



Senate Meeting Minutes

March 28th, 2023

2:15 pm – Forum, 3-130

Student Senators

Senator Raymond
Senator Krieger
Senator Tran
Senator Allen
Senator Murdock
Senator Leichtner
Senator Nguyen

Election Coordinator

Angelo Romero

President

Paula Barlow

Vice President of Governance

Dalianne Millet

Vice President of Programming

Rasa Barmak

Vice President of Downtown

Mandie McGinnis

Chief of Staff

Jason Sager

Treasurer

Zeynep Guney

Secretary of Governance

Ana Santos

Office of Student Life Advisor

Jodi Oriel

Faculty Advisor

Mark Sample

Visitors: Ginny Geer-Mentry – MCCA, Ryan Messenger – Student Affairs, Dana Williams – Student, Parker Colella – Student, Weylen Walter – Student, Dakota Mason – 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 March 21st, 2023, Student Government Association minutes.
- ii. Senator Raymond so moved, seconded by Senator Allen.
- iii. A vote was taken.
- iv. Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the March 21st, 2023 minutes as written.

Speak to the Senate

A. Weylen Walter and Dakota Mason, WMCC

Students Walter and Mason spoke about their experience in the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System Conference, for which the Student Government Association supported WMCC members to attend and learn more about how to manage a radio.

Reports

A. President Barlow

President Barlow has not report for this week.

B. Vice President Millet

Vice President of Governance worked on her report for the presidents meeting.

C. Vice President of Programming Barmak

This past week, I attended the MSA & Global Union event welcoming the month of Ramadan. I also worked on some details regarding The Tribute Twisted Tour which is going to be on May 10th. I also worked on some details regarding the Ramadan Iftar Dinner which is going to be on April 11th.

D. Vice President of Downtown McGinnis

On Monday March 20th Vice President McGinnis along with Election Coordinator Romeo, Senators Tran, Leichtner, and Allen interviewed Cali Haji for the Athletics Senator position. On behalf of Student Government welcome Senator Haji.

Later that day meeting Disability Awareness Club President Britnaie Smith to give the completed posters for the clubs upcoming event and donation drive. Save the date for the Spread the Word Inclusion event taking place April 12th at Downtown 2nd floor lounge and the 24th at Brighton Atrium. The event will highlight the inclusive community at MCC with other clubs collaborating to participate in the event.

In honor of National Women's History Month Vice President McGinnis encourage all that have the means to donate to the feminine hygiene drive being sponsored by the Disability Awareness Club and the Office of Student Life and Leadership with proceeds going to DWIGHT on both campuses. You will find donation boxes outside of the Downtown Student Services office room 310 and the Student Life and Leadership Office on Brighton Campus.

E. Secretary of Governance Santos

After the public Senate Meeting on Tuesday 21st Secretary of Governance Ana Santos and the other SGA members were part of the dining service review, in which the SGA went over food service proposals from vendors to see which one would be more fit for MCC. On Thursday 23rd Secretary of Governance Ana Santos was part of the SGA Public Relations Committee that was about how our organization can be more visible for the MCC students and things we can implement to make them more involved with the SGA.

Last week Secretary Santos also worked on the minutes for the March 21st Senate Meeting.

Finally, Ana Santos has a destressing event with Resident Assistant Zhen Yi Lin making origami. The event is going to be held today in Canal Hall at 7:00 pm. You are all invited!

F. Chief of Staff Sager

This past week I passed off the information to our new treasurer to help her begin the transition of taking over the role and hopefully we'll be able to have her here next semester as well in the same role to keep some continuity.

I also helped to prepare and present the SGA report to the Board of Trustees yesterday, in addition to attending the MCC Association Finance Committee meeting, and I have prepared the report on the SGA budget for today's meeting with the President as well.

G. Treasurer Guney

Guney has no report for this week.

H. Health and Wellness Senator Raymond

Senator Raymond reviewed the dining proposals last week and will be gauging student interest in the two services that approached MCC. Senator Raymond will also be reporting SGA's involvement with public safety to the president of the college's executive leadership team.

