

Student Congress Minutes  
3/8/18

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 3:03pm

Jennifer entertained a motion to approve last week's minutes. Kaitlyn Kenney motioned to approve last week's minutes. Christal Deloach seconds the motion and the motion carries. Mike Pede came in to speak about financial Aid. He explained they are doing a big push for everyone to fill out their next year's FASFA now. He stated that his office will be hosting a session for students about FASFA. He asked if clubs could spread the message. It was suggested that Financial Aid make a profile on the Hawks Life app to get more people there in attendance. Mike also said that if students could not go to the session there are computers right in Payne Hall they could use with student helpers to help. Patti Hynes asked how summer hours would affect the financial aid award. Mike stated that the award now goes by year not by semester. It was stated the best way to get a hold of financial aid is through email. They get a lot of phone calls and sometimes some calls get lost.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**President** → Jennifer spoke about the officer recruitment dinner on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm. She also spoke about succession plans for her position.

**Vice President** → Erica spoke about attendance. However, she stated you cannot just sign in and leave. If the execs notice you doing that your attendance will not count that week. Erica reminded every to make sure they are signing in for both the club and individual attendance. Erica explained that Phase 1 Academy is looking for volunteers for role playing. They would be role playing skits that they need for specific trainings. The dates they are looking for helpers are 3/8, 3/22, 3/29, 4/10, 4/26, and 5/1 in JC 206 from 6pm to 10pm. She also spoke about succession plans for her position.

**Vice President of Rome** → Tyler said there is a DGV in Rome on March 8<sup>th</sup> called Preparing to Leave it is at 4pm in the Festive Auditorium. He also spoke about succession plans for his position.

**Treasurer** → Taryn stated that the developmental balance stands at \$7,620.34. She also suggested that everyone get on the MVCC app. She listed the Top 5 clubs. She also listed data points for the app since January 1<sup>st</sup>. Taryn mentioned that all receipts need to be handed in by May 3<sup>rd</sup>. She also spoke about succession plans for her position. She would like it to go on record that today is her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday!

**Trustee** → Dylan stated that he had emailed the previous concerns by students. However, he has no new updates on them. The delegates of Student Congress have no new concerns for Dylan. He also spoke about succession plans for his position.

**Program Board Director** → Katie Marie spoke about past events and the change of artist. She listed all the DGV's coming up after break. She invited everyone to come to Program Board and to follow them on all social media sites. She also spoke about succession plans for her position.

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

**College Senate** → Taryn gave the college senate report. She stated that each month the student representatives will be given the report. Taryn explained what college senate is and why it is important to share what happens there. It was reported that Middle States was extremely impressed by our students. They continuously stated how important their input is. They stated that the student representation on committees at our school was high. Taryn then spoke about how MVCC Student Congress is leading the way with shared governance. So much that the college won the SUNY Shared Governance award. Taryn and Dylan together spoke about the

Utica College threat. It was stated that the second MVCC was notified they had public safety walking around campus and driving around campus. They made their presence known. The college had a team that kept meeting throughout the day. Together they decided not to go on lock down because we were not in any immediate threat. Taryn and Dylan explained that emails were being sent out to “all users” every hour. They thought the emails were reaching everyone. However, they found out at college senate that it was not reaching students. This issue has been immediately fixed for the future. Dylan stated that in his meetings with the vice presidents it was mention that some precautions. Precautions like updating the website and having links connecting them to homeland security. Trey Moore wanted to give a kudos out to all staff members for doing a great job keeping the campus secure. He stated the increase of Public Safety to the human eye was noticed. Allison Eastman asked if we can get doors that lock from the inside. Dylan and Taryn stated they both would bring that idea back to their respective governance. Mercedes Birnie suggest we get sleeves to hang on the doors. That way no one can get in. Dylan and Taryn stated they would bring this back as well. It was suggested to have fire extinguishers by the door. It be a quick cost efficient way of stopping intruders. Taryn and Dylan stated that they will bring that up too.

**Middle States**→ Dylan and Jennifer gave the Middle States report. They thanked all the students who attended lunches and dinners in a way of show support. Middle States was extremely impress by our student body. It was stated that 50 to 75% of schools fail at least 1 of the 7 standards. They proudly announced that we passed all standards with no recommendations. It was stated the college received several commendations from the Middle States team.

### **CONSENT**

**Indoor Soccer**→ Josh Yerdon motioned to reinstate the Indoor Soccer club. Allison Eastman seconded the motion and the motion carries. It was asked if this clubs was inclusive to all genders. Josh said it was. Josh Yerdon motioned to allow the winners to keep the tshirts. Kaity Kenney seconded and they motion carries.

### **PROPOSALS**

**Criminal Justice**→ They are asking for \$1,913 to go to NYC. Kaity Kenney asked how the bus was funded. It was stated this would be a shared trip with a few different classes through Applied Learning.

**International Club**→ They are asking for \$15,700 to go to NYC. Khai Vuong motioned to pull this proposal due trying to get the cost down. Dawn Foster seconds and the motion carries.

### **OPEN FLOOR**

Katie Marie stated she left an event out of her report. She stated the week the student come back Program Board will host Campus Spa. This event will happen on March 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 11am in the ACC Snack Bar.

Sandy stated that she wanted to thank everyone who helped her out during the Middle States process. She told them it was truly appreciated.

The Interrupting Club reminded everyone that they will be having a Subway fundraiser in Rome. It will be on March 21<sup>st</sup> from 4pm to 8pm.

Sandy reminded all the clubs to please make sure they are submitted pictures to PTK. She stated the link to post them is on Blackboard and the app.

Dylan announced that tabling for the Hawks against Hate campaign will be March 19<sup>th</sup> through March 23<sup>rd</sup>. If anyone wants to volunteer please see him for time slots. Mercedes mentioned they should do it next month during sexual assault month. Dylan said they could do it then too.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Jennifer entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mercedes Bernie motioned to adjourn the meeting and Dawn Foster seconded. The motion carries and the meeting adjourned at 4:10pm.