



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, May 6, 2014 2:15 PM-Forum (3-130)**

Student Senators:

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

Speaker of the Senate:

Adrian Hale-absent

Deputy Speaker:

Glenn Rapp

President:

Mark White

SL&LD Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

SL&LD Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog

SA Secretary:

Lisa Truman

Visitors: Kelsey Hawkins-Rush, SNA; Samuel Spragins, Campus Ambassadors; Douglas Williams, Student; Tony Filer, SNA; Ken Koban, WMCC; Joel McLean, WMCC; Patty Henkel, WMCC; Amy Irwin, MCC Faculty; Ed Martin, Faculty.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:18pm)

A. Roll Call (See attendance above)

B. Approval of the April 29th Minutes.

Deputy-Speaker Rapp called for a motion to approve the April 29th Minutes.
Senator Schollnick so moved, Senator Savarese seconded.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association, approves the April 29th Minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

There was no one to speak to the Senate.

III. REPORTS

Advisor Stewart

Today and tomorrow are the SGA and Student Trustee elections. Tomorrow is Spring Fling in Lot A, which is outside near building #5. Please attend and support CAB and do not forget to vote in the elections. The Student Engagement Awards Ceremony will take place on Friday, May 16th. If you are invited you should have received your invitation already. You must bring your invitation card insert to the Campus Center Service Desk to pick up your ticket by this Friday.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Items (items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve the Student Nurses Association petition for organization status.

Resolved, that the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the Student Nurses Association petition to become an organization.

Deputy Speaker Rapp called for a motion to approve the petition.

Senator Schollnick so moved, seconded by Senator Jackson.

Discussion: Kelsey Hawkins Rusch, a member of the Student Nurses Association thanked the Senate for their consideration. Senator Cassidy asked if she feels they are ready for organizational status due to past issues. Kelsey stated they are absolutely ready for organizational status, they have a full roster of officers and there is a lot of interest in the Student Nurses Association due to them working diligently and reaching out to many. Advisor Stewart agreed

and stated she was in support of organizational status as well.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association Senate approves the Student Nurses Association petition for organization status.

2. Discussion Items

a. Node Chairs

Senator Jopson arranged for two Node chairs to be brought to the meeting today for all to view and sit it. There were two different designs available. Ed Martin, a member of the faculty here at MCC, brought them down and stayed to answer questions. While the exact cost per chair has not been calculated, it was noted the wheels could be locked to keep the chairs in a stationary position. These chairs would be given a trial period in building #6 on the sixth floor. They would be put in six rooms that have smart-board capabilities to see how they may better add to the educational experience of the student who would be able to move around to see all boards during a lesson. It was noted the chairs were small, and had a 300lb. maximum weight limit. Several Senators noted they had a small work surface.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Feedback and discussion regarding Senator Jopson's report on MCC Textbook Affordability.

Senator Jopson thanked all for reviewing his report on Textbook Affordability. All feedback was positive, and everyone agreed the cost of textbooks has risen exponentially each year. Senator Jopson will be following-up with Mark McBride, the Director of the Library on some questions referring to page 25 of the report. The report will be presented to the Faculty Senate at their next meeting this month. Senator Cassidy commends Senator Jopson on his excellent work on the report, and for bringing awareness to a great cause and a continuing collegiate issue.

2. Budget

Ginny Geer-Mentry and Todd Garnier from the MCC Association spoke regarding the Budget-Draft for July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015. They answered questions and highlighted certain areas of proposed changes. This Budget-Draft has been presented to the MCC Board of Directors, and will be presented to the SGA in the near future for their resolution of support. Deputy Speaker Rapp thanks Ms. Geer-Mentry and Mr. Garnier for attending today's meeting to discuss the proposed budget, and for answering all questions.

VI. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Doug Williams, an MCC student, attended last Friday's Celtic Night. This was an event hosted by the MCC Celtic Club and he felt it was a great success. He learned a lot about the Celtic culture, and saw a wonderful Celtic dance. Professor Irwin, from the Chemistry Department had questions on how to approach the SGA for a funding request. Senator Savarese and Deputy Speaker Rapp offered to assist her. Senator Wyble saw Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson on Scholars Day here at MCC and said it was amazing. Dr. Tyson stayed late to answer all questions and to sign autographs. Senator Wyble stated he was an awesome speaker and made the most out of his time here at MCC. Samuel Spragins, a member of CAB reported on the Elev8 program CAB sponsored and oversaw here on campus. They took several children from the inner city to MCC to hear speakers on college, college costs, scholarships available, and what to expect when you are in college. The visitors participated in "mock" community service ideas and opportunities while on campus, so they are aware of what they can do in their communities after they left the campus. Members of CAB plan on following up on these community service activities with the children who visited to help them facilitate their ideas and to lend a helping hand.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

A vote was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 3:09pm.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Truman
SA Secretary