

STUDENT CONGRESS
10/19/17

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

Jennifer asked for the approval of the minutes from the meeting last week. Kristin Eisenhut motioned to approve the minutes and Karissa Colon seconded. The motion passed.

Jennifer introduced Kelly Fleming from IServe. Kelly spoke to the students about IServe, which is a volunteer program that puts people into the community to help with food insecurity and hunger. She also spoke about the Food Recovery Program which collect the uneaten food in the Resident Dining Hall and distributes it to local agencies. Last year they were able to distribute approximately 4,000 pounds of food that otherwise would have been thrown away. IServe also has community gardens for people in need to use. Any students who would like to volunteer can have the work they do put on their co-curricular transcript. There is also possibly an anti-hunger club to be starting soon.

President Report

Jennifer informed students about the Halloween Costume Contest at the Congress meeting on Oct. 26th.

Vice President of Utica Report

Erica stated that today's meeting was the last week of the four week period. The next meeting starts a new four week period. She encouraged everyone to use the HawksLife app.

Vice President of Rome Report

Tyler was not able to attend the meeting today and Taryn gave his report. Java Jive is going well and is held on Tuesdays from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Crom Saunders, a DGV comedian, is tonight, but is sold out. She then listed the events booked at APCA for the Rome Campus.

Treasurer Report

Taryn stated that the amount in the Developmental Account is \$107,549.20. She then explained to the students the proper way to fill out the funding proposal form. Taryn stated that from now on if proposals are filled out incorrectly, they will be pulled.

Trustee Report

Dylan stated that on Monday the SUNY Board of Trustees approved in-state tuition for those residents in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands due to the natural disasters that have occurred in those areas. This means that at any SUNY school those residents will not be charged double tuition for being from out of state. He gave an update on the arming of the Campus Safety Officers. As of right now we have 15 officers and 7 of them are armed and permits are being processed for the rest of the officers. A question was asked if background checks and mental health reviews are done and the answer was yes. A question was asked if there was something in place to resolve a discrepancy between an officer and a student. Dylan stated he will speak with Chief Amico about this to get an answer. A question was asked if the officers will be wearing body cams and Dylan stated he will check

into that. A question was asked if there are policies in place to handle dangerous situations and the answer was yes. Dylan asked if there were any concerns. A concern was raised about the Dining Hall being open at 7 a.m. in the mornings instead of 7:30 a.m. Dylan will look into it. A concern was raised about students getting more information about Title IX. Dylan explained that there is a new campaign starting soon called Hawks Against Hate which will address Title IX issues such as harassment and bullying. 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 she and members of the Program Board attended the APCA Conference last weekend to select events and entertainment for next semester. Program Board also presented an educational session at the conference. Katie won Student Programmer of the Year, and they also won awards in the graphics and novelty competitions. She then listed some events that they booked for the spring semester. Adam Grabowski, Comedian, had over 400 students in attendance. Kristin Merlin from The Voice also performed this week and went over well. The next event is Daphne Willis on Oct. 26th at 12 noon in the ACC Snack Bar.

The Halloween Pageant will be held on Oct. 31st in the Snack Bar. Katie then listed the DGV events. Tickets for the Winter Ball go on sale tomorrow in ACC 208. The Program Board meets every Friday at 2 p.m. in ACC 222. Please follow Program Board on the various social media sites.

Proposals

Last week the Aviation Club requested \$5,260 for a trip to the National Air & Space Museum in Washington D.C.

Last week the Ski Club requested \$6,171.75 for four trips to Whiteface and Gore Mountains. Colin Shean motioned to change the date of the last trip from Dec. 16th to Dec. 13th and Carlos Pulquerio seconded. The motion passed.

Last week the Strategic Gaming Club requested \$12,600 to go to PAX East in Boston. Leslee Waters motioned to change the amount to \$10,800 and Patti Hynes seconded. The motion passed. They were asked how many people would be going and they said 18 students and 2 advisors. They were asked if alumni are included in the cost and they said that all alumni participating pay their own way.

