



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, October 14th, 2014 2:15 PM-Forum (3-130)**

Student Senators:

Senator Broadnax
Senator Donnelly-**absent**
Senator McGuire
Senator Polozanin
Senator Tower
Senator Muntanga

Speaker of the Senate:

Jeremy Carmichael

Deputy Speaker:

Michael Lavere

President:

Mark White

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

SL&LD Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog

SA Secretary:

Lisa Truman

Visitors: Athena Chubb, The Indigenous Peoples of the Americas Club; India Stallworth, CUFI; Douglas Williams, Round Table Coordinator; Morgan Shoff, Celtic Society; Ginny Geer-Mentry, MCC Association; Bethany Ruggero, MCC Student; Jennifer Pfaff, Honors Student Council; Hency Yuen-Eng, MCC Marketing and Community Relations; MCC students from the First Year Experience (FYE).

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:15pm)

A. Roll Call (See attendance above)

B. Approval of the October 7, 2014 Minutes.

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the October 7, 2014 Minutes.

Senator Polozanin so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association, approves the October 7, 2014 Minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Several members of the MCC First Year Experience (FYE) spoke regarding school spirit here at MCC. They had not seen a lot of school apparel worn around campus, and noticed the athletic events were not attended by many. They decided to form a student-led movement to promote MCC school spirit through campus programs and athletic events. FYE is confident this will enhance the collegiate experience for the students at MCC. The Learning Outcomes of this project will be to increase student participation, create student sections at athletic events to cheer on our teams, and to build lasting partnerships with the Office of Student Life and Leadership Development, Athletics, Residence Life, and various clubs and organizations to promote school spirit. This Thursday, October 16th, from 11am-2pm in the Campus Center Atrium in Building #3, FYE will be hosting an event to name the student-led spirit movement. Trib-Squad, Tribune Empire, Trib Unity, or something else? Students will get to vote on the name as well as make suggestions themselves. If FYE interests you and you would like more information, please contact one of their officers. FYE is located in Building #3, room 129.

III. REPORTS

Senator Broadnax

There will be a less formal meet-and-greet with your SGA Senators to be held October 21st, at 6:00pm in the Canal Hall conference room. Refreshments will be served. Senator Broadnax welcomes all and is looking forward to meeting fellow students at this event.

Advisor Stewart

Thanked Senator Polozanin and all the volunteers who assisted at the SGA sponsored Blood Drive last week.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Items

a. Resolution to Charter the Christians United for Israel Charter Club.

Resolved, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the resolution to Charter the Christians United for Israel Charter Club.

Senator Tower so moved, seconded by Senator Noble.

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the Charter of the Christians United for Israel Charter Club. Senator Tower so moved, seconded by Senator Broadnax.

Discussion: India Stallworth, the President of the Christians United for Israel Charter Club, thanked the Senate for their consideration. This club will be part of the national organization with the same name, and she has been and will remain in contact with them. There are no dues associated with the national affiliation. This club will focus on Israel and minorities who cannot live a free life there.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the resolution to Charter the Christians United for Israel Charter Club.

b. Resolution to Charter The Indigenous Peoples of Americas Club.

Resolved, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the resolution to Charter the Indigenous Peoples of Americas Club.

Senator Tower so moved, seconded by Broadnax.

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the Charter of the Indigenous Peoples of Americas Club.

Discussion: Athena Chubb, the Secretary of the Indigenous Peoples of Americas Club spoke to the Senate. The idea behind this club is to bring together all the tribes/groups of students who are attending MCC to provide a sense of community. She has noticed several students from different tribes all over the state are on campus, but they do not have a group to join to share and enhance their culture with each other and MCC as a whole.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the resolution to Charter the Indigenous Peoples of Americas Club.

c. Resolution to Charter the Sustainable Living Club.

Resolved, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the resolution to Charter the Sustainable Living Club.

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the Charter of the Sustainable Living Club.

Senator Tower so moved, seconded by Deputy Speaker Lavere.

Discussion: Ashley Kuscsik, the President of the Sustainable Living Club addressed the Senate. This club will be the only “green” and sustainable club on campus. She is looking forward to adopting sustainability practices both here on campus, as well as out in the community. One of the clubs goals would be to stimulate environmental practices and increase knowledge of these practices on campus. They have had a lot of interest in this club and she is excited to move forward if chartered.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the resolution to Charter the Sustainable Living Club.

d. Resolution to Amend the Funding Request Contract.

Resolved, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the amended Funding Request Contract.

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the amended Funding Request Contract.

Deputy Speaker Lavere so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.

Discussion: Ginny Geer-Mentry asks who will track the details outlined in the contract. Speaker Carmichael stated the Senate will do so. Advisor Stewart noted they have kept track of these details historically and will continue to do so. Speaker Carmichael told all the reason for these changes were due to concerns over the contingency fund. They needed to cap the amount of money spent per semester, as well as cap the money spent on travel per semester. He wanted a clear, concise outline of what was required going forward.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the amended Funding Request Contract.

e. Resolution to approve the Honors Council amended Constitution.

Resolved, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the Honors Council amended Constitution.

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the amended Constitution.

Deputy Speaker Lavere so moved, seconded by Senator Noble.

Discussion: The Senate and Advisor Stewart have questions as to how the Honors Council amended Constitution reads. Certain areas need clarification, and the G.P.A. requirements need to be updated.

Deputy Speaker Lavere calls for a motion to table this resolution until the constitution has been reviewed again and revised accordingly.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate tables this resolution until the Honors Council has revised their amended Constitution.

f. Resolution to approve Presidential Cabinet Members.

Resolved, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves Jacob Fisher and John Greco to the Presidential Cabinet for the 2014-2015 Academic Year.

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion to approve the Presidential Cabinet Members.

Senator Broadnax so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.

Discussion: John Greco was present and spoke to the Senate. He is looking forward to being a member of the Cabinet and getting more involved. He felt he would become more outgoing, and better himself along the way. Jacob Fisher was not present at the meeting.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the motion to approve Presidential Cabinet Member John Greco. Jacob Fisher was not approved at this time since neither he, nor a representative were present at the meeting.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VI. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Advisor Stewart suggested the SGA consider revising a portion of the Funding Request Contract on page 2 for the purpose of clarification. This can be discussed, and if decided to do so, can be amended at a future SGA meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker Carmichael called for a motion for adjournment.

Senator Polozanin so moved, seconded by Senator Tower.

A vote was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19pm.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Truman
SA Secretary