



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING MINUTES FOR**  
**Tuesday, February 7, 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-**Absent**  
Social Clubs Senator Jackson-Harris

**President:**

Michael Gray

**Vice President**

Theresa Ciaccio-**Absent**

**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

**Visitors:** Dick Ryther, Student Services; Brian Hawes, BASIC; Eric Muhammad, SEGA-DCC; Lindsey Collier Sears, Kathy Farrell, Student Art Organization; Jamey Campbell, Steve Powers, Alec Vozzy, Alyssa Palmieri, Nicholas Lamb, James Guglielmo, Engineering Leadership Council; Justin Woodhouse, Mini Baja; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

**I. CALL TO ORDER (2:15 p.m.)**

**A. Roll Call**

(See attendance above)

**B. Approval of the January 24, 2012 Senate Meeting Minutes**

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve the January 24, 2012 Senate Meeting Minutes.

Senator Isaacs so moved, seconded by Senator Snyder.

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously passes the January 24, 2012 Senate Meeting Minutes as written.

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

Engineering Leadership Council – Alec Vozzy, President, thanked the Senate for their support. Steve Powers, Vice President, informed the Senate that the Design Build Fly Competition last year was held in Tucson, AZ; MCC was the first ever Community College to compete; they placed 41<sup>st</sup> out of 82 teams. This year the competition is in Wichita, Kansas. Alyssa Palmieri, Secretary, announced that MCC placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> last year. She thanked the Senate for their support over the last 5 years. Nick Lamb, James Guglielmo and Jamey Campbell talked about the new Lunabotics competition. There will be 72 colleges competing this year, 27 of which are international. MCC will be one of the very few Community Colleges competing in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual NASA Lunabotics Mining Competition this year. Justin Woodhouse, Mini Baja President, stated that the Student Government has supported them since 1997. They have participated in the SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) competitions 12 out of the past 15 years. SGA and school funding has helped to make it possible for them to compete. The book of rules for this year's competition is 63 pages; the Endurance Race is the final test. He thanked the SGA for their past and continued support.

Speaker Blue thanked the Engineering Leadership Council for their presentation.

**III. REPORTS**

**A. Deputy Speaker**

**Deputy Speaker Childers...**

- ✓ Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Project: Wednesday, March 14, Congolese Genocide Survivor Rose Mapendo will be speaking at noon in Room 4151 at the Damon Campus, and at 7 pm in Monroe A&B at the Brighton Campus. On Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>, Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>, and Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>, leading up to Ms. Mapendo's talk, the Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Project students will display a Congolese Marketplace in the Campus Center Atrium.

- ✓ Celtic Society's Celtic Movie Nights: once a month, in collaboration with Phi Theta Kappa, the Celtic Society will be presenting movies from different Celtic Nations, followed with a discussion of the movie. On Tuesday, February 28, they will be showing *The Englishman Who Went Up A Hill, and Came Down A Mountain*, set in Wales, with Hugh Grant and Colm Meany. It starts at 6 pm in Room 12-113. Other films coming up, being shown in the same room, at the same time: *The Wind That Shakes The Barley*, from Ireland, on March 13, a few days before the St. Patrick's Day Parade; the Scottish film, *Stone of Destiny*, on April 17; on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May, *The Way*, starring Martin Sheen, about the pilgrimage from Madrid to Santiago de Compostela. After *The Way*, Miss Sarah Norris will talk about what she experienced on the pilgrimage.

## B. Senators

### Senator Valone...

- ✓ Academic Clubs – she has contacted several of the returning Academic Clubs members and is looking forward to meeting the newly elected officers.
- ✓ Events Calendar - is one of two initiatives she is working on with the help of Advisor Stewart and the student life staff. It will be updated every couple of weeks to advertise everything that is happening on campus. The clubs will be able to update their events through Roundtable, and via forms that will be available to them in their office and on their computer.
- ✓ Club/Organization Lounge – this is an initiative recommended by Alexis, Honors Council President; she is working with Advisor Stewart on this initiative also.
- ✓ Student Life Fair – she was excited to see so many students attend.
- ✓ Health Information Technology Club will be holding a Bone Marrow Drive on Feb. 15.

