

Student Senate Minutes -Wednesday, September 11th, Fall 2019

Call to Order

A meeting of the Student Senate was held in ST 301 on September 11th, 2019 at 4:00p.m..

Attendees included:

Executive Officers: President, Richelle Adu, Treasurer, Shakoora Kassie, Secretary, Fenet Shertaga, and Vice-President, Ashalee Brown
Senators at Large: Davicheanin Meas, Joann Hegbe, Joseph Newell, Khayel Francois, Lauren Favre, Nahom Demise, Nasser Katende Katamba, Rumbidzaishe Bvudzijena, Yamini Lal
Absentees: Ms. Kimberly Herrera, Sarah Haj Hamad

I. Welcome - Call to Order: Approval of Minutes/Agenda

- a. Student Senate meeting was called to order by President Adu at 4:00 p.m.
- b. President Adu gave presentation on upcoming goals for this semester that all senators discussed during the retreat.
- c. President Adu mentioned to communicate with each other, let students know who we are so that students can pass on their constituents' concerns.

II. Dr. Vincent Intondi

- a. Dr. Intondi informed everyone to make it more equitable that October 16th is Columbus Day and placed event is going to be Indigenous people Day
 - i. There has been historical movement to abolish Columbus Day, certain towns, colleges, school boards have done it.
 - ii. It cannot be done because of a blueprint resolution that needs to be plug in Montgomery College and work it through to get it approved
 - iii. If the senate approves it, it will be passed on to student council
 - iv. It will no longer be recognized this day as Columbus Day, but will be known as Indigenous People's Day.
 - v. Dr. Intondi already talked to Zien Education Project who runs this they have posters you can download to promote it on campus, there are massive number of stickers that can be bought for cheap, books can be bought to distribute for students.
 - vi. Peer research foundation they are interested in what we are doing even if we do not make it all the way. We are already getting a National recognition before even start doing this. President Adu asked all senators if they support and have the senate name on this and it was approved by majority.
 - vii. Vice- President Brown motioned that the student senate stands behind replacing the Columbus Day on October 16 to Indigenous Peoples Day for October 16. It was passed with an overwhelming major vote.

II. Committee report – Senate Activities Board Vice President Brown

- a. SAB had their first meeting and senator Demise played a video of his fought over the weekend and he won.
- b. Had an ice breaker for new SAB member four students joined.
- c. Giveaway SAB t-shirts with DIY mugs for students who volunteered during welcome week.
- d. Did SWOT analysis for Welcome Week the opportunities and the threats.

- e. Had a SAB marketing committee report about social media followers. Every week we will have a social media contest to engage students for example like to take a picture with the Dean of Academic affairs and they will get a chance to win a \$50 gift cards, air pods and more.
- f. Upcoming events on Monday 16 from 12 -2pm for grocery bingo, SAB volunteering for white hip hop art in Cultural Arts if we get 6 volunteers, we will receive \$300 funding for future events, and Kickball tournament on September 27 where senator Newell is the event manager for the event.

III. Budget panel committee – Treasurer Kassie

- a. Budget meets from on Wednesday's from 3:00 – 3:30pm and I.C.C date was changed meeting time for this semester, it was last Monday of each month, but now it is every first Monday of each month.
- b. Budget panel members are senator Favre, President Adu, Senator Haj Hamad, and senator Lal
- c. Treasurer Kassie will have a budget prep meeting next week. And encouraged other student senators to come to the meeting if they are available.

IV. Diversity and Multicultural Affairs committee – Senator Hegbe

- a. Seantor Hegbe mention that the committee is focusing to recruit more students for MC Pride Day and for the committee.
- b. Committee meeting is on Monday's from 1p.m – 2p.m
- c. Taco Tuesday is pushed for one more month because it needs to be planned more and right now tentatively it will be on October 15 from 1p.m – 2p.m. And on October 14, will be MC Pride Day, senator Hegbe is seeing to get t-shirts for the event and trying to know the budget for the events.
- d. Senator Hegbe announced that Elise had stepped down from middle ground event, but senator Hege wants to continue doing the event.

V. Elections committee report - Secretary Shertaga

- a. Secretary Shertaga had thanked all the senators who helped for tabling for the selection process.
- b. Secretary Shertaga informed senators that next week will be an open meeting for the information session and to tell students to come to the next open meeting.
- c. Secretary Shertaga informed senators that even if you are not in the elections committee your opinions matter, and Secretary Shertaga mentioned to wear business attire for the information session and for the interview day.

VI. Community Service Committee - Senator Favre

- a. Senator Favre spoke since the goal as a senate is 100 hours it is hard to keep consistency of having a meeting, but instead keep tracking service hours
- b. During the meeting couple of ideas were raised like working at animal shelter, global market, habitat for humanities, and then tracking hours by giveplus
- c. MC community service committee @gmail.com – when any senator does any community service or volunteering will send some documentation and send through this email and the hours of service to keep track.

VII. Student Council – Senator Meas

- a. Senator Meas spoke about update about student council – voted for solution
 - i. The issue is that the student council need students to fill seats

VIII. Open Discussion - All

- a. Senator Hegbe – wants to change the name of Multicultural and Diversity committee because it is very long to Diversity and Inclusivity Committee.
- b. Vice – President Brown mentioned if the senate still wants to continue current events.
- c. Vice President Brown motion to keep the current events presentations for the upcoming Fall 2019 Semester. Senator Meas – second. Passed with majority vote
- d. President Adu mention that when new senators come in, senator Favre is going to give presentation on Robert's Rule how it works when we vote.
- e. Vice – President Brown mention about student senate column – one student senator writing on Excalibur for the senate and senator Bvudzijena volunteered to write on behalf of senate.
- f. Treasurer Kassie brought back an idea that was done before “who am I” presentation to keep continue this during senate meeting. Senator Favre motioned to continue Who am I presentation. Senator Meas – second. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

IX. Adjourn - President Adu

President Adu adjourn the student senate meeting at 5:00 p.m.