



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

Student Senators:

Academic Clubs Senator Valone
At-Large Senator Isaacs
At-Large Senator J. Snyder
Interdisciplinary Studies Senator M. Snyder
Liberal Arts Senator Cintron-**Absent**
Science, Health & Business Senator Bynes
Social Clubs Senator Jackson-Harris
Residence Hall Senator Sears-**Absent**

President:

Michael Gray

Vice President

Theresa Ciaccio-**Absent**

Speaker/At-Large Senator

Scott Blue

Deputy Speaker/Service Clubs Senator

Jason Childers

Office of Student Life Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

Office of Student Life Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog

Visitors: Dick Ryther, Student Services; Robin Lalissee, WMCC; Scott McGregor, Phi Theta Kappa; Johanne Diaz, Student; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

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

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of the September 27, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve the September 27, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes.

Senator Snyder 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 September 27, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

There was no one to speak to the senate.

III. REPORTS

A. Deputy Speaker

Deputy Speaker Childers...

- Thank you to the Senators for confirming him as Deputy Speaker; he looks forward to helping Speaker Blue with making this a good year.
- By-Laws Committee – he has been selected to be Vice Chair and looks forward to continue working with Chairwoman Bynes and Committee Members Ciaccio and Serbicki.
- Club news:
 - Global Union is working on an International Cookbook as a fundraiser.
 - Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Project held their annual Walk for Water 3K Walk/Run on Saturday, October 1; there were 70 participants, 90 attendees and \$3,049.56 was raised.

B. Senators

Senator Bynes...

- Rock the Vote Committee: voter registration tables will be set up from Friday, October 7 through Friday, October 14 in a different location each day which includes: the Brick Lounge, Terrace Lounge, Building 1, Atrium, PAC Center and the Gilman Lounge, as well as in the Residence Halls. There will be a sign-up sheet for SGA members to assist students in filling out their forms and to provide additional information about the SGA.

- By-Laws Committee: they have decided to work in sections and have made revisions to Section 1 and Section 2 at their October 5 meeting; revisions to Section 3 will be made at their next meeting.
- Other: September 24 she volunteered for the Hospitality Set-Up for Homecoming, coordinated by the Campus Activities Board. At the Headliner Event, she had the opportunity to work one of the spotlights, magically maneuvering around the stage in an attempt to follow both of the Michael Jacksons; at the end of the night she helped with the tear down of the stage. She strongly urges each member of the SGA to assist the clubs and organizations in their events.

Senator Jackson-Harris...

- Social Clubs Senator - he has met with some of the Presidents of the various Social Clubs. His top priority now is to meet with the ones he did not get a chance to meet with this past week. He looks forward to working with all of those clubs this upcoming year; feel free to contact him with any questions or concerns.
- Finance Committee - met on Wednesday, September 27 and approved fund requests for several trips for clubs including Campus Ambassadors, Hospitality Club, Global Union, and Travel Club.

Senator J. Snyder...

- MCC Personal Health and Safety Committee – two of the several projects the committee is working on are the review of Emergency Operations Planning and the Campus Non-Smoking Policy:
 - Campus Non Smoking Policy Review - comparisons are being made of the MCC Policies with the non-smoking policies of other college campuses in New York State and with the non-smoking policies of campuses in other states, as well as Monroe County Regulations. Enforceability techniques and practices are being considered as well as smoking cessation programs. There is considerable concern about violations of the no smoking policy in the vicinity of the four residence halls, the south end of building 12 and the south end of building 11. Input from students, faculty or staff is welcome.

- C. **Office of Student Life & Leadership Development Advisor Stewart...**thanked the Rock the Vote Committee for their collaboration with Phi Theta Kappa in getting the voter registration information out. She looks forward to seeing what will be done to get students out to vote.
- D. **Office of Student Life & Leadership Development Advisor Herzog...**thanked everyone for volunteering at the Homecoming Headliner event; 65 students, faculty and staff volunteered; about 15 – 20 who wanted to volunteer had to be turned away. She suggested that SGA contact CAB if they would like to help with any of their social events that do not fall under SGA.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to Support SUNY Student Assembly's Legislative Agenda

Resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate approve the 2012 SUNY Student Assembly Legislative Agenda as written.

Speaker Blue called for a motion to remove, from the table, the resolution to support SUNY Student Assembly's Legislative Agenda.

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

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve the resolution.

Senator M. Snyder so moved, seconded by Senator Isaacs

Discussion:

Senator M. Snyder explained that "Maintenance of Effort" has to do with the agreement of continued funding by the sponsoring county and state and any increase in fees or tuition goes back to the academic or student support services. A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves support for the 2012 SUNY Student Assembly's Legislative Agenda as written.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve Events Committee Members

Resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate approves the appointments of Benjamin Serbicki, Jaquiel Ash, Kevin Dixon and Michael Snyder to the Events Committee for the 2011-2012 Academic Year.

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve Events Committee Members.

Senator Bynes so moved, seconded by Deputy Speaker Childers.

Discussion:

President Gray explained that the Events Committee has been defined by each President. This year, all events sponsored by the SGA must go through this committee to ensure that events are not conflicting or happening on the same day and to make sure enough volunteers are signed up. With representatives from both the Senate and Cabinet on the committee there should not be any miscommunication.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the appointments of Benjamin Serbicki, Jaquiel Ash, Kevin Dixon and Michael Snyder to the Events Committee for the 2011-2012 Academic Year.

IV. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Scott McGregor stated that on behalf of Phi Theta Kappa they are very excited to be working with the SGA.

Speaker Blue stated that he is very excited to see this year's SGA reaching out to the other organizations.

Speaker Gray reminded everybody about the Blood Drive on Thursday, October 6.

Speaker Blue again complimented Advisor Herzog for the amazing job CAB did with the Homecoming event. He also welcomed Senator Valone to the SGA.

V. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:35 p.m. Speaker Blue called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Bynes so moved, seconded by Senator Isaacs. The motion passed; the Senate meeting was adjourned.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Brennan
SA Secretary