



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR  
Tuesday, April 21, 2015 2:15 PM-Forums (3-130)**

**Student Senators:**

Senator Greco  
Senator Tower  
Senator Frost  
Senator Jackson  
Senator Viele

**Speaker of the Senate:**

Jeremy Carmichael-*absent*

**Deputy Speaker:**

Michael Lavere

**President:**

Suhail Prasathong-*absent*

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Rebecca Herzog

**SA Secretary:**

Lisa Truman

**Visitors:** Joshua Gagner, MCC Book Club; Ekaterina Jones, MCC Student Trustee/PTK; Emily Aquino, ASL Club; Paige McDonald, ASL Club; Emily Loson, D&D Club; Alaine Thibault, ASL Club; Jennifer Pfaff, Honor Student Council; Mike Delaney, Geoscience Association.

**I. CALL TO ORDER (2:14pm)**

**A. Roll Call (See attendance above)**

**B. Approval of the April 14, 2015 Minutes.**

Acting Speaker Lavere called for a motion to approve the April 14, 2015 SGA Minutes.

Acting Speaker Greco so moved, seconded by Senator Jackson.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association** approves the April 14, 2015 Minutes as written.

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

Members from the ASL Club reported back to the Senate on their “Voices Off” trip to Toronto. This was a two-day trip of sign language and no spoken word. The club members who went on the trip felt their skills improved dramatically. Being forced to only use ASL was an inspiring experience, and they returned home with a greater understanding of how difficult it can be to communicate without speech. They are more comfortable with ASL and it was a revelation of exactly how deaf and hearing-impaired individuals live each day. They experienced many communication issues and how difficult a task can be to accomplish if you cannot hear and communicate by voice. All thoroughly enjoyed the experience and they thanked the Senate again for the approved funding.

**III. REPORTS**

**Deputy Speaker Lavere**

He has been focused on promoting the constitution and helping the Constitution Committee finalize the project. He has been contacted by an outside member of the community on the club hockey team which was his yearlong goal. He also presented the idea of a club wrestling team that he is very excited to begin to work on.

**President Prasathong** (*read by Vice-President Moore in his absence*)

In the past weeks, the Constitution Committee has worked rigorously to ensure that a constitution and its by-laws can be presented. The constitution is a stone's throw away from being ready to be presented. Additionally, the Office of the President has worked very closely with the Speaker of the Senate to ensure that the number of voters in the upcoming election is improved. The Office of the President has pressed this issue in a number of ways. For instance, providing a cupcake for every voter, ensuring more dynamic advertisements, talking about the elections and voting at various club and organization events and so forth. Lastly, the Cabinet is working to build a platform to eventually have a multi-cultural center on the Brighton campus. The Office of the President has taken the initiative to reach out to Dr. Holmes in hopes that talks can eventually result in a budget allocation. The Office of the President thanks the Senate for its hard work and continued support.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

**a. Resolution to approve \$300.00 in funding to the Geoscience Association to travel to Mammoth Caves in Kentucky.**

*Resolved*, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the \$300.00 in funding to the Geoscience Association to travel to Mammoth Caves in Kentucky.

**Acting Speaker Lavere** called for a motion to approve the resolution to approve the funding.

Senator Jackson so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.

**Discussion:** Mike Delaney from the Geoscience Association was in attendance. This is a four-day trip and they will be stopping at various geological sites on the way to Kentucky. This will give students a chance to see what it is like to actually work in the field, and decide if it is something they would want to pursue as a career. Two MCC professors are chaperoning and they are both geologists.

**A vote was taken.**

*Be it resolved*, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the \$300.00 in funding to the Geoscience Association to travel to Mammoth Caves in Kentucky.

**b. Resolution to approve Dungeons and Dragons new Constitution.**

*Resolved*, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the Dungeons and Dragons new Constitution.

**Acting Speaker Lavere** called for a motion to approve the resolution for Dungeons and Dragons new Constitution. Senator Greco so moved, seconded by Senator Jackson.

**Discussion:** Emily Loson, a member of the Dungeons and Dragons Club, stated the new constitution is a mix of the standard outline and ANIME's Constitution. The old constitution was very outdated and they were in need of new verbiage that fits the clubs current purpose, which is to provide interactive game roll-play and storytelling. The club brings like-minded people together and has grown exponentially.

**A vote was taken.**

*Be it resolved*, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the Dungeons and Dragons new Constitution.

**c. Resolution to approve the charter for the College Book Club.**

*Resolved*, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the Engineering Leadership Council's request for \$3583.69 in funding for the TYSEA Competition in Syracuse, NY.

**Acting Speaker Lavere** called for a motion to approve the resolution to charter the College Book Club.

Senator Jackson so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.

**Discussion:** Joshua Gagner, an MCC student was surprised there was not a Book Club in existence at MCC. He has been working with fellow students to see how they would like to see the club operate. They have been discussing genres, meeting times and formats, and other areas of literary interests. Only positive things can come from reading and discussing literature, and he is looking forward to having an MCC Book Club.

**A vote was taken.**

*Be it resolved*, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the charter for the College Book Club.

#### V. DISCUSSION ITEM

*There was no discussion item.*

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

*There was no old business.*

**VII. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Advisor Stewart reminds all the SGA Elections are coming up May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. The t-shirts are in for the candidates and election workers and they come in various colors. Please spread the word and remind everyone to come out and vote!

Advisor Herzog encouraged all to come and vote for your favorite club and organization.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion for adjournment.  
The meeting was adjourned at 2:46pm.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Truman  
SA Secretary