

STUDENT CONGRESS
10/12/17

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

Jennifer asked for the approval of the minutes from the meeting last week. Maeve Yourdon motioned to approve the minutes and Zach Stachelski seconded. The motion passed.

Jennifer introduced Marie Kohl from the Alumni Association. Marie spoke to the students about what the association can do for them both now and when they graduate. She listed the various events that the Alumni Association participates in such as Club Day, Transfer Fair, Open House and Residence Hall move-in. The Association also offers networking opportunities, mentorship/career panels, and volunteer/leadership opportunities. Finally Marie informed the students that alumni are allowed to use the College facilities at a discounted rate, they are allowed to keep their student email and are given the faculty/staff ticket rate on all Cultural Series events.

President Report

Jennifer explained that the co-curricular transcript lists all the extra things that students have done. It includes club membership, athletic team membership, scholarships, awards and volunteerism to name a few. When a student asks for an official transcript from the College, the co-curricular transcript prints out along with it. This allows another college or potential employer to see all that a student has been involved in. Jennifer stated that she needs students to fill vacancies on various college committees, specifically the Auxiliary Services Corporation Board. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please see Erica, V.P. of Utica.

Vice President of Utica Report

Erica stated that an email reminder went out to clubs about their lack of attendance at the Student Congress meetings. She then explained that when you sign in for attendance, you must also be sure to sign in for your club as well. A question was asked that if a delegate is excused is the club excused as well and the answer was no. The club must find another delegate to represent them. Finally, Erica encouraged all clubs to become active on the app.

Vice President of Rome Report

Tyler stated that Java Jive had approximately 40 people in attendance and Dr. Justine Shuey had approximately 30 people in attendance. The next event is Crom Saunders, Comedian, on Oct. 19th and it will be a DGV event

Treasurer Report

Taryn stated that the amount in the Developmental Account is \$112,266.45. She will soon be adding in the new clubs and removing those clubs that are not active.

Trustee Report

Dylan stated the Board endorsed Guided Pathways and also discussed Middlestates. Dylan asked if there were any concerns and a question was asked as to why there are so few hand sanitizers around

campus. Dylan stated that a lot were removed last spring as it was felt there were too many on campus. 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

Jennifer gave the report for Katie. Katie is attending the APCA Conference to select events and entertainment for next semester. Open Mic Night was great. The next event is Adam Grabowski on Oct. 17th at 8:30 a.m. in the Snack Bar and will be a DGV event. Jennifer 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 Aviation Club requested \$5,260 for a trip to the National Air & Space Museum in Washington D.C. They were asked if they looked into driving rather than flying. Sandy explained that when clubs go long distances, flying is less expensive than taking a bus. With a bus you have to pay for a hotel and meals for the driver.

Ski Club requested \$6,171.75 for four trips to Whiteface and Gore Mountains. They were asked if there was a learning experience to this trip. They said yes it would be learning to ski for some people. They were asked if the equipment would be rented and they said yes. They were asked if the passes would be season access and they said yes. They were asked if there would be night skiing and they said not for these trips. They were asked the dates of the trips and it is Nov. 24th and Dec. 8th for Gore and Dec. 2nd and Dec. 16th for Whiteface. They were informed that they have to change the date of the Dec. 16th trip to follow the rule that all trips and all receipts for trips must be completed one week before graduation each semester. They were asked if there would be a fee for students and they said yes, when the students sign up for the trip. They were asked if the club is doing any fundraising and they said no. They were asked if there was no snow would they get any money back and they said no. However, because these mountains are so high, there generally is snow on them.

Strategic Gaming Club requested \$12,600 to go to PAX East in Boston. They were asked why they don't fundraise more. Sandy explained that this club does more fundraising than any of the other clubs combined. It was discovered that the amount they are requesting is more than \$600 per person. They will adjust the amount and have it ready for the next meeting. They were asked if the transportation and accommodations were ADA compliant and they said yes.

Photography Club requested \$4,800 for a trip to Brooklyn, NY for a professional photo shoot. They were asked if the students would be modeling and they said no. They were asked about food and they said it would be provided by the photographer. They were asked how many people would be going and they said 28 students and 2 advisors.

Residence Council requested \$3,469.25 for a trip to Fright Fest in Lake George, NY. Kaitlyn Kenney motioned to adjust the amount requested to \$3,494.25 and Karissa Colon seconded. The motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Kidz-n-Coaches requested \$742.50 for a trip to Pumpkin Junction

Student Congress requested \$710 for prizes and supplies for the Congress meeting before Halloween.

All proposals passed, except for Ski Club, Aviation Club and Strategic Gaming Club which will all be voted on next week.

Open Floor

Dylan spoke about the Hawks Against Hate and Harassment. This is a student-led campaign to stop bullying and harassment. If you are interested in helping, please see Dylan.

Dylan reminded everyone that all trips don't have to have an educational component. They just must align with the purpose of the club.

Alison Eastman motioned for the Gay-Straight Alliance to change their name to the Genders and Sexuality Alliance and Zach Stachelski seconded. The motion passed.

Trey Hodgson motioned to have the Paintball Club re-instated as an official club and Karissa Colon seconded. The motion passed.

Mercedes Birnie announced that the I Am That Girl club will be meeting tonight at 6 p.m. in IT 220

The YWCA will be having its annual Take Back the Night events on the following dates:

- Oct. 17th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Utica City Hall
- Oct. 19th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Rome City Hall

Adjournment

Kristin Eisenhut motioned to adjourn and Zach Stachelski seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.