



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR  
Tuesday, February 11, 2014 2:15 PM-Forum (3-130)**

**Student Senators:**

Academic Clubs Senator Jopson  
At-Large Senator Poloznik  
Social Clubs Senator Williams  
Senator Jackson  
Senator Major  
At Large Senator Cassidy  
At Large Senator Savarese  
Science, Health & Business Senator Wyble  
Service Clubs Senator Schollnick

**Speaker of the Senate:**

Adrian Hale

**Deputy Speaker:**

Glenn Rapp

**President:**

Nelson Clark-absent

**Vice President:**

Mark White

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart

**SL&LD Advisor:**

Rebecca Herzog

**SA Secretary:**

Lisa Truman

**Visitors:** Ken Koban, WMCC; Kyle Schrieb, WMCC; Andrea Schollnick, WMCC; Joe McLean, WMCC; Sean Toomey, WMCC; Ameen Smith, WMCC; Andy Binder, MCC Student; Ginny Geer-Mentry, MCC Association; Luke Wethers, Celtic Society/Chinese Culture Club; Chrystal Schlenker, ASL Club; Haley Bonczyk, ASL Club; Shirley Batistta-Provost, OSLLD; Evan Marcellus, Celtic Society; Ersebet Piros, DCC SEGA; Mark McBride, MCC Library; Micquel Little, MCC Library.

**I. CALL TO ORDER (2:22pm)**

**A. Roll Call (See attendance above)**

**B. Approval of the February 4<sup>th</sup> Minutes.**

Speaker Hale called for a motion to approve the February 4<sup>th</sup> Minutes.

Senator Jopson so moved, Senator Jackson seconded.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association, approves the February 4<sup>th</sup> Minutes as written.**

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

**Mark McBride**, the Director of the MCC Leroy V. Good Library, introduces the new Assistant Director Micquel Little. Mr. McBride announces that some of the new signage is up in the library, dividing zones of quiet and conversation/group study areas. It is going well, and he welcomes any feedback or comments from students. There is a "white board" located on the ground floor of the library where comments can be posted. This will be posted on social media sites. He looks forward to gathering student feedback.

**Andy Binder**, an MCC Student, asks if texting Public Safety will ever be an option. He uses an example of a loud exchange taking place on the shuttle bus, and felt if someone would like to notify Public Safety of the incident, they would want to do so quietly and texting is a great way to communicate and notify without drawing attention. Ginny Geer-Mentry tells all they are looking into that option at present and will keep everyone posted.

**Ameen Smith** from WMCC thanks Senator Williams for the question and answer hour he participated in on The Fuse. He thought Senator Williams did a great job, and hopes these types of interview sessions will continue.

### III. REPORTS

#### Senator Williams

Stated it is an on-going honor and privilege to serve as the Social Club Senator for the students and club members at MCC's Brighton Campus. The Revolution Club's request to become chartered is one-step closer. He met with a club officer last week and has received their revised constitution. He is hoping this constitution will be on the next Senate meeting floor for approval. He thanked Henry Brown for assisting with some communication issues that stemmed from contact information changes. He co-sponsored three proposals for Senator Savarese and one for Senator Poloznik. He has drafted a proposal for this Friday's pre-agenda which is in line with the ideas of the Constitution Committee. There was a lot of input regarding an amendment proposal to the MCC SGA By-Laws and he hoped it would be up for discussion soon. Last Wednesday he spoke with The FUSE/WGCC and answered questions regarding this year's SGA administration. Senator Williams stated President Clark and Speaker Hale are blazing a path as to what is right for the MCC student population. Their shoes will be hard to fill next semester. He was pleased to see the Finance Committee busy and approving many requests for funds. The Celtic Society is having another fund drive. The spring semester candle sale is under way. The selection is new, Senator Williams has purchased the candles, and they smell great and last a long time. Starting at tomorrow's Roundtable Meeting, there will be a request from every club, organization, and association to provide feedback to the Student Government on how we are doing. He thanked Senator Cassidy for her assistance with this process. He reminds all the rescheduled Roundtable Meeting is tomorrow.

#### Senator Poloznik

Announces the Celtic Society is marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and they are looking for participation. Please see him or a member of the Celtic Society for more information.

