

STUDENT CONGRESS
11/9/17

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

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

Jennifer introduced Breanne Rathbun from the Learning Commons. She spoke to the students about how to study math and science. She explained various study tips such as quizlets, flash cards, practice tests and group study. She also informed the students of the opportunities available in the Learning Commons such as reserving a study room, making an appointment with a tutor, the open math lab and supplemental instruction sessions.

Jennifer then introduced the Evaluation Committee. They gave their report of their evaluation of the Student Congress Officers. They stated the following:

- *Jennifer Rothrock, Student Congress President is fulfilling her position and duties. Some of her strengths include her confidence, being a good listener, and her enthusiasm for the position. Weaknesses include teamwork, which is minor as well as teamwork. Things to work on include meeting etiquettes and professionalism.*
- Erica Ross, Vice-President in Utica is fulfilling her position and duties. Erica's strengths are that she is always on top of attendance and reminding people about the Hawks Life app. She is professional and has good communication with the other executives and the advisors. Weaknesses include not always making her club meeting attendance quota. Things Erica needs to work on include delegating, and making club meetings.
- Tyler Delaney, the Vice-President of Rome. His strengths include attending Student Congress meetings. Weaknesses include keeping in contact with the rest of executive board and the advisors, also, should contribute more in overall decisions and debates. Students have reached out to this Committee on the Rome campus, and said that they had no idea Student Congress existed. Interviewed students have said that Tyler lacks in communication He does not have his own opinions and tends to help with others' tasks before his own responsibilities. As eval committee, we went to interview him, and we realized and were told his office hours were inconsistent, he is not fulfilling his hours in Utica and Rome. It is difficult to find when he should be in office hours. Reports have been given that his attire and attitude can be unprofessional and it deeply impacts the rest of Executive Board. When he was asked about what to bring to Rome, during a conferences, his response was that he didn't care". He also stated he didn't care how much was spent at this conference. He does not seem to be part of the team, ex. On Halloween, the exec's talk about all wearing Harry Potter themed costumes, he did not patriciate showing he isn't being a member of the team. It has been brought up the committee that he doesn't attend events out on the Rome campus. It has been brought to our

attention that he does not promote the Rome campus events as much as he could be. In fact, students have stated they do not know what RSA is. He also has a problem with communicating with students, other execs and student congress advisors. Because of these, we do not believe he is fulfilling his position and duties as Vice-President of Rome.

- Taryn Rackmyer, Treasurer of Student Congress is fulfilling her position and duties. Her strengths include loving math and doing well with numbers, and is a fast learner. Weaknesses include lack of love for filing, and she gets overwhelmed easily. It has been said multiple times that even though she is so new, she fits in well and is doing a phenomenal job. Things to work on are prioritizing and not getting overwhelmed with minor things.
- Dylan Bennett, Trustee of Student Congress is fulfilling her position and duties. His strengths include explaining situations to others, and has good organization. Dylan's weaknesses include his public speaking skills, and was not consistent with his office hours toward the beginning of the semester. Things Dylan should work on include projecting his voice in meetings so everyone can hear, and keeping on track with the agenda.
- KatieMarie Eklund, Program Board Director is fulfilling her position and duties. Katie's strengths include being on top of everything going on, is passionate about her position, and keeps everyone's energy up. Weaknesses include not being able to talk to the rest of Executive Board and taking on too many tasks that wear's her thin. Katie needs to work on saying no, use her members to lessen the burden of being the program board director and being more comfortable with talking to the executive board.

Kasey Dunn motioned to have a recall vote for Tyler Delaney, the Vice-President of the Rome Campus and Brianna Hecht seconded. The motion passed. The vote resulted in a recall for Tyler Delaney, V.P. of the Rome Campus.

President Report

Jennifer asked everyone to please respect each other, the officers and the advisors. She also spoke to the students about the volume needed for making motions and speaking in the Congress meeting so they can be heard for the minutes.

Vice President of Utica Report

Erica apologized for sending the wrong email out to about attendance. She reminded everyone there is only one week left for attendance in this current four week period. She also reminded everyone to use the app.

Vice President of Rome Report

Tyler stated that Java Jive had the largest attendance yet with 47 people. Gary Johnson went over well. There will be a blood drive on Nov. 30th at the Rome Campus.

Treasurer Report

Taryn stated that the amount in the Developmental Account is \$57,320.66. She reminded everyone that she explained the proper way to fill out the proposal forms and if anyone has questions, please see her. Also, with the proposal forms, specifically for trips, please be sure to write in the number of staff and students participating in the trip. A question was asked that old club names are still on the proposal form, specifically Pulse. It was stated that the form was updated yesterday and everything should be fine now.

