

**STUDENT CONGRESS**  
**10/5/17**

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 Claire Parisi seconded. The motion passed.

Jennifer introduced Rachel Golden, Maimun Khan and Rosa Portorreal from the College Completion Coaching Program. They spoke about how they are here to help students succeed be able to finish their degrees. Coaches help students with skill development, such as study skills, time management, test taking, etc. They also connect students with campus and community resources. Students connect with coaches through faculty referral or by just going to see the coaches themselves. They help the students throughout their entire time at MVCC. Their offices are located in the Learning Commons in the IT Building and there is also a coach in Rome part-time.

**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 announced that Transfer Week is next week, Oct. 9-13, 2017. The actual transfer fair will be held on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Please check the website for the listing of colleges that will be attending.

**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 also encouraged everyone to use the Hawks Life app. Finally, Erica informed everyone that in order to be an official voting member of Student Congress you must go through training. Trainings are held on Mondays at 2 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. in ACC 208 and only take about 20 minutes. If the days/times listed don't work for you, please schedule an appointment with either De'Anna or Sandy. Trainings are also held on the Rome Campus by appointment.

**Vice President of Rome Report**

Tyler stated that Rome Student Activities had a meeting with the Dean of the Rome Campus to discuss possible events. Dr. Justine Shuey, Sexologist, will be in Rome on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in PC 119.

**Treasurer Report**

Jennifer introduced the new treasurer, Taryn Rackmyer. Taryn stated that the amount in the Developmental Account last week was \$134,408.98 and it is slightly lower this week. She will have an accurate number for everyone at the next meeting.

**Trustee Report**

Dylan stated that an anti-harassment campaign will be starting soon. If you see this type of behavior, please say something. Dylan explained again that if students have concerns about anything on

campus, to please let him know. Concerns range from hand sanitizers to 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](mailto:sctrustee@mvcc.edu).

### **Program Board Director Report**

Katie gave out surveys to see what students would like to have for entertainment here at the College. These surveys will be used when deciding what acts to book at APCA. Jared Rydelek went with 156 people in attendance. The Fine Arts Club is helping Program Board with the advertising on the windows. The next two events are Open Mic Night on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m. and Adam Grabowski on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Both events will be held in the Snack Bar. Kate explained the difference between an ad hoc DGV event and a regular DGV event. Ad hoc DGVs are added after the official DGV events list has already been published. Katie then listed the upcoming DGV events. She announced that Drama Club is presenting "Night of the Living Dead" from Oct. 19-21<sup>st</sup>. 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 requested to add an aquarium visit to their trip to Boston with no additional funding needed. They were asked why they were adding the aquarium and they stated that they were initially told the aquarium did not fit in with the purpose of the club. However, they presented justification for including the aquarium to everyone at Congress. Madison O'Toole motioned to allow the club to add the aquarium trip to the Boston trip and Trey Moore seconded. The motion passed.

Drama Club requested \$3,610 to present their production of "Night of the Living Dead."

Future Engineers requested \$1,950 for their trip to Clarkson University. They were asked if the transportation would be wheelchair accessible and they said yes. James Newman motioned to change the amount requested from \$1,950 to \$1,425 and James Marino seconded. The motion passed.

### **Consent Agenda**

Drama Club requested \$555.83 for t-shirts. Zach Stachelski motioned to allow the club members to keep the shirts and Dawn Foster seconded. The motion passed.

Sign Language Interpreting Club requested \$129.30 for a banner for the club.

**All proposals passed.**

### **New Clubs**

Speed Team explained the purpose of their club. Joe Dibble motioned to have the Speed Team recognized as an official club and Dawn Foster seconded. The motion passed.

Swim Club explained the purpose of their club. They were asked that since they would be competing, does that make it a sport and they said no as long as they were not trying to represent MVCC at any events. They were asked if they would have a lifeguard present at all practices/events and they said yes. They were asked how much the lifeguard would cost and they were not sure. They were asked if they would take the cost of a lifeguard out of the standard allotment and they said yes. They were asked what they would do when the allotment was gone and they stated they would do some fundraising. William Tolpa motioned for the Swim Club to be recognized as an official club and Kyle Moylan seconded. The motion passed.

I Am That Girl explained the purpose of their club. Mercedesz Birnie motioned for I Am That Girl to be recognized as an official club and Allison Eastman seconded. The motion passed.

### **Open Floor**

De'Anna spoke to the students about Title IX and showed them the "Cup of Tea" video. She asked that all students share the video with their club members and also take the quiz at the end of the video.

Sandy informed the students that they will be required to show verification from their advisors that they have met with them for advising for the spring semester. Verification will also be required for registering for classes and for payment.

Dylan stated that he will be at the Rome Campus tomorrow (Friday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>) until 2:30 p.m. Please stop by to see him in the Plumley Complex.

Mercedesz Birnie announced that the I Am That Girl club will be meeting next Thursday at 6 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

Zach Stachelski motioned to adjourn and Trey Moore seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.