



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, May 17, 2011
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)**

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

Campus Center Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

Campus Center Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog

Visitors: Dick Ryther, Student Services; Shirley Batista-Provost, Office of Student Life & Leadership Development; Kevin Wynn, Pool & Billiards Club; Jaelyn Crowley, Cinema Society; Andrea Erazo, CAB; Erika Auld, Stephanie Gill, Tim Stam, Zach Clocksin, Dustin Leavy, Robin Lalisie, Tom Quinn, Tamara Hillabush Walker, WMCC the Fuse; Samuel Vito, Monroe Doctrine; Savion Washington, Engineering Leadership Council; Andy Dresang, Pride Alliance; Christian Nelson, The Honors Council; Lisa Armstrong, Kelly Bynes, Luis Perez, Megan Scott, Mike Snyder, Presidential Cabinet; Malcolm Cohn, Alumni; Leeza Dunaevsky, Lindsay Scott, students; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

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

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of the May 3, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes

Speaker Hills called for a motion to approve the May 3, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes.

Senator Snyder so moved, seconded by Deputy Speaker Gray.

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the May 3, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes as written.

C. Approval of the May 10, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes

Speaker Hills called for a motion to approve the May 10, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes.

Senator Yost so moved, seconded by Senator Hale.

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the May 10, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Keene Hammond, WMCC the Fuse, reported that the end of year “Free for All” on May 13 went well and they hope to have it again next year.

III. REPORTS

A. Speaker

Speaker Hills

- ✓ Congratulations to those who were elected into the 2011-2012 Student Government.
- ✓ He had a great time participating in Spring Fling as “The Situation.” Thank you Andy Dresang for helping him get into character.

- ✓ "...I can honestly say that serving as your Speaker has been not only my personal pleasure but professional privilege. Throughout this period I've not only grown as a person but also as a student, and I can definitely say I've learned a lot about myself. At the very least, I know my patience has greatly increased. Hopefully those that stay here and stay within SGA will continue to work hard, strive to make a difference and most importantly leave this place better than you found it; as I'm sure all of you will. Finally to my senators, my peers, my advisors, my friends I say thank you. I wish you all peace, prosperity and happiness."

B. Deputy Speaker

Deputy Speaker Gray...

- ✓ Recruitment for SGA - he has had the opportunity to speak in some political science classes to recruit for SGA. He met with the Director of Counseling & Advising, Peggy Harvey Lee, and Krista Tyner in admissions to discuss the position of Student Services Coordinator; they will be making recommendations in the near future.
- ✓ Transition Day - will be held on Friday May 20th from 12 to 1pm in the senate office. There are students from CAB, as well as WMCC the Fuse interested in several positions.
- ✓ Blood Drive - on July 26th the SGA and the American Red Cross will be hosting a summer blood drive; for the new incoming Senators and Coordinators, there will be a sign up sheet and an email appointment reminder. If you can, please sign up for a time slot by replying to that email. More details to come in the near future.
- ✓ "I would like to say that joining the MCC Student Government Association was one of the best decisions I ever made. From my former position as InterCampus Liaison to currently Deputy Speaker, it has been one of the most rewarding experiences. To those of you graduating, I want to wish you the best of luck in all your endeavors, your contribution to this team has made us stronger and I know you will perform well in any other position. I am honored to take on my new role as President of SGA and will continue the tradition of Excellence that Monroe Community College holds."

C. President

President Childers...

