



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, November 13, 2012, 2:15 PM, Forum 3-130**

Student Senators:

Athletics Senator Hinz
Health, Business Senator Kim
Liberal Arts Senator Habte
Media Senator Savarese
Residence Hall Senator Walters
Service Club Senator Wynn
Technical Education Senator Jackson

President:

Scott Blue

Vice President:

Shanel Montalvo

Deputy Speaker:

Dabanga Guilford

Speaker:

Rabbil Jackson-Harris

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

SL&LD Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog-absent

Visitors: Andy Binder, student; Ignatius Ukatu, student; Josiah King, student; Jason Childers, Celtic Society; Craig Putnod, student; John Hatban, student; Nelson Clark, SGA; Shirley Batissta-Provost; Elizabeth Flanagan, SA Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:15 pm)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of November 6, 2012 Minutes

Acting Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion to approve the minutes of November 6, 2012.

Senator Kim so moved, seconded by Senator Habte.

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association unanimously approves the November 6, 2012 minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Andy Binder, student, approached the Senate to talk about double-sided printing in the interdisciplinary department. Deputy Speaker Jackson-Harris noted that he will bring up the matter with Kate of the interdisciplinary department when she becomes available to get the issue resolved.

III. REPORTS

Senator Reports

Senator Savarese

“Cabbage and Kings will be holding workshops November 29 from 4-6 pm. The workshops will be on publishing (from 4:00-5:00 PM) and creative writing (from 5:00-6:00 PM).”

Senator Walters

“This has been a very eventful and busy week for me. This past Tuesday (11-6-12) I participated in the Red Cross blood drive in the resident halls. The event was an extreme success! The drive produced a total of 32 productive units on a goal of 23. As a result, 96 lives can be helped!

Also on Tuesday, I attended the Elections Party, which was a great evening hosted by the student government.

On Saturday, Senator Hinz, Senator Savarese, Director Clark, and I attended the MCC hockey game.

During this past week, I have also collected useful information from the suggestion boxes in the halls, and have e-mailed the information to the Resident Directors.”

Senator Jackson

“The past two weeks have been a learning experience.

I had a meeting with Kristy Graves (Program Coordinator, ATC) she gave me a tour of the building. We also did the final touches on the survey and sent it out.

Last weekend, I went to the student assembly conference. I had a great time meeting different leaders from different SUNY colleges. I earned a professionalism certificate from attending the different workshops.

This Monday I have a meeting with Dr. Ayala to introduce myself.

In conclusion, I hope that in the weeks to come, many people will turn in the surveys. I hope to begin plans to get a shuttle.”

Faculty Advisor Stewart

During Winter Recess, there will be a Leadership Retreat on January 7th from 8:30 AM until 5:00 PM. In the morning, there will be a conference, and the afternoon portion will feature a special speaker.

The next Blood Drive will occur on December 5th.

Orientations take place in January. It would be great if SGA would be present to talk with students. Advisor Stewart is talking with President Blue and Speaker Jackson-Harris about this.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve the petition for charter for The Club

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion for the first resolution.

Senator Savarese so moved. There was no need for a second as this was submitted by the Committee.

Discussion:

Joe Jackson, student, approached the Senate. He stated that he is highly inspired by theatre, and is serious about practicing the art of acting. He noted that currently, only one MCC theatre class (190) provides students with practice in acting. As students interested in acting would like to master this craft, he feels a club dedicated to this would be beneficial. Senator Kim asked Joe if any events would be held by the club. Joe responded that if five or more students showed interest in acting events, a sub-section could be dedicated to such events, such as improvisational performances. He also mentioned that they could help provide actors when needed for other groups. President Blue asked Joe how many students are interested, and Joe indicated that is yet to be determined. Joe mentioned that Heather Fox has been established as advisor for The Club. Senator Savarese indicated that establishment of the club is being handled well, and he supports it. President Blue added his support, and heralded Heather Fox as a skilled and well-qualified director. Speaker Jackson-Harris then asked for a vote.

A vote was taken.

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association approves the charter for The Club.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Eric Boyce, student and member of the leadership team for Campus Ambassadors, approached the Senate. He spoke about the success and good fellowship of the fall retreat that 20 people attended. He noted that the cover kids on the Infusion Retreat Poster are from MCC.

Jason Childers wished Advisor McCauley a Happy Birthday in advance.

Advisor Stewart reminded all that Express Enrollment Day is November 14th from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM, and she is seeking Student volunteers. All interested should contact her after today's meeting.

Senator Walters reminded all of the upcoming Blood Drive on December 5th and 6th, and indicated that she is making a sign-in sheet.

President Blue expressed how heartened he is with Cabbages and Kings' positive response to Senator Savarese. Kudos to Senator Savarese for his excellence in relationship-building with this club.

Speaker Jackson-Harris expressed how proud he is of everyone's' hard work.

Shirley Batistta-Provost mentioned that on April 22nd, there will be an International Day Hosted by the Cultural Club in Monroe A and B. She requested SGA involvement, and mentioned that it promises to be enjoyable with various forms of entertainment. Jason Childers provided the following details regarding auditions for entertainers at this event:

December 13, 2012	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Forum
December 17, 2012	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Forum
February 4, 2013	Noon – 2:00 PM	Forum
February 6, 2013	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Monroe A

President Blue added that he spoke with Axel Betancourt about this event, and indicated that further formation of details is underway.

VP Montalvo expressed her gratitude to everyone for their great work with the ATC. She was glad to hear that Drs. Kress and Salvador commended everyone's' work, as well.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:44 PM, Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Hinz so moved, seconded by Senator Jackson. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth V. Flanagan
SA Secretary