



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, May 5, 2015 2:15 PM-Forums (3-130)**

Student Senators:

Senator Greco
Senator Tower-*absent after recess*
Senator Frost
Senator Jackson
Senator Viele
Senator White

Speaker of the Senate:

Jeremy Carmichael

Deputy Speaker:

Michael Lavere

President:

Suhail Prasathong-*absent*

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

SL&LD Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog

SA Secretary:

Lisa Truman

Visitors: Morgan Shoff, Celtic Society; Ekaterina Jones, MCC Student Trustee/PTK; Erik Kopp, Global Union; Ginny Geer-Mentry, MCC Association; Jennifer Pfaff, Honors Student Council; Morgan Zarpentine, Pride Alliance; Kaleena Hill, Pride Alliance; Shirley Batistta-Provost, Office of Student Life and Leadership Development.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:20pm)

A. Roll Call (See attendance above)

B. Approval of the April 28, 2015 Minutes.

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the April 28, 2015 SGA Minutes.

Senator Jackson so moved, seconded by Senator Frost.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the April 28, 2015 Minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Dr. Lloyd Holmes, Vice-President of Student Services, discussed the possibility of an increase in tuition at MCC. There are several factors at play that resulted in the tuition increase discussion. MCC is dependent on three sources of revenue to determine tuition, two of them being state and county funding. The amount of state and county funding is factored in to determine the third source, which is actual MCC tuition and fees. While the county has provided their portion of the agreed amount of funding to MCC, New York State has not. The state has not given us the pledged amount of funding that was anticipated. Since 2009, the amount of funding procured from the state has been drastically reduced. MCC is doing everything they can to keep tuition down, and we are the second lowest tuition out of all the two year schools in New York State. The proposed increase of \$400.00 per year would still keep MCC as the second lowest tuition, even with the increase. Tuition is currently \$3416.00 per year, and the proposed increase would put the tuition at \$3800.00 per year. The goal is to keep tuition as low as possible and not cut any services for students. Students who are eligible for TAP and PELL grants would still be able to attend MCC without any out-of-pocket costs. The MCC budget has been cut by approximately four million dollars in an internal effort to keep costs down, and to have the lowest possible increase in tuition so MCC is still a very affordable option for all students. When you factor in the cost of MCC and the caliber of the education it offers, we are still the best value for the education provided.

Erik Kopp from Global Union reported on their recent trip to Washington, D.C. The trip was a great success, and in his

opinion, the best trip the Global Union has ever taken. Not only did they fill all the seats on the trip, there was a waiting list of over 10 people who wanted to go. It was extremely educational and they were able to visit many landmarks. This experience connected international students with American students as they were all learning together. This trip has boosted interest in Global Union and membership is up.

III. REPORTS

Deputy Speaker Lavere

This week he was occupied with helping the proposed club hockey and wrestling teams set up constitutions and information sessions. He has been working diligently with SGA members on the upcoming elections and hopes all goes well for the candidates in the running.

Advisor Stewart

Reminds all to go out and vote!

Advisor Herzog

Spring Fling 2015 is tomorrow in parking lot A. It will run from 10:00am-2:00pm. There will be free smoothies and ice cream until they are gone and games for prizes and t-shirts. She notifies all her last day at MCC will be May 21st and she looks back on a wonderful year working with this Senate. She will miss everyone and is proud of their progress.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution to support the Monroe Community College Association Budget Draft for July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016.

Resolved, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the resolution to support the Monroe Community College Association Budget Draft for July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016.

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the resolution to support the budget draft.

Senator Jackson so moved, seconded by Senator Greco.

Discussion: Speaker Carmichael noted if there are any major changes to the Budget Draft that was presented to the SGA, please notify the SGA of these changes so the budget can be reviewed again.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate supports the Monroe Community College Association Budget Draft for July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016.

Speaker Carmichael calls for a motion to recess so as the discussion item can be presented.

Senator Tower so moves, all Senators are in agreement.

The Senate is in recess at 3:20pm.

V. DISCUSSION ITEM

Justin Dusett, a MCC Alumni and artist, presented his work and presentation titled "Modern Addiction". Justin has taken iconic, recognizable product images and used these images as a backdrop for our "addiction" to social media. The images are on display in the Forum (3-130) and will be moved around campus for all to view. Justin graduated from MCC in 2013 with a degree in Advertising & Commercial Illustration and will be attending the School of Visual Arts in New York City this fall. Please visit the website modernaddiction.net for more information on this presentation and his art.

The Senate resumes at 3:48pm.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VII. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Advisor Stewart notes that while we are no longer using OrgSync, we are moving on to Blackboard. Many professors are already utilizing Blackboard and now that she is familiar with the system, she is confident this system will allow for stronger connection and will create a sense of community. It will be beneficial for the SGA and there will be discussion forums that everyone wanted and could not achieve with OrgSync.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion for adjournment.

Senator Jackson so moved, seconded by Senator Greco.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Truman
SA Secretary