- ✓ Enough is Enough Civility Event – he and Gina Rodi participated in a “litterbug” skit.
- ✓ SGA elections – he was the sole Social Clubs Senator candidate, but was also a good citizen of the MCC Community and actually voted! The elections went well.
- ✓ Spring Fling – he helped at the SGA table giving away phone mints and cups of marshmallows.
- ✓ WMCC the Fuse’s Finals Free for All – he participated in karaoke performing “Suspicious Minds”.
- ✓ “And so we come to the last Public Meeting of my presidency. Before I move on I want to thank a few people who helped me through the last almost 18 months: First of all, I would like to thank Qasim Ijaz. He was able to get me to step up to be Vice President of Global Union. After a great year, and Qasim winning the SGA Presidency, he asked me if I wanted to fill in when Hobie Mendez stepped down as Vice President. His encouragement through my Vice Presidency, as well as after he stepped down himself, has always been helpful. Thank you to my wife, Melanie, for her support. Thank you Shirley Battista-Provost, who has always been very encouraging, but also kept a cautious eye on us when we looked at different ways to think and act outside the box. To Donna Brennan, who has an almost a Buddha-esque amount of patience with me and the rest of the SGA. Her praises can never go unsung. To Former Speaker Moorefield, for organizing the back room and making it easier to locate our past records. I know his heart was trying to be in the right place. To Speaker Hills, thank you for stepping up when the time called for it. Your mostly-no-nonsense approach has been needed to clean up the chaos. I hope the SUNY Student Assemblies, especially Delegate #86, has not discouraged you from finding a leadership role at RIT. To Scott Blue and Travis Sharp, thank you for your leads at SUNY Palooza. I had not known your previous lobbying experiences before being in SGA and I was impressed in what you were able to achieve. To Brandilea Trescott, thanks for being an ear and a friend; the door is always open. To Tom Quinn, I thank for helping with the campaign, and also helping develop an idea into a club, along with Kate DeConick. Along with that, I thank Stephanie Bandyck and Lizz Comstock for taking the reins where I couldn’t, and for Chrissy Flanagan, Keene Hammond, Donna Allen, and Jeff Jones for the Celtic Society’s continuing development. To Eddie Visagie, Martin Arista, and Aubree McClellan, I thank them for working on bringing Global Union back to the level where we left it, as well as bringing Celtic Society under GU’s umbrella. To Katie Meyer, Vince Palma, and Anthony Tann, thanks for taking an interest. To Erin Markum, thanks for doing what you could. To Chad Peters and Jemi Patel, I understand when outside life takes over, something’s gotta give. Good luck with everything! To Talibah Timothy, thanks for doing a thorough job; I hope what you have started can be carried on into the next administration. To Justin Moore, we never did any work together, but I’m glad you came to help out. To Jim Snyder and Sam Isaacs, I look forward to starting out a new year with you. To Ali Wassel-Saxe, I appreciate your perseverance. As many curveballs this year has given you, I’m glad you stayed at it. To Zac Renn, thank you for your willingness to try things and help out. I’m finally seeing potential in you and hope that you develop it more at Mansfield. To Luis Perez, from being a rival to being a pal; never letting uncomfortable situations bother you and taking things in stride. I admire your constant willingness to move on. To Alexander Charles Hale, I thank you for helping me keep things in perspective and keeping me in a positive mood when the chips seemed to be down. To Lisa Armstrong, even with everything you’ve had to handle, I

admire your diligence in finally getting your degree. To Patty Giverson, thank you for your constant positivity. You've been an enjoyment to work with, and although your efforts didn't have a huge turnout, they didn't go unnoticed. To Mike Snyder, thank you for your work on the elections. I look forward to actually working with you this summer. To Jon Muniz, I've seen what you can do, and with your leadership, I look forward to seeing how you rally the troops to produce just as much. To John Huther, I'm glad we've been able to rekindle our friendship after all these years. I'm also glad your patience has finally paid off, and the fruits of your labor will be ongoing after you leave here. To Ashley Yost, thank you for coming in and playing clean up twice; last year for Roundtable, and this year as Social Clubs Senator. Thank you for demonstrating how to take your job seriously, while not taking yourself too seriously. To Betty and Joe, you have been a huge help in bouncing off ideas; how to handle crises; understanding perspectives; and being able to help find a better spin on life. To Rebecca, we've not always seen eye-to-eye, but I'd like to think we could have a better working relationship next year. To Megan Scott, YOU are the rock star! You never let your personal situation get in the way of your goals. You find ways of making limoncello when life throws you lemons. I can't wait to see what you do with your trusteeship. To President-elect Gray, your professionalism is to be applauded. I figured you would be the person to succeed me right after your interview as Intercampus Liaison. Your willingness to be Co-Chair in the Rochester Inter-Collegiate Council made me glad to know that it has a chance to be more involved than it has been the previous couple of years. I look forward to seeing what your plans are for the next five years. To Rimsha Khan, thank you for taking the reins on the By-Laws and the Constitution. You have developed your confidence over the last three semesters, and the UofR is lucky to be getting you. Bahut khoob. Jaari rakho. Continue to be incredible. To Kelly Bynes, thank you for being my anchor. From setting up appointments to working on the by-laws and the constitution; from getting the shirts set up for the parade, to running a successful election, your support never wavering. And you still want to stay involved! There is nothing that is going to stand in your way. And finally, to Christopher, starting from Applied Calc, then you coming over to join SGA and agreeing to be my running mate, I have enjoyed working with you. You keep pushing us all to do better, but you let us know that you still care when we don't hit the mark. We have had our squabbles and uncertainties off and on, but at the end of the day, I think we both have a better understanding of each other, and we can appreciate each other's strengths as well. You've introduced me to people and situations I wouldn't have experienced otherwise, and I'm grateful for it. You've been my friend and my partner, and I wish you good luck and success at UB and in the SUNY EC. After this, one more Association Meeting, the Awards Banquet, Commencement, and the Association Dinner, and my Presidency will conclude but my reports will still be coming. I invite you all to come see our summer meetings. Stay tuned to see when they will be held. All I can tell you is that they will be one Tuesday each month. With that, until we meet again, adios, au revoir, auf wiedersehn.