#### Advisor Stewart

Thanks all who participated in the V.P. interview sessions. A special thanks goes out to Deputy Speaker Rapp who attended all sessions and had some excellent questions and comments. The interviews are completed, and all information is with President Kress now. The Student Life Fair went well, thanks to all who participated. She was pleased to see the Academic Calendar Survey being presented there and is looking forward to the results. She is traveling next week during break with C.A.B. members to attend an assembly that features ideas on campus activities. This Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00pm in Monroe A&B, there will be a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration. Rochester Mayor, Lovely Warren, will be the keynote speaker. She hopes all will attend as this is a great program and presentation.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. Action Items (items requiring a Senate vote)

##### **a. Resolution to approve the funding of \$1401.00 to the ASL Club for a trip to Washington D.C.**

*Resolved*, that the Student Government Association Senate approves the funding of \$1401.00 for a trip to Washington D.C. to visit Gallaudet, a predominantly deaf & hard of hearing school.

**Speaker Hale** called for a motion to approve the \$1401.00 funding for ASL trip.

Senator Jopson so moved, seconded by Senator Poloznik.

**Discussion:** Chrystal Schlenker and Haley Bonczyk of the ASL Club thank the Senate for their consideration. Senator Major asks exactly what the trip is for and we are told the Gallaudet School is a wonderful way to immerse in the deaf and hard of hearing culture. The ASL Club students will be going "voiceless" as a way of enhancing the experience.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved**, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the funding of \$1401.00 for the ASL Club to travel to Washington, D.C. to visit the Gallaudet School.

##### **b. Resolution to approve the funding of \$600.00 to sponsor a Musical Trip to New York City.**

*Resolved*, that the Student Government Association Senate approves the funding of \$600.00 to sponsor a Musical Trip to New York City.

**Speaker Hale** called for a motion to approve the funding of \$600.00 for a Musical Trip to New York City.

Senator Williams so moved, seconded by Senator Jackson.

**Discussion:** Senator Savarese would like all to be aware this is not a Music Club Trip, but a trip students enrolled in Music are taking. A student who is taking music classes tells all the trip is to "prep keys" and prepare for a competition that will be performed in front of judges. He thanks the SGA for their consideration.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved**, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the funding of \$600.00 to sponsor a trip to New York City for MCC Music students.

**c. Resolution to approve the funding of \$478.00 to the Chinese Culture Club to sponsor the program “An Insight of Tiananmen Square”.**

*Resolved*, that the Student Government Association Senate approves the funding of \$478.00 to the Chinese Culture Club to sponsor the program “An Insight of Tiananmen Square”.

**Speaker Hale** called for a motion to approve the funding of \$478.00 for the Chinese Culture Club’s program. Senator Williams so moved, seconded by Senator Jackson.

**Discussion:** Luke Wethers, a member of the Chinese Culture Club thanks the SGA. This program is a cultural perspective on Chinese history. The speaker is already coming to Geneseo, and is able to come to MCC as well. The presentation will take place on March 7<sup>th</sup> (Friday), in the Empire Room at 12:00pm.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved**, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the funding of \$478.00 to the Chinese Culture Club to sponsor the program “An Insight of Tiananmen Square”.

**d. Resolution to approve the funding of \$693.05 to the Art Department for the painting of a mural in the stairway of Building 12.**

*Resolved*, that the Student Government Association Senate approves the funding of \$693.05 to the Art Department for the painting of a mural in the stairway of Building 12.

**Speaker Hale** called for a motion to approve the \$693.05 to the Art Department for the painting of the mural. Senator Jackson so moved, seconded by Senator Williams.

**Discussion:** Senator Poloznik would like all to be aware the funding is not coming out of the Senate contingency, but rather from moving money out of the travel budget to programming. The theme of the mural will be “MCC BLAST” and will feature depictions from the 1960’s into the perceived future of 2020. Senator Poloznik is working with facilities to determine the exact location, but they are hoping for the center stairwell in Building 12.

**Advisor Stewart** notes there are murals all over the campus and childcare center and they are absolutely beautiful. This is a service-learning project that will benefit many.

