

STUDENT CONGRESS
9/28/17

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Jennifer asked for the approval of the minutes from the meeting last week. Trey Moore motioned to approve the minutes and Ben Crary seconded. The motion passed.

Jennifer introduced Tracy Coulson and Dawson McDermott from the Advisement Center. They gave the students an overview of what the Advisement Center does. They help students with their GPS appointments, change of major, career coaching/counseling, dropping/adding classes and re-matriculation to name a few. Making the right choices in advisement can help in the long run with financial aid as it is limited as to how long you can get financial aid. If you don't know who to turn to, please go see someone in the Advisement Center. They also spoke about the ASAP program which promotes advising and scheduling each year. October is when you should meet with your advisor, November 13th is when you can start registering for classes and November 27th is the first date to confirm your charges/secure your classes.

Jennifer then introduced Kim Snow from Bellevue University. Kim spoke to the students about how MVCC partners with Bellevue for transfer opportunities. She explained that Bellevue is completely online and accelerated so that students can complete their degree in 18 months. Kim also announced that Bellevue has funding and would like to partner with the clubs and organizations to co-sponsor events. She is also willing to come to club meetings to discuss the opportunities Bellevue has to offer.

President Report

Jennifer stated that she needs students to fill vacancies on various college committees. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please see her. She then explained that clubs must now use their standard allotment to purchase refreshments for their meetings. No additional funding proposals for refreshments will be accepted.

Vice President of Utica Report

Erica again explained that the attendance policy is everyone is required to attend two out of every four meetings of Student Congress. Attendance is going well. She stated Anime Haven is doing great on the app interacting with students. All clubs should follow their lead.

Vice President of Rome Report

Tyler stated that the blood drive held today went well. He stated the Ryan Quinn event was sold out. Rome Student Activities will be co-sponsoring Non-Traditional Student Week in November.

Treasurer Report

Jennifer is filling in for the Treasurer until someone is hired. She stated there is \$134,408.98 left in the Developmental Account.

Trustee Report

Dylan stated that he spoke with Facilities about the hand sanitizer and garbage in the AB parking lot concerns. They stated they would keep an eye on the situations but also encouraged students to self-police the concerns, especially the parking lots. If there are any concerns that you don't want to bring up in the meeting, please email Dylan at sctrustee@mvcc.edu.

Program Board Director Report

Katie stated that Batsu went well with approximately 200 people in attendance. The next event is Jared Rydelek, contortionist, at 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 3rd in the ACC Snack Bar. Katie then listed the upcoming DGV events. Program Board meets every Friday at 2 p.m. in ACC 222. Please follow Program Board on the various social media sites.

Proposals

The Recreation Club presented their proposal last week for \$12,558.77 for a trip to Boston. This proposal will be voted on today.

The Aviation Club requested \$2,963.63 for a trip to Old Rhinebeck. Tyler Delaney motioned to change the date of the trip and Trey Moore seconded. The motion passed. They were asked how many students would be participating and the response was 18. They were asked if the students would be flying the planes and the response was no, the students would be getting a ride in the planes.

Consent Agenda

Gay/Straight Alliance requested \$900 for their Drag Show.

All proposals passed.

Open Floor

Dan Eddy stated there were 30 people in attendance at the Java Jive Coffeehouse.

Drama Club stated their show "Night of the Living Dead" will be held from Oct. 19-21, 2017. They need people for the stage crew. If you are interested in helping out, please come to the Drama Club meeting today at 6 p.m. in the Schafer Theater.

Maeve Yourdon motioned to change the name of the Interpreting Club to the Sign Language Interpreting Club and Dawn Foster seconded. The motion passed.

Adjournment

Carlos Pulquerio motioned to adjourn and Trey Moore seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.