D. Vice President

Vice President Hollander...

- ✓ **“Summer 2010** - This past summer started my term as Vice-President of the Brighton Campus Student Government. I actually started some of my program planning as soon as I found out that I won the election. During the summer, I attended many of our new student orientations at both this campus and at the Damon City Campus. While at the Brighton Campus, I assisted with the welcome speech to the new students. I remember being extremely nervous but also excited to speak in front of a big group. I will have to admit now, I stuttered, I was nervous, I was sweaty, but no one in the audience knew. It was also the speech that received the best crowd reaction to my horrible jokes. After the speech, I often sat at the table trying to recruit for the organization. Yes it's true, there was a free meal involved if I stayed. After all, I am a hungry college student and needed to eat. While working at OAR's as we would say at DCC, or Orientation, Advisement, and Registrations at the Damon City Campus, I consistently recruited for our organization. It was the first time our application had been at the DCC Campus Center and I hope that is a tradition they plan to keep. The biggest event of the summer was MCC students marching in Rochester's 20th Gay Pride Parade on June 17, 2011.
- ✓ **Fall 2010** - The fall semester was even more eventful than the summer. We started off the fall with the Fall Leadership Retreat at Camp Stella Maris. I did not enjoy this one as much as last years, but this is not because of anything that was done by the advisors. I know many students came back with a lot of new information. Also during the fall, I had tasked my Diversity Coordinator to work with the student Andrew Dresang on National Coming Out Day. This event coordinated with national efforts to benefit gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students. We had community resources such as the Gay Alliance of Genesee Valley and MOCHA Center present. There were many clubs and organizations that assisted us with this event. At noon, we had a “closet” where students, faculty, and staff could “come out” and identify where they stood on the GLBTQA status. I am proud to say Dr. Kress was there to identify as an ally and commented on diversity at MCC. The Rock the Vote project became my next task. We had voter registration drives on campus, at the residence halls, and the Damon City Campus. In all, over 500 students became registered. We were recognized by the SUNY Student Assembly for those efforts. We also did a pre-election trivia in main dining right before the elections to help educate students on who is running. They seemed to enjoy the event, or at least the free candy. It was definitely a successful event. Finally we had an election results party that had tons of food, candy, and free stuff. I estimate there were 75 people in attendance. Even though I over estimated on the food order, I think that was the only downfall of our event. The SUNY Student Assembly Fall

Conference happened during Halloween weekend. It was at that conference I knew I wanted to do a benefit for Carolina's Fight for Life. In November, I travelled with SGA members to the ACUI regional conference. I also became a student representative on the Budget Resource Committee for the second year in a row. The BRC was a wonderful experience where we had input in the overall budget process for the college. Finally, I did a Safe Zone Training for SGA members along with the Assistant Director of Student Services, Julie White.

- ✓ **Spring 2011** - Wow, spring came so quick with my busy fall. I even maintained my position on the Dean's List and finally was eligible for Phi Theta Kappa. We started off with SGA training and we chose as a group two organizations to sponsor. Those were the Richard M. Guon Day Care and Horizons. I also had to lead up the Activity Day table for SGA. Even though the weather was a traditional February day in Rochester, meaning few feet of snow, white out conditions, it was an overall success. During the months of February and March, I had to chair the roundtable meetings since our current coordinator, Megan Scott, was in clinical those days. March 15, 2011 was SUNY Palooza. SUNY Palooza is a SUNY Student Assembly initiative where all of the schools meet in Albany to advocate the legislature to benefit the SUNY students. MCC brought 24 students plus Betty Stewart and I. I was also lucky to accompany some of our students with Damon students to the ASACC in Washington DC. This trip gave us an opportunity to meet with federal legislators. I came back from ASACC and went to Albany for the SUNY Chancellor Award for Student Excellence ceremony. Thanks to Betty Stewart for nominating me for this honor. Later that week, I was in Syracuse for the SUNY Student Assembly Spring Conference. This conference was amazing except for my loss in the elections. Carolina's Fight for Life T-shirt Auction and Ribbon Sale was the event that occupied most of my time. We were able to raise over \$550 to help Carolina Dehond with her fight with Clear Cell Sarcoma. Finally, the Enough is Enough Campaign occurred. Even though attendance to the keynote speaker was not as good as I hoped those who went gained a lot. That evening I received the book "Girls Fight Back." That copy will be staying in the office for future members of SGA to review. I ask that everyone who reads the book also sign their name in it. Spring started to wrap up with a photo shoot at Spring Fling that involved the Situation and Snooki. But my last project would be the SGA Awards. Those will occur later in the meeting.
- ✓ Now this report did not include everything that I have done this year. After all, I could have put some of my academic projects and SUNY Student Assembly information in. But I was asked by Deputy Speaker Gray to keep this report short. So, this report, even though long, does not beat my record of a 3 page report. In seriousness, I want to thank all of you for helping make this year one of the most memorable I've had. The UB Student Association is going to have its work cut out for them after working with such a wonderful group of people. For all the friends and faculty members that have crossed my path, thank you."