**A vote was taken.**

*Senator Poloznik abstains.*

**Be it resolved**, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the funding of \$693.05 to the Art Department for the painting of a mural in the stairway of Building 12.

**e. Resolution of opposition by the MCC Student Government to the Board of Directors suggested increase in the Student Life Fees.**

*Resolved*, that the Student Government Association Senate approves the opposition to the Board of Directors suggested increase in the Student Life Fees.

**Speaker Hale** called for a motion to approve opposition to a suggested increase by the Board of Directors in the Student Life Fees.

Senator Williams so moved, seconded by Jackson.

**Discussion:** Senator Cassidy asks that the Resolution be read in its entirety. Speaker Hale does so.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved**, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the opposition to the Board of Directors suggested increase in the Student Life Fees.

**f. Resolution to advocate that the Monroe Community College Leroy V. Good Library actively use funds reserved for department materials for purchasing textbooks required by professors in lieu of purchasing non-required materials.**

*Resolved*, that the Student Government Association Senate approves the MCC Leroy V. Good Library actively use funds reserved for department materials for purchasing textbooks required by professors in lieu of purchasing non-required materials.

**Speaker Hale** called for a motion to approve the library to use funds reserved for purchasing textbooks required by professors instead of purchasing non-required materials. Senator Williams so moved, seconded by Senator Poloznik.

**Discussion:** Senator Cassidy stated she is confident this resolution will pass, and is thankful to Mr. McBride for his assistance. Mr. McBride suggests the resolution should include the request that faculty ask for a free text book from the publisher for use in library. They do have publishing options, and this request can usually be accommodated. Senator Jopson asks for an amendment to the resolution to include Mr. McBride suggestions. Senator Cassidy states she feels the resolution should remain “as is” since the amendment is a process issue, and not a legislative issue. Senator Jopson would like to include it in the resolution as Senators are called to discuss legislation, not procedures. Advisor Stewart notes it is better to include procedures in resolutions so all are aware of intent. They may know about a procedure, how to do it, but as members of the SGA, you want them to know you want them to do it. Senator Wyble feels if this is included today on the floor, that is more important than adding a procedure later.

Senator Major asks Mr. McBride if the library is in support of this and he answered yes, he is in favor of MCC having a textbook reference section. He noted that many S.U.N.Y schools have a reference section of textbooks already would like MCC to have this resource as well.

**Speaker Hale** calls for a motion to amend the resolution to include Mr. McBride suggestion that the resolution should include the request that faculty ask for a free textbook from the publisher for use in library. Senator Jopson so moved, seconded by Senator Wyble.

**A vote was taken to amend the resolution.**

**Be it resolved,** the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate will amend the original resolution to include the request that faculty ask for a free textbook from the publisher for use in library.

**Speaker Hale** called for a motion to vote on the amended resolution.

**A vote was taken.**

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the amended resolution to advocate that the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Library actively use funds reserved for department materials for purchasing textbooks required by professors in lieu of purchasing non-required materials.

## 2. Discussion Items

### a. 2014-2015 Election Packets

Senator Schollnick opens the discussion with a question on the proposed new constitution that is in the works presently. How will they handle the new administration coming in under a new constitution and running under the old constitution that is in the election packet? Advisor Stewart noted having the new constitution election at the same time as the SGA election will alleviate any confusion as to what constitution will be in place, and what constitution the current candidates will adhere to. Discussions and comments regarding the use and quantity of promotional items, restrictions in promotions, and how best to utilize allowed promotions ensued. Several Senators have comments on how best to recruit the best candidates and how to involve incoming students as well. Advisor Stewart reminds all time is of the essence, as the elections are coming up quickly. Speaker Hale notes the elections and campaigns are important to all, and the Student Trustee is very important as this position meets and interacts with the highest levels of positions at MCC.

## V. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Senator Williams would like to know if a club has specific equipment needs that their advisor may not be willing to address, is there someone the club can contact for assistance? Advisor Stewart stated the clubs could contact her.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Hale called for a motion for adjournment. Senator Schollnick so moved, with a second from Senator Savarese.

**A vote was taken.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:38pm.

## VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Truman  
SA Secretary