



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, April 16, 2013 2:15 PM, Forum 3-130**

Student Senators:

Media Senator Savarese
Residence Hall Senator Walters
At-Large Senator Williams

President:

Shanel Montalvo

Speaker:

Rabbil Jackson-Harris

Deputy Speaker:

Kyle Savarese

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

SL&LD Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog

SA Secretary

Elizabeth Flanagan

Visitors: Suzanne Fava, WMCC; Jason Childers, Celtic Society; Brian Ho, Student; Chris Nguyen, SEGA; Melissa Kunes, Student; Sean Momenemy, Student; Chris McAdero, Student; Glen Rapp, Student; Jan Paul, Student; Kris Ziegler, Student; Charles Hibner, Student; AJ Horton, Student; David Ellwanger, Student; Tommy Clemeno, Student; Jess Pike, Student; Brian Ho; Nelson Clark, Student

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:15 pm)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of April 9, 2013 Minutes

Deputy Speaker Savarese called for a motion to approve the minutes of April 9, 2013.

Senator Walters so moved, seconded by Senator Halloran. There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association unanimously approves the April 9, 2013 minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Suzanne Fava approached the Senate. She said that Chris of WMCC will be interviewing the Morgan Twins this Thursday. Also, Fusestock is soon approaching, and will take place on May 1st. If anyone would like to volunteer, please see Suzanne to sign up.

III. REPORTS

Advisor Herzog

Reminded all that Zach Wahl will be here tomorrow and this promises to be an interesting and engaging event. Zach will be signing his book, What Makes a Family, after his presentation. She also noted the upcoming Spring Fling Fusestock event, and said that 15 to 20 clubs will be participating. She encouraged SGA to have a table at Fusestock for positive interaction with students, but indicated that campaigning will not be permitted, which was reinforced by Advisor Stewart.

Regarding awards applications, please submit by Thursday. After Thursday, applications will not be accepted. These will be reviewed by an unbiased panel of judges comprised of mostly professors.

Speaker Jackson-Harris added that bios need to be submitted to Donna Pellnat by tomorrow.

Advisor McCauley

Mentioned that he enjoyed his SUNY trip.

Senator Williams

“I continue to work on the Certification Leadership Program, and helped out with the SGA-sponsored Blood Drive. Also, Senator Halloran and I have been sharing ideas and suggestions with Commissioner Jopson regarding the parking project at the Brighton campus for the ATC students.”

IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution to approve the Petition for Charter for “Got your Six” Club

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion. Senator Savarese so moved. No second was required as the resolution came from Committee.

Charles Hibner, Veteran and Student, approached the Senate. He spoke of the cultural differences between the main campus and the Applied Technology Center (ATC), and how the cultural difference is the real issue. The differences in culture are largely driven by both a feeling of isolation by those at the ATC, as well as the fact that most students at ATC are employed adults who aim to apply their education immediately at work. These elements contrast with the experience of the majority of younger traditional students at the main campus. Charles indicated that time, money and cooperation are critical, and that the “Got your Six” Club will help people with these. He noted that officers must be flexible with time, and the club must be on the premises (at the ATC). He indicated that the officers have much work to do, and he and everyone involved hope for a positive vote.

Senator Savarese asked Charles if the club would be open to all students, and Charles indicated that it would be open to all students, but the primary focus would be on the students of the ATC. Senator Walters asked about a timeline for meetings. Charles indicated that they could not know that answer until they receive input from club members who require flexibility due to the demands of adult life.

Senator Walters asked for an explanation about the name of the club. Charles explained its origin with veterans, and how it basically means, “I’ve got your back” using the metaphor of positioning on a clock. He added that conversation about the club’s name is productive in that it educates people about veterans’ experiences. President Montalvo asked how students of the main campus would be integrated. Charles indicated that as ATC people would approach the main campus for their clubs, it follows that main campus people would need to approach the ATC if interested. This idea was reinforced by other students present in the audience, emphasizing that people they know have no problem with coming to the ATC. The previous idea of how ATC students have a desire to immediately apply their learning to work was reiterated, and a clarification of previously stated topics regarding cultural differences ensued. President Montalvo asked for a summary of the club’s mission statement. Charles indicated that their mission involves social networking at the ATC, funding programs at the ATC, and promoting people at the ATC, while also welcoming students from the larger MCC community.

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a vote. A vote was taken, and the resolution was passed by majority vote.

Resolved that the Student Government Association Senate approves the charter for “Got your Six” Club.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

There were no questions or comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Jackson-Harris called for a motion for adjournment. Senator Savarese so moved, with a second from Senator Williams. A vote was taken. At 3:00 PM, the meeting was adjourned.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth V. Flanagan
SA Secretary