

Student Senate Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 15, 2015

12:45-2pm in Room 314

Meeting Facilitated by:

Student Senate President: Derrick LaBranche

Senate Members:

Gail Stoltz
Ashley Northrup
Brian Taylor
Julia Milos
Derrick LaBranche
James Dickson
Sam Caswell
Nathan Soucy
Maha Dahms

Aileen Clay (advisor)

Guests:

Liz Jackson (Give Kids the World)
Roger Comins (Dart Team)
Jessica Yeary (NSNA)
Augustus Hilmer (AmeriCorps VISTA Member)

Meeting Items:

I. Officer Reports:

Secretary: Ashley Northrup

1. Minutes from 10/1 meeting were reviewed
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes as they appeared: Sam Caswell
 - b. Second Motion: Julia Milos
 - c. (none opposed)
 - d. The 10/1 minutes are approved

Treasurer: Maha Dahms

2. Finance Committee needs to be formed to review club budgets and make recommendations to the full Senate at the Oct 29th meeting. Committee: Maha Dahms (chair), James Dickson, Ashley Northrup, Nate Soucy, Brian Taylor. Maha will call the committee together.

Vice President: Julia Milos

3. Senate Sponsored Thanksgiving Feast will take place on Thursday, Nov 19, 12 – 2pm, in the MPR. Open to all! Julia will chair the TGF Committee. Ashley Northrup will provide Julia with last year's budget. Planning Committee Members: Gail Stoltz, Zachery Bishop, Andrew Powers and Jacy Morales. Julia will convene the Committee.

Public Relations: Zachery Bishop (absent)

4. No Report

President: Derrick LaBranche

5. MTA Bus issue. The UPass Program allows MCC students the benefit of riding the MTA at no cost. Cost for the UPass Program for MCC went from \$5000 per year to \$11,000 in mid-August, due to increased ridership. The timing of the notification was problematic as it was so close to the beginning of the semester and the program is listed in our publications.

Senate needs to form a committee to gather information, review the situation and make recommendations to Senate for funding this year, and for the future. Last year's Senate approved \$5000 for the 2015-16 year (Sept 1 to Aug 31). MTA is willing to meet with the Committee. Derrick LaBranche will chair the MTA Committee. MTA Committee Members are: Ashley Northrup, Zachery Bishop, and Jacy Morales. Derrick will convene the Committee and contact the MTA.

II. New Clubs:

1. Dart Team (presenter Roger Comins)

Mission is to have an official school dart team, giving the students the opportunity to not only learn the game of darts but to receive the proper training needed to become world class dart players. We would like to be the flagship school for creating competitions with other local community colleges in years to come.

Roger presented founding documents which included mission, membership, organization structure, advisor and founding members. Will meet on Fridays, Prof. Sean Dean will serve as Advisor.

Motion by Nate Soucy, 2nd by Julia Milos, motion for the MCC Dart Team as an official MCC Club was approved (unanimously)

III Preparing Senators for Club Budget Voting:

1. Aileen Clay, Senate Advisor, reviewed things to consider when reviewing and approving club budgets. Typically have been able to fund trips/conferences at 40% for students, 100% for advisors. Cannot fund personal items (including logowear) unless it is part of the overall event and is for everyone (ie. CAB t-shirts for Welcome Week). Can fund refreshments for up to two meetings per year per club (ie pizza for opening meeting, subs for end of year officer transition. Can fund food as part of an event which is open to everyone as long as it is an integral part of the event. Cannot fund memberships, pins, or honor sashes that students keep. See Budget Preparation Workshop sheet for full details of the discussion.

IV Club Budget/Project Proposals (considered prior to full budget review due to timing needs)

1. **Exercise Science Club, Wellness Week and Pumpkin Relay Budget Proposals** – Nate Soucy

- a) Wellness Week - The ES Club would like to offer a Wellness Week for all MCC Students the week of Oct 26th from 12-2 in the Student Center. The goal of the week is to promote health and wellness by offering informative workshops and risk/posture analyses. They are requested \$50.00 for healthy snacks (bananas, apples granola bars, waters, etc) to be given away. They also requested \$99.45 to purchase foam rollers to give away as raffle prizes to participants. The total request for the Wellness Week budget is \$149.45.

Discussion, and voting followed, with the amount of \$149.45 approved (none opposed)

- b) Pumpkin Relay Race – fundraiser

The Exercise Science Club would like to hold a Pumpkin Relay Race on Thursday, Oct 29, 2015 as a fundraiser for their Perform Better Conference. They requested the amount of \$290.00 for expenses (pumpkins, food and prize), to be reimbursed from the proceeds of the fundraiser.

Discussion and voting followed, with the amount of \$290.00 approved (to be reimbursed from the proceeds of the fundraiser). (none opposed)

2. Give Kids the World Budget Proposal – Liz Jackson

Give Kids the World Service trip, Jan 6-13, 2016, eight students, two advisors, Orlando Florida, serve Make A Wish families whose children have terminal or life threatening diseases, one week of community service/volunteering at the GKW Village. Full detailed budget presented. Request 40% for students, 100% for advisors for a total request of \$3,367.00.

Motion by Gail Stoltz, Sam Caswell 2nd, motion passed (none opposed) to fund the Give Kids the World Service Trip the amount of \$3,367.00 for eight students, two advisors to participate this coming January.

3. Dart Team Start Up Budget Proposal – Roger Comins

In order to launch the newly approved Dart Team, the group is requesting a basic set up which includes: Winmau Dart Board (\$85.00); Dart back board extra wide (\$80.00); 2 sets of house darts \$35.00/set (\$70.00); score board (\$29.00), floor throw line (\$9.00) for a total of \$273.00 requested.

Motion by Maha Dahms, 2nd by Gail Stoltz, motion passed (none opposed) to fund the MCC Dart Team for their start-up expenses for equipment as requested, in the amount of \$273.00.

4. MCC Chapter of the National Student Nurses Association Midyear Career Planning Conference Budget Proposal – Jessica Yeary

In lieu of attending the National Convention in the spring, the NSNA would like to send two of it's members to the Fall Conference instead. The Midyear Conference is Nov 4-8 in Atlanta GA. Students will cover their own registration and meals. NSNA is requesting that Senate pay 40% of the remaining expenses (\$319) per students for a total of \$638. No advisor will be attending. These two students will not be attending the National Convention and have committed to share information from the Fall Conference with other NSNA members.

Motion by Nate Soucy, 2nd by James Dickson, motion passed (none opposed) to fund the NSNA for two students to attend the Midyear Career Planning Conference (in lieu of the National Convention) in the amount of \$638.

V. Other Business:

Senate Officers are requested to see Derrick LaBranche to set up a time for an Executive Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2pm.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, October 29th at 12:45pm in Room 314