I. Club and Organizations Senator Nguyen

Senator Nguyen has no report for this week.

J. Veterans Senator Krieger

Senator Krieger visited the veteran club on Wednesday the 22nd and has scheduled a time with Eric Wheeler on Thursday to discuss further projects for the group.

K. Diversity Senator Tran

On March 20th, Senator Tran participated in an interview regarding Cali Haji. He is an excellent candidate for the Athletics Senator, and Senator Tran is looking forward to seeing how he handles the position.

On March 23rd, Senator Tran went to the Ramadan event hosted by the Muslim Student Association, in which not only did Senator Tran learn more about the tradition and the importance of it, but tried foods tied to the event such as dates. Finally, Senator Tran has been cooperating with Elections Coordinator Angelo Romero about setting times for additional election workshops.

L. Student Relations Senator Allen

On March 21st Senator Allen along with the rest of the SGA team meet with the Dining Hall Committee to discuss and review the dining contract for the next 5 years. Senator Allen attended Safe Zone Training on March 22nd with the Vice President of Downtown McGinnis and other student leaders. During this training, we talked about how to make others feel safe coming to us, and how to be a better ally. Senator Allen also attended our first Public Relations Committee meeting on March 23rd, where we discussed ways to get more student involvement. Such as having more interactive events for students to participate in.

On March 24th Senator Allen met with Mathew Lawson to discuss the possibility of SGA being able to go to different High Schools to encourage enrollment.

M. Public Relations Senator Murdock

Senator Murdock has no report for this week.

N. Club and Organizations Senator Leichtner

First, I would like to introduce myself. I'm Joseph Leichner, I'm the new clubs and organizations senator. I'm Majoring in business administration, and it's my second semester here.

This week I drafted the resolutions for campus 180, and BSU and I also took part in a interview for Cali Haji.

O. Election Coordinator Romero

Election Coordinator Romero attended the interview for Cali Haji, the new athletics senator on March 20th. In my opinion he makes a great candidate for said position, and I believe he is the man for the job. On Tuesday March 21st, election coordinator Romero with the rest of SGA had the discussion over the

Sodexo and American Dining Contracts. Romero gave his opinions on both contracts. Election coordinator Romero attended the Ramadan event on the terrace on March 23rd, learning more the holiday and I believe it's important to learn more about it and the tradition. Election Coordinator Romero also set up the last election workshop days with the help of Melissa Gue and member of the election commission Senator Tran.

New Business

A. Action Items (requires a senate vote)

1. Resolution for the approval of the appointment of Cali Haji as the new Athletics Senator

Resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the appointment of Cali Haji as SGA Athletics Senator.

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

Senator Tran so moved, second by Senator Allen.

Discussion: Cali Haji is a good candidate and meets all the requirements necessary to hold said position.

A vote was taken. The resolution passed.

Be it resolved, the senate present and voting that the candidate is appointed as a Student Government Association member.

2. Resolution for the approval of the MCC Association Budget and the 5% increase in the Student Life Fee

Resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association supports the Student Life Fee 5% increase.

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

Senator Tran so moved, second by Senator Allen.

Discussion: the 5% increase in the Student Life Fee is to help mitigate some of the expense deficit to ensure and maintain student programs and services for the 2023-2024 academic year.

A vote was taken. The resolution passed.

Be it resolved, the senate present and voting that the MCC Association budget and the 5% increase in the Student Life Fee is supported by the Student Government Association at Monroe Community College.

3. Resolution for the approval of the funding request for Black Student Union

Resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the Black Student Union funding request of \$100 to support their upcoming event.

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

Senator Joseph 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 \$100 to the Black Student Union at Monroe Community College.

4. Resolution for the approval of the funding request for Campus One80

Resolved, the Monroe Community College Student Government Association approves the Campus One80 funding request of \$3836 to help pay for a trip to their retreat in the Delta Lake Bible Conference.

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

Senator Tran so moved, second by Senator Allen.

Discussion: Campus One80 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 \$3836 to Campus One80 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 2:56 pm

Executive Session

Respectfully submitted,

Ana Santos
Secretary of Governance