E. Senators

Senator Hale...

- ✓ "Thank you to all my fellow senators for their hard work and determination; Mr. Deputy Speaker for his organization and work ethic; Mr. Speaker, thank you for your patience and understanding, as well as your advice and friendship; all of the advisors, thank you for your guidance; Mr. President and Mr. Vice President, thank you for holding this organization together and helping us to accomplish what we have. I was proud to have given time to work as a poll worker and I want to thank every student who took the time to vote. Thank you all for helping to choose next year's SGA. Despite not having organized a meeting for the Elections Commission to discuss the successes and failures of this year's elections, I feel it is important to the election process."

Senator Moore...

- ✓ Being a member on the Finance Committee and involved in some disciplinary hearings was a great experience for him. He enjoyed seeing presentations from school clubs for trips they have been able to go on; his favorite was the Psychology Club, it was very informative and well put together. As this year comes to an end he hopes to be involved with SGA next year for his last semester.

Senator Wassel-Saxe...

- ✓ 9/11 ceremony – she met with Jessica Brown, a former Vice President of the Senate, regarding this year's 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony. She had a great deal of ideas and people she would like as guest speakers; the information has been passed on to Advisor Stewart and Jason Childers.
- ✓ "Joining Student Government will be one of my favorite memories here at MCC. I learned a lot of new things about government and politics and I also got to work and hang out with a great group of people. This is my last semester at MCC; I am currently transferring to Mansfield in the fall. I truly appreciate the experience and the time I have spent with all of the people I have met and everything I have learned."

Senator Yost...

- ✓ **SGA Elections** - were held on May 3rd and 4th; there were 288 total votes.
- ✓ **Spring Fling** – she was able to help set up the SGA table, as well as test out the carnival rides.
- ✓ **Cabbages and Kings** – the 2010-2011 Literary Magazine was released!

- ✓ **Finals Free For All** - Friday, May 13th WMCC the FUSE hosted Finals Free for All in the Res Hall Quad. A lot of fun!
- ✓ **Roundtable** – the last meeting of the year was held on Monday, May 16.

F. Office of Student Life & Leadership Development Advisor Stewart thanked the Senators for their hard work; the SGA accomplished a number of things. She wished those leaving the best. She explained the process for the Awards Banquet.

G. Faculty Advisor McCauley thanked everyone for their hard work and wished them well.

H. Office of Student Life & Leadership Development Advisor Herzog thanked everyone for their hard work.

IV. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Andy Dresang, announced that Pride Alliance is getting stronger; they are 30 members and growing. He is happy to see that Safe Zone training has increased due to increased awareness. He thanked everyone who supported National Coming Out Day and the Drag Show. Thank you to Betty Stewart for all of her help, Bethany Gizzi for her complete support, and the SGA for their support.

Deputy Speaker Gray thanked Donna Brennan.

Malcolm Cohen, MCC and SGA Alumnus, stated that he keeps up to date through facebook. He congratulated the SGA for all they have done this year and wished them the best of luck for next year.

Megan Scott, on behalf of the Presidential Cabinet, thanked everyone for the work done. Congratulations to those graduating. Thank you SGA Advisors for everything.

Chris Brown, on behalf of the ASL Club, gave a power point presentation of their trip to Gallaudet University. He thanked the SGA for help with the funding of the trip and for their support.

Awards Ceremony – Vice President Hollander presented the following awards:

Recognition for Perfect Roundtable Attendance:

Cinema Society, Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Project, the Honors Council, Pool & Billiards Club

Best Monroe Doctrine Article:

Peer Mentors and SGA Raise Funds for Cancer Stricken Alumni

Best WMCC the Fuse Radio Show:

“That’s What She Said” by DJ Hyde and DJ Slam

The Most Involved Student “Non” Leader:

Sam Vito

Honorable mention for the Most Involved Student “Non” Leader: Scott Blue and Andrew Dresang

Best Presentation to the Senate before the Event:

Engineering Leadership Council – Design/Build Fly

Best Presentation to the Senate after the Event:

Psychology Club

Honorable Mention for the Best Presentation to the Senate after the Event: Student Art Organization

Best Residence Hall Event:

Glow Stick Party – Jon Cahill-Weather

V. ADJOURNMENT

At 3:15 p.m. Speaker Hills called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Snyder so moved, seconded by Deputy Speaker Gray. The motion passed; the Senate meeting was adjourned.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Brennan
SA Secretary