

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

9/25/18

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

Matt asked for the approval of the minutes from last week's meeting. Nic Phelps motioned to approve the minutes as corrected and Faith Farrar seconded. The motion passed.

President Report

Matt announced the V.P. nominations would be held today. He then described the job requirements for each position. He announced that there will be a Lunch with the College Cabinet on Friday, October 5th from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in Payne Hall Room 300 (the boardroom). The cabinet consists of the President, V.P. Reynolds, V.P. Kahler, V.P. Squires, the Director of Marketing, the Director of Human Resources and the V.P./Dean of the Rome Campus. This is a tremendous opportunity for students to speak with the College's administration. If you would like to participate in this lunch, please see Sandy. All events are going very well in Rome, with attendance surpassing last year at every event. Milk and cookies after the blood drive and clubs and grub both went well. The SUNYSA voting pledge initiative is posted on Blackboard and will soon be on the app. Once you pledge to vote, all the information about the different candidates will be sent to you.

Treasurer Report

Taryn announced there is \$270,235.85 left in the developmental account. She explained to the students that they all pay an activity fee. Full time students pay \$173 per semester and part-time students pay \$28 per credit hour. This comes to \$1.4 million. This money is split between athletics, clubs/organizations and the cultural events council. The developmental account is the money left after each club is given their standard allotment. This account is used when the clubs put in funding proposals for additional money for their events/trips. She further explained that the fund balance is an account the clubs have but it is only to be used for emergencies and is similar to a savings account. Taryn encouraged all the clubs to use the HawksLife app. Finally, Taryn announced that she is resigning and the position of treasurer will be available. If this position is something you would be interested in, please turn in a cover letter and resume by Thursday, October 4th in ACC 208 or to Dan Eddy in Student Services in Rome.

Trustee Report

Kupr announced that he is setting up a meeting with the Director of Campus Safety to discuss the concerns of speeding on campus and vaping. He emailed Mike McHarris, Director of Facilities, with concerns about snow removal. Mr. McHarris stated that they will keep in mind these concerns when plowing this coming year. Kupr spoke with Therese Winchester in Auxiliary Services about Sammy's in the AB closing early and she will look into it. He spoke with Gary Broadhurst about the Rome Fitness Center not being open very much and Gary stated that the stats have shown that only three students use the center each day. However, Gary is willing to consider more hours if the students need it. It was stated that some people don't even know that the Rome Campus has a Fitness Center, so more advertising is needed. It was suggested that a survey be done about the Fitness Center hours, maybe at the next Java Jive. The new concerns were as follows:

- Vending
- Wheelchair door buttons in IT and Butterfield Hall don't work or are hanging off loose

- Rude facilities staff in Bellamy Hall
- Rude staff in Sodexo
- Rome Shuttle is so full that students are sitting on the floor
- Punching bag is requested for the Utica Fitness Center

Kupr then explained that the United Way is asking for donations for meals for people that are food insecure in the Utica and Mohawk Valley area. \$3,000 would provide 10,000 meals and some of the meals would be donated to C3 to help our students right here at MVCC. Matt spoke about how much he has been helped by C3 and what a wonderful program it is. It allows students to stay in school and earn a degree. Crystal Talbot motioned to donate \$3,000 for 10,000 meals to the United Way and Faith Farrar seconded. The motion passed. Discussion followed on increasing the amount. Mercedes Birnie motioned to change the amount from \$3,000 for 10,000 meals to \$9,000 for 30,000 meals and Faith Farrar seconded. The motion passed.

Program Board Director Report

Trey stated that Nick Barilla on Sept. 20th and the Open Mic Night on Sept. 25th went well. The next event is Damon Sumner, Comedian, on Oct. 2nd at 8:30 p.m. in the ACC Snack Bar. He then listed the upcoming DGV events. Trey announced that the Utica Zoo is looking for volunteers to work their annual Spooktacular on Oct. 20th and 21st. If you are interested, please contact Trey. Program Board meets every Friday at 2 p.m. in ACC 220. Please follow Program Board on the various social media sites.

V.P. of Utica Nominations

Kaitlyn Barlow nominated Mercedes Birnie for V.P. of Utica and Nic Phelps seconded. Mercedes accepted the nomination.

Trey Moore nominated James Marino for V.P. of Utica and Carter Dorie seconded. James accepted the nomination.

Matt announced that nominations for V.P. of Utica are now closed.

V.P. of Rome Nominations

Faith Farrar nominated herself for V.P. of Rome and Crystal Talbot seconded. Faith accepted the nomination.

Esteban Ramos nominated himself for V.P. of Rome and Ariel Smith seconded. Esteban accepted the nomination.

Matt announced that nominations for V.P. of Rome are now closed.

Miscellaneous

Elections for both V.P. positions will be held next week. Each candidate must present a five minute speech on why they would be the best candidate.

Reminder, cover letters and resumes for the treasurer position are due by 4 p.m. on Thursday, October 4th in ACC 208 in Utica or to Dan in Student Services in Rome.

Proposals

Drama Club requested \$2,060 for their weekend of theater.

I Am That Girl requested \$2,303.06 for the Alexis Jones "Be a Good Human" speech. They were asked if she would sign books and they said they weren't sure. They were asked if the club would get to meet Alexis and they said yes. They informed everyone that Alexis does sometimes hang out after a speech to talk with the students.

Ski Club requested \$6,263.88 for trips to Gore Mountain and Whiteface.

Consent Agenda

Financial Aid requested \$250 for a gift card prize for those students who fill out their FAFSA form early.

Advisement requested \$585 for t-shirts for the ASAP program.

All proposals passed, except for the Ski Club which will be voted on next week as it is over \$5,000.

New Club

Anthony Tesiero explained the purpose of the Fishing Club. Anthony then motioned to make the Fishing Club an official club and James Marino seconded. The motion passed.

Open Floor

Sandy again mentioned lunch with the cabinet and encouraged students to contact her if they are interested. She thanked the students for such a large donation to the United Way.

James Marino stated that Student Government should not give \$9,000 to the United Way as that kills their selling point when trying to get people to donate. He suggested maybe matching donations and then someone stated but what happens if you have to match \$25,000? Sandy clarified that the donations are not just coming from MVCC, that this is a community wide campaign.

Veronica Fernandez announced that Residence Council will be having a "Rep Your Flag" event on Saturday, Sept. 29th at 7 p.m. in Bellamy Hall. There will be music and food and you will be able to make your own flag.

Adjournment

James Marino motioned to adjourn and Trey Hodgdon seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.