



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

Student Senators:

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

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: Evan Marcellus, Celtic Society; Ken Koban, WMCC; Ameen Smith, WMCC; Virginia Geer-Mentry, MCC Association; Nick Mattle, OAU; Collette Major, Student; Courtney Sprague, OAU/Campus Events.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:21pm)

A. Roll Call (See attendance above)

B. Approval of the January 28th Minutes.

Speaker Hale called for a motion to approve the January 28th Minutes.

Senator Williams so moved, Senator Wyble seconded.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association, approves the January 28th Minutes as written.

Speaker Hale makes a motion to postpone meeting, and reconvene at 3pm so all can attend a forum to meet a candidate for the available Vice-President position.

Senator Poloznik so moved, seconded by Senator Wyble.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association will recess and reconvene at 3pm so all can attend a forum to meet a candidate for the available Vice-President position.

The SGA reconvenes and is again in session at 3:00pm.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Nick Mattle, a member of OAU, reported on the ski trip their club took in January to Gore and White Face mountains.

It was a wonderful trip, great experience, and was a perfect opportunity to meet and make friends with other students.

Students are already asking when the next OAU trip will be. He and other members of OAU are working to get the club back on track, and will continue to plan other events and trips to increase membership and involvement. He thanks the SGA for approving the funding for this trip and looks forward to many more in the future. He appreciates the support from the SGA.

III. REPORTS

Senator Williams

Last week has been busy for Senator Williams, and he updates all on the two clubs that sent in requests for charter, The Revolution Club and the Trojan Paintball Club. He had not received a reply in over two weeks from the Trojan Paintball Club, but has heard back from The Revolution Club. He is working with Shirley Provost to do all they can to assist these clubs. Senator Williams will make every effort to ensure that our students who are creating a new club have the support they need for a better college experience. Tomorrow's monthly Roundtable meeting has a full agenda. The Roundtable meeting will be held in the Forum tomorrow at 4pm. Senator Williams will be asking for feedback regarding the SGA, they will be discussing the Student Life Fair, updating club's contact information, and much more. He reminds all each club is required to have at least one member attend, sign the attendance sheet, and a student representing only one club is allowed. Senator Williams clarifies a point from last weeks' meeting. There are 70 clubs and organizations on paper only. We have 34 active clubs, and are left with a number less than 20 when you look at who is actively fundraising and attending the monthly Roundtable meetings. He felt if the SGA had the ability to have a stronger impact on budgeting, and how clubs, organizations, and associations received their funds this would help. This would save poorly budgeted student life fees given to inactive clubs. He reminds all of the larger issue, meaning the large sums of money that are continually budgeted to organizations and associations, do not show proof the funds are needed or even used. An example is the travel budget allocated to the Monroe Doctrine who did not travel to cover any new stories or sporting events. Cutting back in these areas could put money back into the Senate and Travel contingency funds.

Advisor Stewart

Thanks everyone who has taken the time to meet and greet the V.P. candidates. Monday February 10th is the Student Life Fair. She has noticed that the SGA has not yet registered for the fair, but hopes they will. This is a great opportunity for all clubs and organizations to gain exposure.

Advisor Herzog

The Campus Activity Board (CAB) is traveling with Advisor Stewart to the National Association Campus Activities convention. They will return with new ideas and opportunities for CAB for the upcoming semesters.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Items (items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to appoint Senator Doug Williams as Interim Roundtable Coordinator.

Resolved, that the Student Government Association Senate approves the appointment of Senator Doug Williams as Interim Roundtable Coordinator.

Speaker Hale called for a motion to appoint Senator Doug Williams as the Interim Roundtable Coordinator. Senator Cassidy so moved, seconded by Senator Jopson.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Senator Williams Abstains.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the appointment of Senator Doug Williams as the Interim Roundtable Coordinator.

b. Resolution to appoint Kyle Savarese as Interim Chair of the Travel and Finance Committee.

Resolved, that the Student Government Association Senate approves the appointment of Senator Kyle Savarese as Interim Chair of the Travel and Finance Committee until such time as a suitable person can be found.

Speaker Hale called for a motion to appoint Kyle Savarese as Interim Chair of the Travel and Finance Committee. Senator Williams so moved, seconded by Senator Poloznik.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Senator Savarese abstains.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the appointment of Kyle Savarese as Interim Chair of the Travel and Finance Committee.;

2. Discussion Items

a. Academic Calendar

Senator Wyble discussed the proposed changes to the academic calendar. This proposal started with a desire to have Veterans Day off, and has evolved into striking a balance between the fall and spring semester's number of days off. The proposed fall 2015 Semester will start a week early and end a week early. There is a proposed break of 2 days on Columbus Day in October, Veteran's Day will be a day off in November, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving is a new proposed day off, with the last day of final exams being December 23, 2015. Since MCC adheres to the Rochester City School calendar, the new days off as well as a proposed change in the spring semester breaks may pose a problem for working students and for students with children who are reliant on childcare. There is a possibility of discontinuing the February and April breaks in favor of a March break, or just eliminating the February break entirely. The new proposed spring semester schedule will allow for a one-week break before classes resume for the summer session. **Senator Cassidy** asked if the time attending classes would be the same even with these changes, and **Senator Wyble** answers yes. It is relatively the same amount of learning time. **Senator Wyble** stated it would be two separate voting resolutions to amend the fall and the spring semesters. **Senator Jopson** likes the idea, and from a student perspective, two breaks in the spring can affect an established routine. **Senator Poloznik** likes the idea also. **Senator Wyble** is planning to poll the student body to see what their thoughts are on the proposed changes. **Advisor Stewart** asks how the poll will be administered and ideas are discussed. **Advisor Stewart** also notes the calendar changes have been discussed previously, but deviating from the Rochester school calendar has always posed numerous issues and the changes have not been made. There was also a lack of student support previously. Senator Wyble noted 20% of students who attend MCC are parents. That is a large amount of students who would have to deal with daycare/school issues if the calendar changes. **Courtney Sprague** noted the college holds many Veterans Day events to honor those who have served and felt this is more beneficial to veterans than having a day off. **Ken Koban** stated WMCC would be happy to promote the poll of students on the calendar issue and wants the SGA to remember that WMCC is an excellent avenue to get the information out there. Many like the idea of using the Student Life Fair as the forum to reach a large student population to poll.

V. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Advisor Stewart would like all to know the SGA allocated the funds to the Monroe Doctrine for travel that Senator Williams was referring to in his report. She would like to get the Monroe Doctrine back up and running and asks the SGA to assist and think of what they could do to help.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Hale called for a motion for adjournment. Senator Wyble so moved, with a second from Senator Savarese. **A vote was taken.**
The meeting adjourned at 3:28pm.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Truman
SA Secretary