



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, October 9, 2012, 2:15 PM, Forum 3-130**

Student Senators:

At-Large Senator Guilford
Athletics Senator Hinz
Interdisciplinary Programs Senator Beaty-**absent**
Health, Business Senator Kim
Liberal Arts Senator Habte
Media Senator Savarese
Residence Hall Senator Walters
Service Club Senator Wynn
Technical Education Senator Jackson
Senator Shanel Montalvo

Acting President:

Scott Blue

Vice President:

Acting Speaker:

Rabbil Jackson-Harris

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

SL&LD Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog-**absent**

Visitors: Virginia Geer-Mentry, MCC Association; Richard Ryther, Student Services; Suzanne Fava, WMCC the Fuse; Jason Childers, Celtic Society; Eddie Williams, Edgar Harris, Dekhari Atterberry, Trevor Jackson, Luthur Robinson, Students and Track & Field Advocates; Catherine Higgins, Elizabeth Flanagan, SA Secretaries.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:15 pm)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of October 2, 2012 Minutes

Acting Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion to approve the minutes of October 2, 2012.

Senator Jackson so moved, seconded by Senator Hinz.

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association unanimously approves the October 2, 2012 minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Senator Guilford introduced students advocating the idea of a track and field club/team. Ed Williams, student and advocate, approached the Senate to present his ideas. He noted that intramural sports create more involvement on campus, and that he has been speaking with Senator Hinz about this point. As such, he would like to propose that MCC create a Track Club/Team. He noted that running helps people to come out of their shells, improve grades, and promote a sense of leadership. He noted that such an activity would also benefit MCC, as prospective students would be drawn to a track and field option.

Acting Speaker Jackson-Harris asked Ed if he had talked with anyone in the Athletic Department. Ed responded that he had, and Senator Guilford added that he and Senator Hinz will help out with the start-up, and speak with Athletic Director, Skip Bailey.

Acting President Blue commended Ed for having the courage and conviction to stand up for this wonderful idea, and added that he will support the necessary steps to proceed in creating a motion for this cause.

Dick Ryther applauded the students' plans to meet with Skip Bailey. He cautioned that the track is currently not in the best shape, but strongly supports the pursuit of a track club for MCC. Ginny Geer-Mentry also supported the idea, noting that long-distance track is often correlated with good academic performance. Suzanne Fava, who often gives tours of MCC, added her support and mentioned that during every tour she recalls, someone has asked about track.

Edgar Harris, student and track advocate, approached the Senate. He inquired how student government goes about accommodating students. Specifically, he noted that students are often in class, and wondered how SGA members make themselves accessible to students with busy schedules.

Acting Speaker Jackson-Harris indicated that senators reach out to students between classes, in the student lounge and other gathering places. New ways are being brainstormed, and there is a suggestion box for suggestions from students. He also noted that the SGA office is open from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM, and e-mails and phone numbers of SGA members are available. Senator Guildford added that he encourages students to approach senators as they are always glad to help, and Acting President Blue indicated that a re-vamping of student government is underway to improve their service to the student body. He mentioned the use of SurveyMonkey, and the initiative to increase SGA visibility.

Edgar offered the recommendation of an SGA table at events such as the Carnival, and Acting Speaker Jackson-Harris expressed the idea of polo shirts and/or other ways to easily identify persons who are in student government.

Acting President Blue commended the student advocates of track for coming forward with their great ideas. Edgar thanked the SGA for their attention and support.

III. REPORTS

Senator Reports

Senator Amy Walters

"The past week has been very eventful and busy on campus.

During the past week, I made a point of formally introducing myself to all the Resident Directors. I also have been officially written into the next All Commons meeting on Oct 10th, where I will formally introduce myself to all the Resident Assistants.

President Blue and I have also been discussing and working on a mock debate for the residence halls, which will take place tonight at 7pm in Pioneer Hall.

I had the pleasure of attending the on-campus carnival and comedy show this past Thursday, as well as our Homecoming weekend.

Finally, I would like to report that this past week's Blood Drive was a success, and that Mr. Santangelo and I have been in contact about a future blood drive to be held in the Residence Halls."

Senator Kadeizja Jackson

"The past two weeks have been a learning experience.

On Tuesday September 19, I sent an e-mail introducing myself to Kevin French (chair of Applied Technologies), Matthew Fetzner (chair of Engineering Technologies), Michelle Bartell (chair of Hospitality Management), and Tom Gilbert (chair of Information & Computer Technologies).

Last weekend, I attended the Leadership Retreat. While there, I formed bonds with several leaders from the Brighton and Damon Campuses. I learned and practiced effective communication and listening skills. I think the retreat helped me to better know my fellow SGA members.

