



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, March 4, 2014 2:15 PM-Forum (3-130)**

Student Senators:

Academic Clubs Senator Jopson-**late**
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-**absent**

Deputy Speaker:

Glenn Rapp

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

SL&LD Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog

President:

Nelson Clark-**late**

Vice President:

Mark White-**absent**

SA Secretary:

Lisa Truman

Visitors: Chris Piro, Public Safety; Denise Calarco, Parking Services; Sal Simonetti, Public Safety; Debra Dwyer, Public Safety; Ginny Geer-Mentry, MCC Association; Ameen Smith, WMCC; Ken Koban, WMCC; Joe McLean, WMCC; Patricia Henkel, WMCC; Luke Wethers, Chinese Culture Club; Mika Kawama, Chinese Culture Club; Daniel Keister, Campus Ambassadors; Evan Marcellus, Celtic Society; Samuel Spragins, Campus Ambassadors; Erzsebet Piros, SEGA.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:18 pm)

A. Roll Call (See attendance above)

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Sal Simonetti, the new Director of Public Safety introduced himself. He is a MCC Alumnus and is glad to be back. Mr. Simonetti is a former officer for the Webster Police Department, while he was pursuing his degree at S.U.N.Y. Brockport, where he graduated with a M.A. in Public Administration. He comes to MCC from S.U.N.Y. Geneseo. He spoke of the change in policy regarding the Cell Phone Lot, which was implemented to serve those waiting to pick-up individuals from the campus. He recognized the lot was not properly signed to be designated as a “waiting in vehicle” area, where you were not allowed to park. The Cell Phone Lot has been discontinued, no longer in use, and the signs are down. If a student did receive a ticket, and appealed the ticket, it has and will be dropped. He is unclear if all students who have received tickets will receive their money back if they paid the ticket and did not appeal, or appealed after the appeal time line had passed. He is looking into this and will provide an answer as to if this can be done, and if not, what the reason would be the student could not be reimbursed. The Senate thanks Mr. Simonetti for coming to speak, along with the other member of Parking Services and Public Safety.

Ginny Geer-Mentry asked for student input on what to put in the space that Starry Nites previously occupied in the Campus Center. She wants to ensure the entity that will be brought in is representative of what the students would like to see on campus. She has fliers she would like the SGA Senators to distribute to make all aware of a survey that is on-line on OrgSync. You do not need to be registered with OrgSync, just a faculty/staff member or student with an M number. While they do have quite a few responses, she would like many more. She asks all to provide input so as the establishment brought in is what the majority of the MCC population would like to see. The survey will close by the end of March at the latest.

Erzsebet Piros, the Vice-President of Events from SEGA, introduces herself. She is pleased to be at this meeting of the SGA and invites all to the Damon Campus on Fridays to attend their SEGA meetings. She will update all on times and location of the meetings. Ms. Piros is looking forward to a future with more interaction between the two groups.

Ameen Smith from WMCC/The Fuse is having difficulty with the volume in the zoned areas the station is broadcast around campus. He felt the volume is inconsistent and they have no control over that aspect of the station. In certain areas, the broadcast is not audible. Senator Schollnick agreed to follow-up on this and work with Ameen to correct.

Senator Williams offered perspective as an MCC Student and not as a Senator on a speaker who came to MCC a couple of weeks ago. He had a preconceived opinion of this speaker, and was also listening and influenced by others on his opinion of this speaker, and how he did not feel this person coming to speak at MCC was a good idea. He stated we form our perceptions from past experiences and he now realized this limits our exposure to things that may shape our life for the better. He was given a book this speaker had written, was able to meet her, and now realizes he was incorrect in his view now that he has the whole picture. His advice to all was if you have a problem, seek the specific person who is best suited to help, and do not let a single perspective blind us to being open to new experiences.

III. REPORTS

President Clark

He is pleased to see members of SEGA attending today's meeting and would like to see more collaboration between the SGA and SEGA, as we are one student body here at MCC, and represent the student body as a whole.

Senator Williams

The past week was semi-quiet for him in his Senator role. He had more involvement as the Roundtable Coordinator. Friday he met with Jeffrey Wagman, a student with an outstanding vision and a student who has put in many hours into a very well thought-out proposal for students in need to acquire a laptop computer on loan from MCC. There will be more details to follow, he is going to share his proposal with department heads. If they like the idea, he will move forward and ask the SGA for input. He reminds all the March Roundtable Meeting is being held tomorrow at 4pm, in the Forum. There will be pizza, and Shirley Batista-Provost will speak briefly at the meeting. They will review his Club Guidelines Proposal, which he is working on to keep SGA more informed as far as clubs go.

