



Senate Meeting Minutes

January 31st, 2023

2:15 pm – Forum, 3-130

Student Senators

Senator Raymond
Senator Krieger
Senator Tran
Senator Allen
Senator Nguyen

Election Coordinator

Angelo Romero

President

Paula Barlow

Vice President of Governance

Dalianne Millet

Vice President of Programming

Rasa Barnak

Vice President of Downtown

Mandie McGinnis

Chief of Staff

Jason Sager

Secretary of Governance

Ana Santos

Office of Student Life

Advisor

Jodi Oriel

Faculty Advisor

Mark Sample

Visitors: Ryan Messenger – Student Affairs, Ginny Geer-Mentry – MCCA, Martin Ramich – Student, Zachary Andolino - Student.

Call to Order (2:15 pm)

A. Roll Call (see attendance above)

Vice President of Governance Millet called for a roll call to start the senate meeting

B. Land Acknowledgement

C. Approval of Minutes

- i. Vice President of Governance Millet called for a motion to approve the December 13th, 2022, Student Government Association minutes.
- ii. Senator Tran so moved, seconded by Senator Allen.
- iii. A vote was taken.
- iv. Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the December 13th, 2022 minute as written.

Speak to the Senate

A. Amy Greer, Student Rights and Responsibilities

Greer is recruiting students for a focus group to gather information on how MCC is managing support and resources to students with non-academic barriers.

B. Martin Ramich, Student

Student Ramin has a school project and he wanted to ask a question about Student Government Association.

Reports

A. President Barlow

Throughout January, President Barlow attended two student panels with First Year Experience to speak with incoming new students about the importance of getting involved and the benefits gained. Also, in January, President Barlow spoke at the NYCCT workshop to help Student Trustees and other Board of Trustees with any questions about the upcoming National Legislative Summit.

President Barlow attended the Student Government social gathering on January 11th. We went bowling, had a great time socializing, and subliminally worked on team-building skills. Thank you, Jodi and Mark, for facilitating this event.

On January 18th President Barlow attended the Winter Leadership Retreat with other SGA members and listened to Alex Weber, host of NBC's hit show American Ninja Warrior. He gave all the student leaders who attended great motivational speeches, and we learned to stay committed and never give up. This retreat also helped us connect and get to know one another as student leaders.

On January 24, President Barlow and other SGA members interviewed Phuong Nguyen, and she gladly accepted a position with SGA as Clubs and Organization Senator.

Welcome aboard, Phuong. Also, on January 24th, SGA held an unofficial meeting to begin planning elections for the spring semester and our goals for the semester.

President Barlow's new office hours will be Wednesdays from 1 to 4pm.

B. Vice President Millet

Hello everyone, my name is Dalianne Millet Acosta. I am the VP of Governance. VP's report for this week will be how SGA attended the student leader training help on January 18 here on campus. We had a great speaker and we also worked on ideas for future events held on campus. On Thursday January 26, VP of Governance gave her report to the Faculty Senate. In that meeting, it was discussed how the current VP of Professional staff Rampe-Eggleston is leaving MCC and the new VP will be Jeremy Case. The academic Policies Committee meets on Mondays from 10 to 11 am starting this week. The Curriculum Committee has discussed a series of proposals for institutional Learning outcomes which they will vote on February 21. Also, they are having some conversations with programs reviewers in regard to SUNY Gen Eds framework. The Professional Development Committee had an informational section on 1/30. Lastly, it was discussed that elections for the administrative affairs will begin on 2/3.

C. Vice President of Programming Barmak

Hello everyone, I hope everyone had a nice break and is back and ready for the spring semester. This past week, I along with other student leaders, attended the Student Leadership Panel with Alex Webinar on Thursday January 18th. The week before that (on Thursday January 12) I attended a New Student Orientation Panel where I talked about being a Student Leader, being part of student government, and how you can get involved on campus.

D. Vice President of Downtown McGinnis

Vice President of Downtown McGinnis has no report for this week.

E. Secretary of Governance Santos

Secretary of Governance Ana Santos is majoring in psychology, and she joined Student Government Association at Monroe Community College in hopes of representing the student body, learning more about MCC and increasing certain skills that being in SGA gives. So far, Secretary Santos Experience in

MCC and SGA has been outstanding, she loves to be part of such an amazing team and is proud of everything the SGA has accomplished.

During intercession Secretary of Governance Ana Santos went bowling with the other members of the SGA to create a bigger fellowship between the team. Santos also was part of the fun and insightful Winter Leadership Retreat with SGA and other student leaders at MCC.

Secretary of Governance Santos is excited about this new semester and cannot wait to keep working with the team and for the students at MCC. The break was good and necessary, but it is always so good to be back and see all of you.

F. Chief of Staff Sager

Chief of Staff Sager is returning to the role of Chief of Staff for a second semester and is looking forward to everything the SGA has planned. Chief of Staff Sager studies political science and will be graduating at the end of this semester. During the winter break Chief of Staff Sager joined other members of the SGA for an afternoon of bowling on January 11th. Chief of Staff Sager attended the Winter Leadership Retreat on January 18th for a presentation by Alex Weber. Chief of Staff Sager participated in the interview for Phuong Nguyen on January 24th and is pleased she will be joining us as our Clubs and Organizations Senator.

