



MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, October 11, 2011
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)

Student Senators:

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

President:

Michael Gray

Vice President

Theresa Ciaccio-Absent

Speaker/At-Large Senator

Scott Blue

Deputy Speaker/Service Clubs Senator

Jason Childers

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

SL&LD Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog-Absent

Visitors: Dick Ryther, Student Service; Shirley Batistta-Provost, Office of Student Life & Leadership Development; Eric Muhammad, Lisa Good, SEGA-DCC; Mike Adams, Phi Theta Kappa; Ehizeme Aruya, Presidential Cabinet; Nicklon Wilson, John Jackson, students; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:20 p.m.)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of the October 4, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve the October 4, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes.

Senator J. Snyder so moved, seconded by Senator Bynes.

There was no discussion

A vote was taken

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the October 4, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

There was no one to speak to the Senate.

III. REPORTS

A. Speaker

Speaker Blue...

- Goals – as of Tuesday, October 4, the SGA has successfully enacted all of their goals. Two he has personally supported are SGA's Rock The Vote Committee's Voter Registration Drive and Vice President Ciaccio's Blood Drive; an excellent job on both parts. He, along with President Gray, Vice President Ciaccio, and Deputy Speaker Childers, met with President Kress and Vice President Salvador to talk about this year's goals and to collaborate on ways to get them accomplished. The last two Senate meetings have left him reassured that the SGA will have a very productive year.

B. President

President Gray...

- Campus Activities Board – he attended their E-board meeting and heard about their plans for October and the months to come. He commends their hard efforts to expand the E-board which is now a little over half full.
- By-Laws Committee meeting – after proper review, the committee will be making the first Wednesday of every month from 4pm to 5pm the mandatory Roundtable meeting time. He will be making a presentation to the By-Laws Committee to add Advisory Boards under the division of Roundtable.

- Presidential Cabinet – interviews have been held for Physical Activities Coordinator and Diversity Coordinator. Resignations have been accepted from Elections Coordinator Thomas Hayes and Communications Coordinator Kevin Dixon. He is working with Advisor Herzog to set a date for the State of the Student Association Address; more details will be forthcoming.
- Coordinator Reports:
 - ✓ Veterans Affairs Liaison Serbicki – the Veterans Club has become his main focus. They recently elected Mike Dowdell as President. The Academy for Veteran Success continues to provide a wide range of services to veterans. Talks regarding a Veterans lounge are continuing.
 - ✓ Finance Coordinator Panariti met with the Finance Committee. The travel account at the beginning of the meeting had \$30,100 and after approving fund requests there is now \$17,061 remaining. Once that account is depleted, fund requests will be coming to the Senate from the clubs and organizations.
 - ✓ Campus Technology Coordinator Aruya submitted a report regarding the internet connection in the Residence Halls. The report summation talks about different options that could be taken to fix the Wi-Fi.
 - ✓ Student Services Coordinator Ukatu is working with Coordinator Aruya to fix the Wi-Fi service in the Residence Halls. He has also submitted an article to the Monroe Doctrine regarding College Hour.
 - ✓ Community engagement is one of the goals of the Gray Administration. They are looking into the “PENCIL Partnership Program” which is a partnership between local businesses, colleges and the Rochester City School District.

C. Senators

Senator Isaacs...

- SGA goals – he met with Jaime Smith, Publications Assistant, about the Shuttle Videos; a 3rd Video should now be playing on all the buses.
- PTK - he met with them about the Complete to Compete project.
- WMCC The Fuse – he put in an announcement to advertise the SGA Tuesday meetings.
- CAB is holding an active member meeting on Wednesday from 3-4 in the CAB office. This meeting is open to the public.

Senator Sears...

- “We can all agree that in order to achieve effort must be exerted, the amount one puts in reflects that of which is achieved. The notable Albert Einstein once said *“you cannot achieve a new goal by applying the same level of thinking that got you where you are today.”*
 When I look at the resident life of MCC many thoughts arrive in my mind. Initially, **pride** that it was made a goal to establish residence halls here at Monroe Community College and that that goal was followed through with. The efforts most certainly reflect through today.
 Secondly, **responsibility** enters my mind. To fulfill a position much to my ability and one that should certainly be held as a high priority. It is a goal of mine to clearly understand and communicate concerns between the resident halls and student government.
 Thus far it is my priority to present some product of action in regards to two major concerns, these being the Wireless connection and laundry issues. My sort term actions will be constantly moving forward varying over time. However my long term intention is to leave this position having set precedence to the next holder of this vital position. When in two years my time here at MCC has breached its ending, I will look upon not only the resident life and SGA but MCC as a whole and see my foot prints as my mark here was made.
 I leave you with this quote, *“all that is valuable in human society depends upon the opportunity for development accorded the individual.”* -Albert Einstein”

Senator M. Snyder...

- Rock The Vote - the committee chair, Senator Bynes has resigned as chair of the committee, and Christopher Monroe, committee member, resigned from the committee and Phi Theta Kappa. He will pick up where they left off, as chair of the Rock the Vote committee. The voter registration drive - thank you to Speaker Blue, Senators Sears and Isaacs, and Talibah Timothy and Shane Thomas from CAB for help at the tables and getting students to register. To date, about 120 forms are ready to be turned in. Voter Registration tables will be set up in the Hall of Fame hallway in building 10 on Thursday, October 13 from 11am to 3pm, and in the Gilman Lounge on Friday, October 14 from 7:30am to 10am. The plan for Tuesday, and Thursday is to gather a group of people and walk around campus and the Residence Halls to get students registered to vote.
- Events Committee – they met to discuss their purpose and vision. The group consensus is that there is a large disconnect between SGA and CAB. Communication between these two organizations is essential and beneficial for both sides. The group agreed that it would be best to have at least two members from CAB on this committee. Additionally, by having at least two members from CAB they will be able to collaborate together in successfully executing events that go along with their goals.