Senator Jackson

Congratulated the men's basketball team on winning the Region III Championship this past Sunday. This Saturday, March 8th, the team will compete to win the District 2 Championship at Dean College, in Franklin, MA at 12:00pm. If they win the game in Franklin, they will advance to compete in the National Tournament. The women's basketball team will host their District tournament this Friday at 6:00pm, and Saturday at 2:00pm. The men and women's swimming and diving team will compete to win the National Championship this week in Florida, from Wednesday, March 5th, until Saturday, March 8th. Last week, our hockey team had their final game February 23rd, where they lost in Nationals to Wilson State College at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, NY. The baseball team is headed to Florida to jumpstart their season from March 8th until March 14th. Men's lacrosse starts this Wednesday, and women's lacrosse will begin on March 29th. Golf starts the first week of April.

Advisor Stewart

Announced the new Vice-President for Student Services, Lloyd Holmes has been approved by the Board of Trustees and will start April 1st, 2014. Advisor Stewart would like all to welcome him to MCC.

Advisor Herzog

This is her last SGA meeting, as she is going to be out for a while having her baby. She thanks all for a great year, and is looking forward to elections. There has been a new CAB Director selected, and they will be introduced soon at a noon event in the main dining area.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Items (items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve the funding of \$1043.30 to the Campus Ambassadors to sponsor the program Elev8.

Resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association approves the funding of \$1043.30 for the Campus Ambassadors to sponsor the program Elev8.

Deputy Speaker Rapp called for a motion to approve the \$1043.30 for the Campus Ambassadors. Senator Williams so moved, seconded by Senator Savarese.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the funding of \$1043.30 for the Campus Ambassadors to sponsor the program Elev8.

b. Resolution for Student's Recommendations on the proposed Academic Calendar changes.

Resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association supports the changes proposed in the Academic Calendar for the fall semester and opposes a change in the spring semester Academic Calendar.

Deputy Speaker Rapp called for a motion to approve the Student's Recommendations on the proposed Academic Calendar changes.

Senator Wyble so moved, seconded by Senator Jackson.

Discussion: Senator Schollnick noted the Faculty Senate has taken a vote already on the proposed changes to the Academic Calendar and both the spring and the fall changes have been voted down. Senator Jopson confirmed this, and stated that Veterans Day may be voted on as a separate resolution at another time.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the resolution for Student's Recommendations on the proposed Academic Calendar Changes.

c. Resolution for Student's Recommendation on the proposed Academic Calendar changes.

Resolved, that the MCC Student Government Association supports the changes proposed in the academic calendar for Veterans Day to keep the campus open with no classes.

Deputy Speaker Rapp called for a motion to approve the Student's Recommendations on the proposed Academic Calendar changes.

Senator Schollnick so moved, seconded by Senator Wyble.

Discussion: Senator Schollnick reminds the Faculty Senate has already voted down the proposed changes to the Academic Calendar in both the fall and spring semesters. Senator Wyble speaks of students who are attending spring classes need to register for summer session classes before they know if they are failing. By the time they are aware they are failing and cannot take a summer class, the period to receive a full refund has expired. The proposed change in the spring semester alleviated that situation with the additional registration time.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association supports the changes proposed in the academic calendar for Veterans Day to keep the campus open with no classes.

2. Discussion Items

There were no discussion items.

V. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Senator Williams asks Advisor Stewart about the Student Trustee Elections Packet, and she lets all know it will be complete by Friday. Senator Schollnick tells all about a program called SALT, which offers excellent financial information and advice to students. It is a free service, and is accessible through the MCC website. You can gather information on financial aid, scholarships, loans, and budgeting. Senator Poloznik thanks members of SEGA for attending our meeting, and was pleased to see the SEGA President at the Board of Trustee Meeting. President Clark has heard the Trustees were very open and encouraged students to provide feedback and suggestions and he reminds all to take advantage of this opportunity.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker Rapp called for a motion for adjournment. Senator Jackson so moved, with a second from Senator Savarese.

A vote was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 3:09pm.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Truman
SA Secretary