Escoffier Club requested \$2,566.00 for apparel and pens/lanyards. They were asked if they do any fundraising and they said yes; bake sales and candy sales. They were asked why the Escoffier Club can do bake sales but other clubs can't. They said it is because they have the commercial kitchens to use. They were asked if other clubs could have Escoffier bake for them and they said yes, but the clubs would have to pay for it. Noah Marchand motioned to allow the club to keep the apparel and pens/lanyards and Maeve Yourdon seconded. The motion passed.

Recreation Club requested \$3,394 for apparel for the club. They were asked if they do any fundraising to lower the price and they said no. They were asked if members would be putting in any money to

lower the cost and they said no. They were asked if their club members were dorm students or commuters and they said mostly commuters. They were asked why they don't do more fundraising and they said they focus more on volunteering in the community. Madison O'Toole motioned to allow the club to keep the apparel and Dawn Foster seconded. The motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Student Veterans Association requested \$822 for apparel. Kaitlyn Kenney motioned to table this proposal as no one from the club was present and Trey Moore seconded. The motion passed.

Radiology Club requested \$391 for apparel. Jenelle DeConno motioned to allow the club to keep the apparel and Alexis Race seconded. The motion passed.

Photo Club requested \$850 for apparel. Patti Hynes motioned to allow the club to keep the apparel and Kaitlyn Kenney seconded. The motion passed.

Criminal Justice Club requested \$708.75 for a trip to Cayo Industrial Horror. They were asked how it aligned with the purpose of the club and it was explained through an email from the advisor that it was a team building event.

All proposals passed.

New Club

The Social Science Academy explained the purpose of their club. Patti Hynes motioned to have the Social Science Academy recognized as an official club and Trey Hodgson seconded. The motion passed.

Open Floor

Sandy announced a new initiative for the members of Student Congress to meet with their advisors and schedule their classes for the spring semester in a timely fashion. Forms were passed out to all the students that need to be signed by their advisors and then a copy of their class schedule needs to be attached to the form. This form and the class schedule must be turned in by December 1st to Student Activities in Utica in ACC 208 or Student Services in Rome in PC130. Failure to do so will result in students no longer being considered active members of Student Congress until they turn in the form. A question was raised if this new rule was in the procedure manual and Sandy said no. She explained that the members of Student Congress are leaders on campus and as such they should be modeling the way for other students by meeting with their advisors and scheduling classes as soon as they can. A question was asked if they could give this form to their club members as well and the answer was yes. Additional forms will be available in ACC 208. A question was asked if a student has a special degree where the advisor completes the entire process for them what should they do if it is not completed by December 1st. The answer was to still complete the form, but give the advisor some time and if it starts to get close to December 1st to let Student Activities know.

Sandy also stated that students need to be careful what they are posting on social media, specifically Facebook. Nothing negative about any student or any club should be posted on any social media.

De'Anna stated that SNO and Argus need to see her after the meeting.

De'Anna announced that the following College Awards Committees need representation:

- Excellence in Adjunct Teaching 1 student
- Excellence in Classified Staff 1 student
- Excellence in Teaching 1 student
- Excellence in Faculty Service 1 student
- Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities 1 student
- Excellence in Professional Service 1 student
- Excellence in Part-time Personnel 1 student

The Bellevue University Bash will be held on Thursday, Oct. 26th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in ACC 102, ACC 116 and the main quad. Come check out all that they have to offer and win some great prizes too!

The Black Student Union extended an invitation for an open dialogue between all clubs. Please join them at their meetings every Tuesday at 4 p.m. in AB 234.

The Drama Club play "Night of the Living Dead" opens tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. in the Schafer Theater in the IT Building. It will also be running on Friday, Oct. 20th at Saturday, Oct. 21st at 7:30 p.m. in the same location. Please come check it out!

The Strategic Gaming Club will be having Nerd Night this Friday, Oct. 20th from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the ACC Snack Bar.

Adjournment

Karissa Colon motioned to adjourn and Leslee Waters seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.