

MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING MINUTES FOR Tuesday, June 14, 2011 2:15 p.m. – SGA Senate Office (3-127A)

Student Senators: At-Large Senator Hollander At-Large Senator Isaacs At-Large Senator J. Snyder Interdisciplinary Studies Senator M. Snyder Science, Health & Business Senator Bynes Service Clubs Senator Childers **President:** Michael Gray SL&LD Advisor: Elizabeth Stewart Faculty Advisor: Joseph McCauley SL&LD Advisor: Rebecca Herzog

Visitors: Lizz Comstock, Celtic Society; Keene Hammond, Erika Auld, Robin Lalisse, WMCC the Fuse; Benjamin Serbicki, Theresa Ciaccio, Adriana Estrella, Students; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:16 p.m.)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Advisor Herzog announced the summer student leader training. There will be two 2-day sessions with one day on the Brighton Campus and the second day at the Damon Campus. If any student leaders have not received an email, contact Donna Allen in the Photo ID office.

Senator Hollander made a motion to add a resolution to approve funding to OAU to the agenda, seconded by Senator Childers. The motion was approved.

Keene Hammond, WMCC the Fuse, reported on some of the events they have participated in since the end of the semester: the Student Services staff picnic at Dr. Salvador's house and the Nurse's Ball. They have write-ups on these events which they will hand in to the Office of Student Life & Leadership Development.

Advisor Herzog announced that CAB will be presenting the Homecoming Headliner – "Who's Bad – The Ultimate Michael Jackson Tribute Band" on September 24 at 7:30 p.m.; the opener will be "Nappy Roots". Tickets will be \$10.00 for students and can be purchased on MonroeccTickets.com.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)
 - a. <u>Resolution to approve Theresa Ciaccio as the Diversity Coordinator</u>

Resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate approve the appointment of Theresa Ciaccio as the Diversity Coordinator for the 2011-12 Academic Year.

President Gray called for a motion to approve Theresa Ciaccio as the Diversity Coordinator.

Senator Childers so moved, seconded by Senator M. Snyder.

Discussion:

Theresa stated that her main goal will be to start a Diversity Committee to organize groups to bring diversity to the forefront. She also mentioned that she had leadership experience with a club in high school.

President Gray mentioned that he and Theresa have looked at the SUNY 5-year Strategic Plan and have some ideas for diversity.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the appointment of Theresa Ciaccio as the Diversity Coordinator for the 2011–2012 Academic Year.

b. <u>Resolution to approve Benjamin Serbicki as the Veteran's Affairs Liaison</u>

Resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate approve the appointment of Benjamin Serbicki as the Veteran's Affairs Liaison for the 2011-2012 Academic Year.

President Gray called for a motion to approve Benjamin Serbicki as the Veteran's Affairs Liaison.

Senator Bynes so moved, seconded by Senator Hollander.

Discussion:

Ben explained that he was discharged from the military in January after serving 4 years and this past spring semester was his first semester in college. A couple of things he would like to work on are better orientation for Veterans and ways to bring Veterans into the community of MCC.

Senator Hollander suggested that he meet Madeline in the Veteran's Affairs Office in Counseling and Advising and if possible hold an office hour each week in that office.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the appointment of Benjamin Serbicki as the Veteran's Affairs Liaison for the 2011–2012 Academic Year.

c. <u>Resolution to approve Adriana Estrella as the Roundtable Coordinator</u>

Resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate approve the appointment of Adriana Estrella as the Roundtable Coordinator for the 2011-2012 Academic Year.

President Gray called for a motion to approve Adriana Estrella as the Roundtable Coordinator.

Senator J. Snyder so moved, seconded by Senator Childers.

Discussion:

Adriana stated that she is a second year student majoring in Psychology, has previous high school leadership experience and has experience speaking in front of groups.

Senator Hollander explained, to Adriana, that she will be responsible for chairing monthly meetings with all of the clubs and organizations and asked if she would be comfortable with speaking in front of a large group. President Gray mentioned that Adriana met with Megan Scott, the previous Roundtable Coordinator.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the appointment of Adriana Estrella as the Roundtable Coordinator for the 2011–2012 Academic Year.

d. <u>Resolution to approve Amanda Terrigino as the Promotions Coordinator</u>

Resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate approve the appointment of Amanda Terrigino as the Promotions Coordinator for the 2011-2012 Academic Year.

President Gray called for a motion to approve Amanda Terrigino as the Promotions Coordinator.

Senator M. Snyder so moved, seconded by Senator J. Snyder.

Discussion:

President Gray, in Amanda's absence, mentioned that they have met 6 times and she is already working with some of the pamphlets and promotion materials; she is also working on a new look for the suggestion boxes; and she has met with Jaime Smith to outline the changes that need to be made to the SGA website.

Senator Hollander, due to Amanda's absence, made a motion to table the resolution until the next meeting; Senator J. Snyder seconded.

Discussion:

Senator Hollander stated that this is a demanding position and feels the Senators should meet her before approving her.

Senator Childers suggested that she be approved as Interim Promotions Coordinator and allowed to work until approved.

Advisor Stewart stated that she will not give Amanda access to the website until she is approved.

Senator Isaacs stated that if she is not approved today it will slow down the process of getting promotional information out and the website updated before the fall semester.

Senator M. Snyder informed the Senators that Amanda is a good friend and he knows she will do her job well. Senator Hollander made a motion to table the motion to table the resolution; seconded by Senator M. Snyder.

A vote to table the motion to table the resolution was taken. The motion passed.

Advisor McCauley suggested that Michael invite Amanda to the next Senate meeting.

A vote to approve Amanda Terrigino as Promotions Coordinator was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the appointment of Amanda Terrigino as the Promotions Coordinator for the 2011–2012 Academic Year.

e. <u>Resolution to approve Committee Members</u>

Resolved, that the Senate consents to the appointment of Jason Childers and Kelly Bynes to sit on the By-Laws Committee for the 2011-2012 Academic Year.

President Gray called for a motion to approve Committee Members. Senator Isaacs so moved, seconded by Senator Hollander.

Discussion:

Senator Childers and Senator Bynes explained that they would like to be on the committee again so that the pending by-law changes, which they had been working on, can be cleaned up and approved by the time a new Legislative Affairs Coordinator is appointed.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the appointment of Jason Childers and Kelly Bynes to sit on the By-Laws Committee for the 2011-2012 Academic Year.

f. Resolution to approve the funding of \$2,400.00 to Outdoor Activities Unlimited

Resolved, that the Senate consents to the funding of \$2,400.00 from the Travel Contingency Fund to OAU.

President Gray called for a motion to approve Committee Members.

Senator Hollander so moved, seconded by Senator M. Snyder.

Discussion:

Senator Hollander explained that the request was presented in late May too late for the past Senate to vote on it to be held for approval by the 2011-2012 Senate; the funds will be used for a Whitewater Rafting trip. The funds will be coming from the 2011-2012 Travel Contingency Fund Budget which begins on July 1. A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the funding of \$2,400.00 to Outdoor Activities Unlimited.

IV. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Advisor McCauley modeled an old SGA logo shirt.

V. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:52 p.m. President Gray called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Hollander so moved, seconded by Senator Childers. The motion passed; the Senate meeting was adjourned.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Brennan SA Secretary