## C. Committee Reports

**Rock the Vote Committee** – Senator Snyder, Chair of the Committee, stated that the committee is preparing for next year and they are looking for help from students, student leaders, faculty, and staff. If interested in becoming a member of the committee, contact him at [msnyder36@student.monroec.edu](mailto:msnyder36@student.monroec.edu).

**Parade Committee** – Deputy Speaker Childers reported that as Acting Chair of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, he welcomes the nominations of Senator Coulombe and Ms. McCarthy. He also reported that the Pool and Billiards Club has joined the Celtic Society, the Student Music Association, the Campus Activities Board, and the Student Government Association, in co-sponsoring the parade.

## IV. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

#### a. Resolution to approve Committee Members

*Resolved*, that the SGA Senate consents to the appointment of Allison McCarthy and Jessica Coulombe to sit on the St. Patrick's Day 2012 Parade Committee for the remainder of the 2011-2012 academic school year.

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve Committee Members.

Senator Jackson-Harris so moved, seconded by Senator Isaacs.

Discussion:

Senator Coulombe stated that she is excited to be on the parade committee and will work with the MCC athletes to increase participation in the parade.

President Gray welcomed the new committee members.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the MCC Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the appointment of Allison McCarthy and Jessica Coulombe to sit on the St. Patrick's Day 2012 Parade Committee for the remainder of the 2011-2012 academic school year.

#### b. Resolution to approve the 2012 Student Trustee Elections Packet

*Resolved*, that the Senate approves the 2012 Student Trustee Elections Packet.

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve the 2012 Student Trustee Elections Packet.

Senator Isaacs so moved, seconded by Senator Snyder.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the MCC Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the 2012 Student Trustee Elections Packet.

#### c. Resolution to approve the funding of \$3,000.00 to the Student Art Organization

*Resolved*, that the Senate consents to the funding of \$3,000.00 to the Student Art Organization to sponsor the event the New York City Excursion.

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve the funding of \$3000.00 to the Student Art Organization. On behalf of the Travel/Finance Committee, Senator Valone moved the adoption of the resolution.

Discussion:

Lindsey Collier Sears, Student Art Organization President, explained that the two objectives of the trip are to expose students to the different bodies of art not normally seen in smaller cities and to different types of art organizations. They will be in NYC for 4 days and the funding being requested will make the trip more affordable for the students. Deputy Speaker Childers stated that the students from the organization who went on the trip last year gave a great presentation on their return.

Senator Jackson-Harris, as a representative of the Finance Committee, thanked the students for coming to the meeting and encouraged them to keep representing MCC well.

Senator Valone stated that she has been working with the students since the beginning of the year and said they are very professional and positive in their teamwork.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the MCC Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves funding of \$3000.00 to the Student Art Organization to sponsor the event the New York City Excursion.

## **V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

President Gray reminded everyone that the SGA sponsored Blood Drive is Feb. 8, from 10am – 4pm in the Forum; the Engineering Leadership Council weekly meetings are held every Wednesday from noon – 1:00 p.m. in 7-107.

Eric Muhammad, Multiple Campus Coordinator for DCC SEGA, commended the Engineering Leadership Council for the work they have done. He also informed the Senate that he toured the proposed Kodak site for the new downtown campus and is very excited.

Speaker Blue told Eric that the SGA completely supports the Damon Campus.

Senator Isaacs encouraged everyone to join the SGA Facebook page. If anyone wants to post something to the page email him.

Senator Snyder mentioned that SUNY Palooza will take place in March. Students will be advocating for increased state funding for Community Colleges and for an increase in TAP awards. The day trip is open to all students.

Brian Hawes, President of BASIC, asked about SGA reserving time for the Hope Relay for Life for cancer.

President Gray confirmed that there is a meeting with Campus Events and the Office of Student Life on Friday. It is not definite, more information will follow.

Speaker Blue mentioned that BASIC is growing; the University of Albany just chartered a group on their campus.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:00 p.m. Speaker Blue called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Snyder so moved, seconded by Senator Isaacs. The motion passed. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

## **VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Brennan  
SA Secretary