Senator Valone...

- Academic Club Senator – she has been meeting the officers of the academic clubs to establish a rapport so that they have confidence in asking the SGA and faculty for their advice and approval in their diverse initiatives.
- Travel and Finance Committee - passed a trip proposed by the Radiology Club to Corning, NY to participate in a Student Quiz Bowl put on by the NYS Society of Radiologic Sciences Conference; they will be attending several seminars that will prepare them for their credentialing exam and also will familiarize them with several useful radiological techniques. The second trip passed was brought by the Student Music Association for travel to Carnegie Hall in NYC where they will join many students from around the country in a giant festival choir. The event promises to be an unforgettable precedent not only for the Music Association but for the entirety of MCC.

D. Office of Student Life & Leadership Development Advisor Stewart mentioned that Speaker Blue, Deputy Speaker Childers, President Gray and Vice President Ciaccio had the opportunity to meet with President Kress and Vice President Salvador regarding the SGA goals for the year and what the SGA is working on.

E. Committee Reports:

By-Laws Committee:

Senator Bynes, on behalf of the By-Laws Committee brought forward a resolution to amend the SGA by-Laws, Sections 1-3.

Resolution to amend the SGA By-Laws, Sections 1-3, by the By-Laws Committee

Whereas, under Article IX, By-Laws for the SGA, deemed by the Senate to be consistent with the Constitution, may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Senate present and voting, be it

Resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate approve the amendments of Sections 1-3.

Senator Bynes offered a friendly amendment to change OSLLD in the By-Laws to Office of Student Life as requested by Advisor Stewart. Senator M. Snyder seconded the friendly amendment.

A vote to approve the friendly amendment was taken.

The friendly amendment was passed.

Discussion:

Senator Bynes explained that changes were made to the By-Laws to make them more understandable; Section 3.3 was relocated to Section 9 because it refers more to the Travel and Finance Committee; Section 3.1.3 was changed to Section 3.2, because it is not part of the process of chartering a club, it is part of the approval process.

President Gray and Senator J. Snyder commended Senator Bynes and the committee for the work they have put into making the By-Laws grammatically correct and more understandable.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Senator Childers, yea; Senator Bynes, yea; Senator Isaacs, yea; Senator Jackson-Harris, yea; Senator Sears, yea; Senator J. Snyder, yea; Senator M Snyder, yea; Senator Valone, yea.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the amendments to the By-Laws, Sections 1-3.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve Rock the Vote Committee Members

Resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate approve the appointment of Michael Adams to the Rock the Vote Committee for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Speaker Blue called for a motion to approve Rock the Vote Committee Members.

Senator M. Snyder so moved, seconded by Senator Bynes.

Discussion:

Mike Adams, Phi Theta Kappa President, stated that he looks forward to working with the committee.

President Gray stated that Senator M. Snyder came to him about adding Senator Sears to the committee. He agrees that since Senator Sears is the Residence Hall Senator and the committee will be going over to the Residence Halls it is necessary that she is on the committee.

Senator M. Snyder offered a friendly amendment to add Senator Sears to the resolution and presented the amended resolution:

Resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate approve the appointment of Michael Adams and Sierra Sears to the Rock the Vote Committee for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Senator Isaacs seconded.

Discussion:

Senator M. Snyder explained that Senator Sears helped with the voter registration drive and she will be a great addition to the committee.

A vote to approve the amendment to the resolution was taken.

The amendment to the resolution passed.

There was no further discussion.

A vote to approve the resolution was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the amended resolution to appoint Mike Adams and Sierra Sears to the Rock the Vote Committee for the 2011-2012 academic year, with one abstention.

b. Resolution to amend the SGA By-Laws, Sections 1 -3, by the By-Laws Committee

Resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association Senate approve the amendments of Sections 1-3.

This resolution was moved to Section E - Committee Reports, since the resolution came from the By-Laws Committee.

IV. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

President Gray stated that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Peer Mentors did carnations to support breast cancer patients and they are also looking to collaborate on a Relay for Life here on campus.

Deputy Speaker Childers mentioned that there are still Senate and Cabinet positions open: Senate – Technical Education Senator, CAB Senator, Liberal Arts Senator, Media Senator; Cabinet – Inter-Campus Liaison, Elections Coordinator, Diversity Coordinator, Communications Coordinator, Campus Environment Coordinator and Adult/Evening Student Coordinator.

Senator M. Snyder gave a good job and thanks to Phi Theta Kappa for the Voter Awareness handbills.

Eric Muhammad introduced himself and explained that he is the Multi-Campus Coordinator for SEGA. He stated that SEGA would like to collaborate on events with the SGA. Eric also introduced Lisa Good, a SEGA committee member, who accompanied him to the meeting.

Speaker Blue stated that it is an SGA goal to bridge the gap between SEGA, Phi Theta Kappa and CAB. He thanked Eric and Lisa for coming to the meeting and informed them that they are more than welcome in the office at any time and he looks forward to working with them.

V. ADJOURNMENT

At 3:00 p.m. Speaker Blue called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Bynes so moved, seconded by Deputy Speaker Childers. The motion passed; the Senate meeting was adjourned.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Brennan
SA Secretary