On Tuesday, I sent an e-mail to Javier Ayala, Dean of Career Technical Education, and Suzanne O'Brien, Secretary to the Dean, to schedule a meeting to address any questions and/or concerns they may have.

On Thursday, I sent an e-mail to Kevin French to set up a meeting to talk about getting a shuttle bus from the Brighton Campus to the Applied Technologies Center (ATC).

On Thursday, I went to the carnival to show support to the Campus Activities Board (CAB). I played games to show support for the clubs that were set up to raise awareness about kids that do not have clean water.

Conclusion: This week I am planning to have a meeting with Kevin French with the hope of discussing the possibility of having the Brighton-ATC shuttle."

Senator Haben Habte

"This past week, I set up a meeting with Kristen Fragnoli, Dean of Liberal Arts, for October 19th. I talked with Rebecca Herzog about joining the Civil Service Community and will start attending meetings on Wednesdays.

I've been going around to different students and introducing myself as the Liberal Arts Senator.

During the next week, I will meet with the Dean of Liberal Arts to discuss the needs and wants of the students." Acting President Blue requested that this writer include Senator Habte's tongue-in-cheek reference to "thing-a-ma-jigs" for the latter category. So noted.

Senator Alphonsa Wynn

Senator Wynn expressed his enthusiasm about encouraging student involvement in service clubs. He feels that it is important that students become aware of and engaged with service, and he is working to bolster more student involvement in such activities.

Senator Gene Kim

"During the Leadership Retreat last Friday, I had the opportunity to meet with Amy, the President of the Nursing club, and discussed the possibility of creating a Health Fair. Amy and I were thinking of combining different clubs such as the Nursing, Radiology, Dental Hygiene, and Biology clubs, and drawing strength from all their resources to have this event come to life. We're still in the beginning stages, but I'm planning to be ready by the end of October.

This week, I plan on contacting with Amy of the Nursing Club again to start creating the blueprint of the Health Fair. I was thinking of reaching out to different organizations such as G.U (Global Union) and the Celtic Society and see if they would like to contribute."

Campus Center Advisor

Campus Center Advisor Stewart

Thanked all for their excellent work with the Blood Drive. She indicated that she is impressed with the fine reporting from the Senators, and expressed her enthusiasm for assisting them with their projects.

Faculty Advisor

Faculty Advisor McCauley

Wished Advisor Stewart a very happy 29th birthday, and indicated that the 30th anniversary of his 29th birthday is forthcoming.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve members of the Presidential Cabinet

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves the appointment of Nelson Clark as Environmental/Sustainability Director for the 2012-2013 Academic Year.

Acting Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion to approve the appointment of Nelson Clark as Environmental/Sustainability Director for the 2012-2013 Academic Year.

Senator Kim so moved, seconded by Senator Jackson

Discussion:

Acting President Blue conveyed how impressed he has been with Nelson Clark's background and leadership skills, and invited Nelson to approach the Senate to speak. Nelson expressed his enthusiasm for the position, and indicated that he looks forward to talking with environmental businesses to learn what is available in terms of programs for sustainability and the environment. He hopes to educate people and be an advocate for positive change and awareness.

A vote was taken.

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves the appointment of Nelson Clark as Environmental/Sustainability Director for the 2012-2013 Academic Year.

b. Resolution to approve Executive Board members of the SGA Campus Activity Board

Resolved that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves the appointment of Sarah Kadar, Lia Conti, Laura Peterson, Kaylie Potter, Dalia Tamoshunas, Zachary Cedruly, Kaleb Borgus, Kyle Fecik, and Mika Kawama to the Campus Activity Board Executive Board for the 2012-2013 Academic Year.

Acting Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion to approve the appointment of the aforementioned candidates to the Campus Activity Board Executive Board for the 2012-2013 Academic Year.

Senator Walters so moved, seconded by Senator Guilford

Discussion:

Acting President Blue indicated that Faculty Advisor McCauley gave the green light to name all the names for appointment as a statement of unity. He also mentioned that Allison McCarthy, Director of CAB, selected each one of these individuals. Acting Speaker Jackson-Harris asked if an indication of positions to go with names could be provided. Acting President Blue answered that this may be provided at a later time.

A vote was taken.

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves the appointment of Sarah Kadar, Lia Conti, Laura Peterson, Kaylie Potter, Dalia Tamoshunas, Zachary Cedruly, Kaleb Borgus, Kyle Fecik, and Mika Kawama to the Campus Activity Board Executive Board for the 2012-2013 Academic Year.

V. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Senator Hinz applauded our student guests' success in gleaning 250 signatures from the student body supporting the effort to create a Track Club/Team.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Acting Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion to adjourn.

Motioned by Senator Jackson, and seconded by Senator Guilford. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth V. Flanagan
SA Secretary