



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, November 8, 2011
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)**

Student Senators:

Academic Clubs Senator Valone
At-Large Senator Isaacs
At-Large Senator J. Snyder - **absent**
CAB Senator M. Snyder
Media Senator Bynes
Social Clubs Senator Jackson-Harris
Residence Hall Senator Sears

President:

Michael Gray - **absent**

Vice President

Theresa Ciccio- **absent**

Speaker/At-Large Senator

Scott Blue

Deputy Speaker/Service Clubs Senator

Jason Childers - **absent**

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

SL&LD Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog - **absent**

Visitors: Ginny Geer-Mentry, MCC Association; Alex Kates, Evan Ling, Monroe Doctrine; Catherine Higgins, SA Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:15 p.m.)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of the October 11, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve the October 11, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes.

Senator M. Snyder so moved, seconded by Senator Jackson-Harris.

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the October 11, 2011 minutes as written.

C. Approval of the November 1, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve the November 1, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes.

Senator Bynes so moved, seconded by Senator Isaacs.

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the November 1, 2011 minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Ginny Geer-Mentry, Director of the MCC Association, addressed the Senate on behalf of the MCC Association Board of Directors. They wanted to thank the Senate for reducing their budget and for relaying the situation to clubs and organization about the budget cuts. She does not expect any additional cuts this year.

Sodexo is having an Innovation Luncheon tomorrow at noon in the PAC Conference Center. Ms. Geer-Mentry invited any Senators who are interested in attending to stop by. They will be viewing and discussing a video on Diversity.

Evan Ling of the Monroe Doctrine, asked the Senate what is being done to promote the SGA elections for Spring 2012 and to get a larger voter turnout than last year.

Acting Deputy Speaker Bynes indicated that she was Elections Coordinator last year. The Elections packets went out later than they should have. This year they are on track to address the concerns of last year and make this year's election more productive. It will be a team effort. They are currently without an Elections Coordinator and are looking to fill the position.

Speaker Blue suggested to Mr. Ling that the Monroe Doctrine work in collaboration with SGA, as well as with WMCC to get the word out about the Elections Coordinator position and about the elections in general.

III. REPORTS

A. SENATORS

Senator Jackson-Harris...

Senator Jackson-Harris stated that the Electronic Gaming Society is selling candy as a fundraiser for their events. They are also holding a launch party for the video game, Skyrim in the e-lounge between 12pm-4pm Friday, November 11, 2011.

Grupo De' Capoeira has a competition at the Tango Café on 369 Gregory Street, on Sundays at 6:00pm. In conjunction with OAU, they are planning an Ultimate Tournament however, date and time has not been determined. There will be an Open Skate on Fridays, 10-11pm at Genesee Valley.

Senator Jackson-Harris and Speaker Blue met with Robert King regarding the Greenhouse Project. They will be working toward generating more interest in the Greenhouse and in an agricultural program on campus.

Senator M. Snyder...

Senator M. Snyder thanked his fellow senators, as well as CAB for supporting his lateral move to Campus Activities Board Senator. He feels like this position change will be of great benefit to not just the SGA, but to CAB as well. Communication is key in any and every organization. On November 9, and 10th, CAB is putting on the "I Am Thankful" event. The goal of this event is for students to think about what they are thankful for. This event will take place in the Terrace Lounge during college hour. CAB is hosting an "Open Mic" event on November 14, in the North Atrium from 12pm to 1pm. This event is a fun activity for students to show their talents. On Saturday, December 3, CAB will be hosting "Breakfast with Santa" from 10am to 12pm in Monroe A & B. This is an opportunity for other clubs/organizations to promote themselves to the community.

Senator M. Snyder had the opportunity to attend the SUNY SA Fall Conference in Latham, NY last weekend. It was a very insightful and educational opportunity. It pleased him to see the many student leaders come together from all over New York State, representing the best of the SUNY system and its students. He is pleased to announce that he was elected Community College Representative for the SUNY Student Assembly. He is anxiously looking forward to start working with SUNY SA in the future. He will be representing Monroe, Finger Lakes, Cayuga, Tompkins Cortland, and Onondaga Community Colleges. Being a Community College representative will enable me to represent the SUNY students who attend a community college on a state level.

Senator Valone...

Senator Valone met with the Biology Club in a "Careers in Biology Conference." Afterward, the members invited her to their office where they talked about some of their goals for this year. They hope to make a trip to Boston to see a giant aquarium, among other things. She looks forward to hearing updates from them in the near future.

She visited with the Health Information Technology Club on Halloween. Their studies are very broad, and include not only mastery of different health data systems, but the understanding of the legal policies surrounding health care. Their knowledge is in demand; there are jobs offered to students after just two years of study. The students she met who were working toward their Associates Degree are focused and professional. They are working to increase membership and are helping to sponsor the Bone Marrow Drive that will be taking place on February 15, 2011 from 9:00am to 5:00pm in the Atrium.

The Club Senators have been implementing Roundtable "Advisory Boards." We are planning, in addition to the mandatory Roundtables, a meeting time when Academic, Social, Service, and Media Club representatives can gather once a month in their own focus groups or boards. We feel that this will facilitate better communication and team collaboration, and she has already heard some positive feedback from some clubs. She wants to see as many groups as possible participating in this initiative and thinks that it will be helpful to pilot the boards NOW, so that they will be ready for the Spring.

B. Advisor Stewart...

She reminded everyone that today is Election Day and to be sure to get out and vote. She and Trung Nguyen attended the National Orientation Directors Association (NODAC) Conference in New Orleans last week. Our orientations will be more effective as a result. She also gave her impressions of New Orleans post-Katrina.

C. Faculty Advisor McCauley...

Advisor McCauley advised everyone to vote.

D. Committee Reports

Senator M. Snyder stated that SGA is helping the Veterans Club with their fundraising efforts, by selling poppies on Friday, November 11th for Veterans Day.

Senator Isaacs reported on behalf of the Club Constitution Committee, that the Anime club is going forward.

Acting Deputy Speaker Bynes stated that the By-Laws Committee did not meet due to absences, but they are planning a meeting on Wednesday night that she hopes will be productive.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

IV. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

There were no questions and comments.

V. ADJOURNMENT

At 3:45p.m. Speaker Blue called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Bynes so moved, seconded by Senator Sears. The motion passed; the Senate meeting was adjourned.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Higgins
SA Secretary