G. Health and Wellness Senator Raymond

Senator Raymond is now in their 2nd semester and majoring in business administration. Senator Raymond aims to improve the documentation and mapping of handicap accessible routes on campus, and to create a waiver allowing current non-students to engage with clubs on campus. Over the break, senator Raymond attended the winter leadership summit, with keynote speaker Alex Weber. On the 24th, senator Raymond participated in the interview for Senator Nguyen. On a side note, senator Raymond hopes to put professor Sample in their place with a chess rematch. And here's to another great semester everyone!

H. Club and Organizations Senator Nguyen

Hello everyone, Phuong Nguyen will be joining SGA and be the new Club and Organization Senator. This week, she worked with Senator Raymond to draft the Travel Resolution for the Travel Club to get their plan going. She was also introduced to the SGA workplace and the officers. Everyone is very friendly and welcoming. She ends the week by writing a weekly report and attending the Pre-Agenda meeting.

I. Veterans Senator Krieger

Senator Krieger attended the leadership conference hosted by Mr. Webber with the rest of the student government body, learning about the power of overcoming adversity and understanding the power of perseverance on Wednesday, January 18th, 2023, 10am to 2:30pm on January 19th at 5:20 Senator Krieger participated in the leadership panel with diversity senator Tran, going through a summary of what student government does and what it means to participate on campus furthermore explaining the crucial reason to become a student leader.

J. Diversity Senator Tran

As the new semester starts, Senator Tran would like to introduce himself once more. His name is Kenny Tran, he is a biology major, and it is his second year here at MCC. On January 18th, Senator Tran attended the Winter Leadership Retreat, in which he learned about Alex Weber, an American Ninja Warrior and speaker. In it, he was touched by Weber's experiences on the show, along with Weber opening up to his personal struggles in front of the audience. Also, on January 19th, Senator Tran participated in a panel regarding student life and participating on campus as a student leader. In addition, since January 4th, Senator Tran has been periodically meeting with Yolanda Johnson of Campus Events along with other faculty members for a panel discussion on the movie, "Emergency." The movie

features a situation in which 3 college students return home and find an unconscious woman in their house. It's up to them to decide whether they call the police, or bring her to the hospital without drawing suspicion. This discussion will be held on February 8th as part of a celebration for Black History Month.

K. Student Relations Senator Allen

Hello, everyone, my name is Ava Allen, I'm a Psychology Major. This is my second semester, and I'm the Student Relations Senator. Senator Allen attended the Leadership meeting with the rest of the student government team on January 18th.

L. Election Coordinator Romero

Election Coordinator Romero would like to introduce himself; He is a communication and media studies major; second semester student and loves elections. Election Coordinator Romero attended the Leadership team meeting on January 18th with the rest of SGA. Election Coordinator Romero also set up dates for the Election Workshop with President Bartlow and the leadership office.

New Business

A. Proclamation for Dr. Kimberly Mckinsey-Mabry

B. Action Items (requires a senate vote)

1. Resolution to approve funding for BSU

Resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the Black Student Union fund request of \$3000 for their Black-Tie Event with Queen Diora as a guest speaker on February 1st, 2023.

Vice President Millet called for a motion to approve the resolution.

Senator Raymond so moved, second by Senator Allen.

Discussion: The Black Student Union completed the request fund and met the standards of both the Student Government Association and the Office of Student Life and Leadership.

A vote was taken. The resolution passed.

Be it resolved, by the senate present and voting the Student Government Association allocates \$3000 to Black Student Union at Monroe Community College.

2. Resolution to approve funding for Travel Club

Resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the Travel Club financial request of \$6000 for the Spring Travel Club Cruise 2023.

Vice President Millet called for a motion to approve the resolution.

Senator Krieger so moved, second by Senator Raymond.

Discussion: The Travel Club completed the request fund and met the standards of the Student Government Association and the Office of Student Life and Leadership.

A vote was taken. The resolution passed.

Be it resolved, the senate present and voting that the Student Government Association allocates \$6000 to the Trave Club at Monroe Community College.

3. Resolution for the approval of funding for WMCC

Resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves WMCC financial request of \$1016.50 to help pay for the IBS College Radio Conference in New York City.

Vice President Millet called for a motion to approve the resolution.

Senator Krieger so moved, second by Senator Allen.

Discussion: WMCC completed the request fund and meets all the requirements appointed by the Student Government Association and the Office of Student Life and Leadership.

A vote was taken. The resolution passed.

Be it resolved, the senate present and voting that the Student Government Association allocates \$1016.50 to WMCC at Monroe Community College.

Discussion Items

- A. There were no discussion items

Old Business

- A. There was no old business

Questions and Comments

- A. There were no questions or comments

Adjournment

- A. Vice President Millet called for a motion for adjournment
- B. Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm

Executive Session

Respectfully submitted,

Ana Santos
Secretary of Governance