Trustee Report

Dylan stated he met with Chief Amico on Tuesday and they spoke about the following:

- Body Cams and Accountability - Chief Amico agrees that body cams are important as they protect both the officer and the population. Chief made clear that we are in the process of implementation and have been since June. However, it requires union input and has been slow moving. There are also guidelines as to when the cameras can be used due to privacy. Video will be kept for evidence purposes only and is kept indefinitely. This ties into the Clery Act, which is transparency in regards to crimes that occur on a college campus. The reports are available in the Public Safety Office.
- Traffic Concerns – This concerns speeding signs being ignored, hit and runs, cutting through parking spaces, etc. As for speed limits, those need to be zoned by the city of Utica, which is something he is asking administration to look into. Naming the campus roads and parking lots is also being worked on so that emergency workers can find people more easily. A question was asked who would be naming the roads, the school or the city. The response was the school would be naming the roads. A student stated he worked on a map for the campus and wondered why that wasn't being used. The response was that it is not completed yet.
- Vaping and Smoking on Campus – Please let Public Safety know when you see it happen as this is a tobacco free campus. Many people have brought up that it is Sodexo they see the most. Sodexo has been warned. A question was asked what is considered on campus for smoking. The answer was anything connected to campus. A suggestion was made to have signs leading to campus stating we are smoke free.
- Automatic Doors – These concerns have been addressed by Facilities. The door in IT had a screw missing and has been repaired. For other doors, it is sometimes a matter of not being turned on in the morning. If you see it, let someone know. They will be placing automatic doors in the Learning Commons before the end of the semester.
- Walkways – Mike McHarris, Director of Facilities, has walked through the walkways that concerns have been voiced about and is looking to get them repaired before snow falls.
- Hawks Against Hate – Is finally being launched. This is a student led campaign designed to help make this college a safe environment in which to learn and study. We want to ensure that students are free of harassment whether it be based on sex, gender, sexuality, disability,

race, ethnicity or any other factor. It will be a three-prong approach in which we focus on educating students, empowering them to stand up against harassment and discrimination and support for those students who have been victims of this behavior. The focus is on MVCC policy and Title IX. Flyers have been designed that include the definition of harassment, Title IX and the non-discrimination policy. To empower students, we are promoting the idea that if you see something, you should say something either to the person who is perpetrating the harassment or by going to Public Safety. Be an upstander, not a bystander. Wallet cards will be available that will have the numbers for reporting and for counseling.

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 Shane and Emily went over well. The next events are T Murph, Comedian, on Nov. 14th at 8:30 p.m. in the ACC Snack Bar and Jason O on Oct. 16th at 12 noon in the ACC Snack Bar. Katie then listed the DGV events. Tickets for the Winter Ball are almost sold out but are still available 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.

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Proposals

Ski Club requested \$3,920 for helmets, socks, goggles and ski packages. A question was asked on what would be re-used and they said the skis, poles, etc. would be re-used and other items would be kept by the students. Colin Shean motioned to allow the members to keep certain items and Carlos Pulquerio seconded. The motion passed.

Paintball Club requested \$1,950 for season passes to a paintball club in Marcy, NY. They were asked if the passes are just for people to go on their own and they said no, people can go on their own, but the club would use them to go as a group as well.

Consent Agenda

Drama Club requested \$480.84 for candy bars for fundraising.

Speed Team requested \$680 for parts for a vehicle.

All proposals passed.

Updated Constitution

Residence Council presented their updated constitution, as the previous one was approximately 17 years old. Kaitlyn Kenney motioned to approve the updated constitution and Kristen Eisenhut seconded. The motion passed.

Open Floor

Sandy reminded the students about completing the scheduling form and turning it into Student Activities in either Utica or Rome by December 1st.

Sandy also asked the students to email Jennifer at scpresident@mvcc.edu their t-shirt sizes so that they can get the ASAP shirts to wear.

Ski Club announced they still have passes available.

Expressions will be performing at Midnight Madness on Monday, Nov. 13th at 10 p.m. in the Jorgensen Center.

Tatyana Voytovich asked to be re-instated as a member of Student Congress. Kristen Eisenhut motioned to re-instate Tatyana and Carlos Pulquerio seconded. The motion passed.

Strategic Gaming Club reminded everyone of their Extra-Life Marathon this weekend to benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

Black Student Union announced that they meet every Tuesday at 4 p.m. in AB 234. Please come join them.

Jennifer asked students if they knew that any leftover financial aid funds can be converted to a gift card in the Bookstore. Jennifer asked students what they thought the best way to communicate this type of information would be to them...through email, Facebook or the app. Please let Jennifer know.

Adjournment

Zach Stachelski motioned to adjourn and Kristen Eisenhut seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.