6 with several other SGA members, students, and club representatives. It was a great first time experience. They had the opportunity to have an audience with several congressional leaders and assemblymen (including our very own Joseph Robach who was very open, welcoming and hilarious). On behalf of both the SGA and MCC he extends a personal thank you to representatives from the Social Clubs: OAU President Will Barker along with his Executive Board and a few members, as well as Anime Club member Princeton Fleth. Their attendance was not only socially beneficial, but also greatly aided in terms of filling the bus.

Senator Snyder...

- ✓ CAB Upcoming Events:
 - March 14 – 12 to 1pm - chicken wing-eating contest in Main Dining.
 - During the month of April - CAB, WMCC the Fuse, and Cabbages and Kings will be hosting a “speak out against violence” Open Mic event from 11:30am to 1:30pm in the North Atrium. This event will be part of MCC’s 3rd annual Enough is Enough campaign.
 - April 23 - 12 to 1pm - Scavenger Hunt in the Atrium.
 - May 2 - Spring Fling in parking lot A. The theme this year is Mardi-Gras.
 - May 7 - Battle of the Bands - 11:30am to 1:00pm - Campus Center Atrium.
 - 2012-2013 Campus Activities Board Director and other E-Board applications are currently being accepted. If interested, stop by the CAB office 3-132.
 - Active Members – they are still looking for active members. Active Member meetings take place every Wednesday, from 3:00 to 4:00pm in the CAB office 3-132.
- ✓ SUNY Palooza - Tuesday, March 6, he accompanied several MCC students to Albany to attend SUNY Palooza which is an annual event hosted by the SUNY Student Assembly. SUNY students from all across New York State gather in Albany to meet with legislators and advocate on the pressing issues facing the SUNY students. Their efforts paid off. On March 12, the New York State Senate released its report on the Amended State Fiscal Year 2012-13 Executive Budget. Within the report, the NYS Senate proposes an increase to community colleges by \$100 per FTE to total \$14,647,200. Special thanks go out to everyone that was able to attend; they did an excellent job representing MCC and the SUNY Students as a whole.

B. Office of Student Life & Leadership Development Advisor

Advisor Stewart...

- ✓ Emerging Leaders Program will take place on Thursday, March 15 from 4:00 – 6:00 in Monroe A & B. Scott Blue and Megan Scott will be speaking about their student leader experience. She is counting on the SGA to have a table at the event to promote the Elections and to talk about the Student Trustee, President/Vice President and Senator positions.
- ✓ Office of Student Life & Leadership Development Open House – March 21 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. If anyone is available and would like to help see Betty or send her an email at estewart@monroecc.edu.

C. Committee Reports

Parade Committee:

Deputy Speaker Childers encouraged everyone to join the MCC delegation for the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. The MCC group will be toward the front of the parade; currently 80 people, including Dr. Kress are signed up to participate.

Rock the Vote Committee:

Senator Snyder announced that the SGA will be manning a Voter Registration table in the Terrace Lounge on March 14 and 21 from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. He encouraged everyone to register to vote especially since this is a Presidential election year. If anyone is interested in joining the committee, the next meeting is March 21 from 5 – 6pm in 3-121.

Constitution Review Committee:

Senator Isaacs mentioned that the African United Club made all of the requested changes to their constitution so they are now official and looking for new club members. The Dungeons and Dragons Club constitution will be coming up for approval soon. He also mentioned and they are also looking for new members. If anyone is interested, email him at sisaacs3@student.monroecc.edu.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Advisor Stewart acknowledged all of the students who went to SUNY Palooza. She stated it was great to see everyone out there doing what was being asked of them; she is every proud of everyone who participated. The proudest moment of the day was when she thanked Matt, the organizer, who responded, “MCC was our greatest asset of the day.” She thanked Michael Snyder and all who helped with organizing the bus and getting everything together.

Speaker Blue stated that he has been involved in advocacy for a long time and this group was one of the best he has seen. Everyone was amazing and passionate; MCC had the second if not largest group there. He thanked the Senators who attended and as Speaker it means a lot to see so many so invested in the SUNY system.

Speaker Blue announced that he, President Gray, Senator Jackson-Harris, and Senator Bynes will be heading to Washington, DC for the ASACC conference to advocate at the Federal Government level for more Pell Grant support.

Deputy Speaker Childers announced that the Celtic Society will be showing The Wind that Shakes the Barley, tonight, March 13 at 6:00 p.m. in 12-113.

Senator Bynes learned from Robin Lalissee of WMCC that the biggest impact from the conference they attended has to do with funding; they will be bringing something forward that could really benefit them and the school.

President Gray announced that the Follow Me @ MCC invite letters are being finalized and he is in the process of asking students to get involved. This promises to be a great program for the community and the college.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:57 p.m. Speaker Blue called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Isaacs so moved, seconded by Senator Bynes. The motion passed. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Brennan
SA Secretary