

STUDENT CONGRESS

2/1/18

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Jennifer asked for the approval of the minutes from last week's meeting. Zach Stachelski motioned to approve the minutes and Kristen Eisenhut seconded. The motion passed.

Jennifer then introduced Claire Parisi from Phi Theta Kappa. Claire spoke to the students about the PTK project Hawks in Action. This project would highlight student engagement and activities that the clubs and organizations do so much of. PTK would like the clubs/organizations to submit action photos that showcase the extra-curricular activities they do. These photos will then be framed and placed in the hallway near ACC 208. Please don't submit group photos or selfies, they would like to see the clubs actually doing something. For example, PTK could submit a photo of them raking lawns at the Inter-generational Clean-Up. There is a google form that clubs can use to submit photos and it will be posted in the HawksLife app. The Photography Club is also willing to help out the clubs, so you could reach out to them to assist you with taking photos. The deadline for submission is April 1st and the goal is to have the photos framed and on the wall by May 1st.

President Report

Jennifer informed the students that there should be no more clapping at the meetings unless it is for a guest speaker. Jennifer stated that she needs students for committees, specifically the DGV Committee, the International Initiatives Committee and the Evaluation Committee. She explained to the students that the Evaluation Committee evaluates the Student Congress Officers. If anyone is interested in the position of President for next year, please feel free to shadow Jennifer, but also realize that you should speak with either Jean, Sandy, De'Anna or Dan as those are the advisors she works with. There will be an Officer Recruitment Dinner on March 22nd at 5 p.m. in ACC 116. It is highly recommended that you attend this dinner if you are interested in a position for next year. Jennifer explained that there will be opportunities for students to have lunch with the College Cabinet on Feb. 16th, March 23rd and April 9th. If you are interested in participating in one of these lunches, please see Sandy. If there is any interest in starting an anti-hunger club, please see Jennifer.

Vice President of Utica Report

Erica stated attendance is going well. A schedule of each four week time period for the spring semester has been posted on Blackboard and hard copies of this schedule are available, please be sure to pick one up. Ten member list and advisor responsibility forms are due on February 14th by 4 p.m. Erica encouraged students to shadow her for her position and the advisors to speak with would be either Jean, Sandy, De'Anna or Dan.

Vice President of Rome Report

This was the second week for Java Jive with approximately 30 people in attendance. Tyler listed the upcoming DGV events at the Rome Campus. There will be a blood drive at the Rome Campus on February 7th.

Treasurer Report

Taryn explained the budget process to the students. She explained how each full and part-time student pays an activity fee and how those funds are allocated. She explained that this year the clubs and organizations have spent approximately 80% of the budget in 50% of the time. This is not a bad thing, but we need to be more fiscally responsible. At this point in time we have approximately \$29,163.41 left in the developmental account. Taryn explained the difference between the developmental account and the fund balance. The developmental account is our operational budget from which we take the standard allotments and proposals. The fund balance is left over money from previous year's operational budgets. It is to be used for emergencies only. Otherwise it is left untouched. We cannot turn the fund balance into our operational budget. That is why we are going to go into the red for this year's budget. At the end of the year, we will take back any unused funds from the clubs and this will help to reduce the amount of money that we have gone into the red on. Students need to remember to not deny requests out of nervousness about the funding we have left. Vote on all proposals based on knowledge and mindfulness. Move forward with responsibility and understanding to make better, more beneficial decisions. Most importantly, ask questions about the proposals. All proposals for this week were tabled as it is not fair to the clubs with proposals to give out this information about the budget and then ask the Congress members to vote on them. It puts those clubs with proposals at a disadvantage. She was asked if clubs that propose more than \$5,000 could do a brief recap of their proposal on the day it is voted on and she said yes. Taryn stated that the clubs should be posting on the HawksLife app as well and not using Facebook.

Trustee Report

Dylan stated he will not be at next week's meeting as he will be attending a meeting with Assemblyman Brindisi regarding the state budget. He stated that if you are interested in his position you must be a second year student and the advisor you would speak with would be Jean. He was asked if the stop sign near Proctor has been moved yet and he said he will check into that again. Dylan explained C3 which is College Community Connection and how it can help the students. He informed the students that he is the one that addresses with administration any concerns they may have. He then gave examples of what concerns may be. 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 Kid Ace went over well with approximately 150 people in attendance. The next two events are Grocery Bingo on Feb 6th at 8:30 p.m. in the ACC Snack Bar and Odd Rod, Poet, on Feb. 8th at 12 noon in ACC 116. She then listed the upcoming DGV events. Katie explained the co-curricular transcript and how it can enhance the official transcript that you send out to other colleges or employers. She explained in detail the process of completing a co-curricular transcript. She encouraged people to shadow her for her position and the advisor to speak with would be De'Anna. Program Board meets every Friday at 2 p.m. in ACC 222. Please follow Program Board on the various social media sites.

Proposals

All proposals were tabled until next week.

Open Floor

The Sign Language Interpreting Club announced that they will be selling lollipops and cards for Valentine's Day in Utica on Feb 7th and 8th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the AB Lobby and in Rome on Feb. 13th in the Plumley Complex from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Drama Club is still selling candy bars for fundraising. If you are interested, please see a member.

Digital Animation Club inquired about their lab being open later for them to complete their work. Dylan stated he will take this request to V.P. Eannace. The club stated that they have talked to their instructors who have talked to those higher up than them and nothing has happened.

Steve Frisbee announced that there is a blood drive in Utica as well on Feb. 7th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free t-shirts will be given away. He also announced that the PTK Induction Ceremony will be held on Feb 7th at 3 p.m.

Adjournment

Kristen Eisenhut motioned to adjourn and Kupr Kuprian seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.