



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING MINUTES FOR
Friday, March 2, 2012 Emergency Meeting
12:15 p.m. – Senate Office (3-127A)**

Student Senators:

Academic Clubs Senator Valone
At-Large Senator Isaacs
Athletics Senator Coulombe-Absent
CAB Senator Snyder
Media Senator Bynes
Social Clubs Senator Jackson-Harris

President:

Michael Gray

Speaker/At-Large Senator

Scott Blue

Deputy Speaker/Service Clubs Senator

Jason Childers

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart-Absent

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

SL&LD Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog-Absent

Visitors: Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER (12:20 p.m.)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

Senator Snyder motioned to open the Speaker's list.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

**a. The following resolution came from committee – Senator Jackson-Harris read the resolution
Resolution to approve the funding of \$1400.00 to BASIC**

Whereas, under Article II, Section 6.C.7 of the MCC Student Government Association Constitution, the MCC Student Government Association Travel and Finance Committee has approved \$1400.00 from the Senate Contingency Fund to BASIC for an event called BASIC Conference 2012, and

Whereas, a majority vote of the Senate is required to approve such funding, the MCC Student Government Association Travel and Finance Committee asks the Senate to approve the funding of \$1400.00 from the Senate Contingency Fund to sponsor the BASIC Conference, and

Whereas, BASIC has been informed that a representative from the club needs to be in attendance at the Emergency Senate Meeting on Friday, March 2, 2012, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Senate consents to the funding of \$1400.00 to BASIC to sponsor the event BASIC Conference 2012.

Senator Jackson-Harris offered a friendly amendment to add "2012" after Conference in the second Whereas. The friendly amendment is approved.

Discussion:

Senator Jackson-Harris stated that he met with the President of BASIC and with Speaker Blue regarding this request. He explained that at the Conference, they will hear from different speakers from around the country who will discuss methods to improve each BASIC club's meeting, guidance and suggestions on organizing/creating community service events, and encouragement to develop relationships/connections with students, administration and the local community in a more beneficial manner.

Senator Isaacs talked about the balance remaining in the Senate Contingency account, the possibility of funds going back into the account from other organizations, and other fund requests coming forward but paperwork is not in yet. He asks that the students attending the conference put \$20.00 each toward the cost of the conference which would bring the request down to \$1100.00.

Senator Jackson-Harris explained that the Finance Committee approved the \$1400.00 and stated that it is not the committee's responsibility to manage funding for clubs who have not sent forward requests. The committee has worked hard to make wise and fair decisions.

Senator Isaacs and Senator Bynes stated that information regarding their transportation to and from the conference and food expenses are not indicated anywhere. They asked that the 15 students going to the conference contribute \$25.00 each which would bring the request down to \$1025.00.

Deputy Speaker Childers informed them that any fees that are not registration fees do not have to be on the form; it is a local conference downtown.

President Gray informed everyone that today, March 2, is the last day to submit requests for funds. The deadline was announced at the last Roundtable and it was set so the MCC Association deadline could be met.

Senator Jackson-Harris stated that there are 3 more requests coming forward.

Senator Isaacs offered a friendly amendment to change the request to \$1025.00, asking the club to make up the difference from their agency account.

The Finance Committee members did not accept the friendly amendment.

A vote to approve the resolution as is was taken.

The vote to approve the resolution as is fails.

Senator Isaacs motioned for a new resolution changing the funding request to \$1025.00, seconded by Senator Valone.

Senator Isaacs read the new resolution:

Resolution to approve the funding of \$1025.00 to BASIC

Whereas, under Article II, Section 6.C.7 of the MCC Student Government Association Constitution, the MCC Student Government Association Travel and Finance Committee has approved \$1025.00 from the Senate Contingency Fund to BASIC for an event called BASIC Conference 2012, and

Whereas, a majority vote of the Senate is required to approve such funding, the MCC Student Government Association Travel and Finance Committee asks the Senate to approve the funding of \$1025.00 from the Senate Contingency Fund to sponsor the BASIC Conference, and

Whereas, BASIC has been informed that a representative from the club needs to be in attendance at the Emergency Senate Meeting on Friday, March 2, 2012, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Senate consents to the funding of \$1025.00 to BASIC to sponsor the event BASIC Conference 2012.

Discussion:

Senator Isaacs explained that he feels the change in this funding request will leave money for the Engineering Leadership Council who he believes should go on their trip.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the MCC Student Government Association unanimously approves the funding of \$1025.00 to BASIC.

III. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:55 p.m. Speaker Blue called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Snyder so moved, seconded by Senator Bynes. The motion passed. The Emergency Senate meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Brennan
SA Secretary