

STUDENT CONGRESS
4/19/18

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

Erica asked for the approval of the minutes from last week's meeting. Michael Hayes motioned to approve the minutes and Lucas Warring seconded. The motion passed.

Jennifer then introduced Kim Snow from Bellevue University. She spoke to the students how MVCC partners with Bellevue for transfer opportunities. She explained that Bellevue is completely online and accelerated so that students can complete their degree in 18 months. Kim also announced that Bellevue has funding and would like to partner with the clubs and organizations to co-sponsor events. She is also willing to come to club meetings to discuss the opportunities Bellevue has to offer.

Erica then introduced Jean Leandre. He spoke to the students about the changes in the Student Congress Constitution. The one change is that it will now be Student Government rather than Student Congress. The other change is that the G.P.A. requirement for members and officers is now a term G.P.A. Students must have and maintain the required G.P.A. each term. If a student has one bad semester, we will work with them to get the assistance they need to raise their G.P.A. back up. They would still be able to attend Student Congress meetings and participate in clubs, but they would not be able to vote in the Congress meetings until we are able to check their G.P.A. again at the end of the semester. This change does not affect anyone other than official trained members of Student Congress and the officers of Student Congress. This change will take affect for the spring 2019 semester. So at the end of the fall 2018 semester all members and officers must meet the required G.P.A.

Jean also spoke to the students about the 3 year plan for an increase in the student activity fee and the activity fee budget for the 2018-19 academic year. Our enrollment numbers at this time are projections, the actual numbers next year may be higher or lower. The fee for next year will be going from \$145 per semester for full-time students to \$173 per semester and the part-time fee will be going from \$14 per credit hour to \$28 per credit hour. Research conducted at other colleges has shown us that our fees are similar or in some cases lower than other colleges. We also offer much more for the fee than most other colleges.

President Report

Erica gave Jennifer's report as she has lost her voice. Graduation gowns will be available at the Bookstore during the 1st week of May. Please be sure to complete your scheduling forms and turn them in by May 4th. James Marino will be the President of Student Congress for next year.

Vice President of Utica Report

Erica stated the attendance is going very well. Zach Stachelski is the Vice-President of Utica for next year.

Vice President of Rome Report

Tyler stated they will be purchasing a mini-fridge for Java Jive. On April 23rd there will be a DGV event on the life of an air traffic controller. Matt Abbott will be new Vice-President of Rome for next year.

Treasurer Report

Taryn was away at a conference and Katie gave her report. There is (\$22,795.95) left in the developmental account. She reminded the students that all trips and all receipts for trips must be done/turned in by May 3rd. This means you cannot go on a trip on May 3rd. Everyone is encouraged to use the HawksLife app. The Treasurer for next year will be Taryn Rackmyer.

Trustee Report

Dylan stated there are no updates on concerns. The Hawks Against Hate tabling was this week. The Board of Trustees is preparing the budget for the 2018-19 academic year. The Trustee for next year is Kupr Kuprian. 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 Dr. Justine Shuey and Paint Night went well. Open Mic Night is on April 24th at 8:30 p.m. in the ACC Snack Bar. Matt Bellis is on April 26th at 12 noon in the ACC Snack Bar. The Expressions Dance Club will be having their showcase on April 26th at 7 p.m. in the Schafer Theater. She reminded everyone of speaker Sammi Tucker on April 27th at 9 a.m. in the Schafer Theater. Breakfast will be provided before the event and it is a DGV event. She then listed the upcoming DGV events. Trey Hodgdon is the new Program Board Director. Program Board meets every Friday at 2 p.m. in ACC 222. Please follow Program Board on the various social media sites.

Proposals

Kids-n-Coaches requested \$999 for their annual BBQ.

Catalyst requested \$398.25 for a hiking trip.

All proposals passed.

Open Floor

Sandy reminded the students of the scheduling forms for them to complete for this semester. Everyone should have met with their advisor at this point and should be ready to start scheduling classes on April 16th. These forms are due May 4th to ACC 208 in Utica or PC 130 in Rome. A question was asked about getting the ASAP shirts and Erica will speak with Tracy to get them. A question was asked about overrides for pre-reqs for scheduling and it was explained that when you meet with your advisor, they should be able to take care of the overrides for you.

Knitting Club is meeting on April 20th at 5 p.m. in the Huntington Hall basement.

The Drama Club announced their play "Scotland Road" will be held on April 19-20 at 7:30 p.m. each night in the Schafer Theater. It is free for students, \$2 for faculty/staff and \$5 for the public.

Nano Days will be held this weekend on Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the IT Building and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the ACC Snack Bar. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Zach Shepard asked to be reinstated as an official member. Trey Hodgdon motioned to reinstate Zach and Kristen Eisenhut seconded. The motion passed.

Adjournment

Trey Hodgdon motioned to adjourn and Dawn Foster seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.