I do know one thing about me: I don't measure myself by others' expectations or let others define my worth. – Justice Sonia Sotomayor

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XI. OPEN FORUM
XII. ADJOURNMENT
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY, INC. THAT:

WHEREAS: Qendresa Hajra has expressed interest in serving the students of Montclair State University and;

WHEREAS: I have met with Qendresa multiple times in regards to the creation of the position of Director of Sustainability and discussed the duties and responsibilities for said position and;

WHEREAS: I have found Qendresa Hajra to be prepared and fully qualified for this position.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Qendresa Hajra is appointed to the position of Director of Sustainability for the 2018-2019 school year

Submitted By:
Serafina R. Genise
SGA President
October 3rd, 2018
BILL #F2018-012

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY, INC. THAT:

WHEREAS: Andrew Lyons has expressed interest in serving the students of Montclair State University and;

WHEREAS: SGA Treasurer, Heather A. Francis, has met with Andrew in regards to the position of Financial Clerk to discuss the duties and responsibilities for said position and;

WHEREAS: Heather has found Andrew Lyons to be prepared and fully qualified for this position.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Andrew Lyons is appointed to the position of Financial Clerk for the 2018-2019 school year

Submitted By:
Serafina R. Genise
SGA President
October 3rd, 2018

Endorsed By:
Heather A. Francis
SGA Treasurer
October 3rd, 2018
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY, INC THAT:

WHEREAS: MSU Pre-Dental Club, a class IV organization of the Student Government Association Inc, would like to host “Make A Wich, Give a Wich” on Saturday, November 17th, 2018 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Student Center Cafe and;

WHEREAS: This event will be for preparing packaged meals to donate to the less fortunate and;

WHEREAS: This event is open to any undergraduate students and there will not be a fee to get in.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: MSU Pre-Dental Club receives $5.00 from matching funds to cover the cost of this event. Breakdown is attached.

Submitted By:
Andrew Lyons
SGA Legislator
October 5, 2018

Breakdown:

Supplies: $10.00

Total: $10.00

SGA Pays: $5.00

MSU Pre-Dental Club: $5.00
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY, INC THAT:

WHEREAS: MSU Pre-Dental Club, a class IV organization of the Student Government Association Inc, would like to host "Toothbrush Painting" on Wednesday, October 17th, 2018 from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM in the University Hall 2025 and;

WHEREAS: This event will improve manual dexterity and have fun while painting and;

WHEREAS: This event is open to any undergraduate students and there will not be a fee to get in.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: MSU Pre-Dental Club receives $30.00 from matching funds to cover the cost of this event. Breakdown is attached.

Submitted By:
Andrew Lyons
SGA Legislator
October 5, 2018

Breakdown:

Supplies: $30.00

Food: $30

Total: $60.00

SGA Pays: $30.00

MSU Pre-Dental Club: $30.00
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY, INC THAT:

WHEREAS: MSU Pre-Dental Club, a class IV organization of the Student Government Association Inc, would like to host "Sending Smiles To The Homeless" on Wednesday, November 7th, 2018 from 4:30 PM to 5:15 PM in the Student Center Room 415 and;

WHEREAS: This event will be for preparing oral care kits to donate to a shelter and;

WHEREAS: This event is open to any undergraduate students and there will not be a fee to get in.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: MSU Pre-Dental Club receives $55.00 from matching funds to cover the cost of this event. Breakdown is attached.

Submitted By:
Andrew Lyons
SGA Legislator
October 5, 2018

Breakdown:

Supplies: $110.00

Total: $110.00

SGA Pays: $55.00

MSU Pre-Dental Club: $55.00
Bill #F2018-016

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY, INC THAT:

WHEREAS: Montclair Unified Filipino American Student Association, a class II organization of the Student Government Association Inc, would like to host "Big And Little Reveal/ Hapunan" on Wednesday, November 7th, 2018 from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM in the Student Center Ballrooms and;

WHEREAS: This event will reveal who the bigs are to the new members while enjoying food and;

WHEREAS: This event is open to any undergraduate students and there will not be a fee to get in.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Montclair Unified Filipino American Student Association receives $250.00 from matching funds to cover the cost of this event. Breakdown is attached.

Submitted By:
Andrew Lyons
SGA Legislator
October 6, 2018

Breakdown:

Food: $500

Total: $500.00

SGA Pays: $250.00

Montclair Unified Filipino American Student Association: $250.00
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY, INC. THAT:

WHEREAS: The Student Government Association Inc. would like to host a contest for a replacement logo and;

WHEREAS: The purpose of this contest is to update the old logo in order to brand the SGA Inc. better to the campus community and is open to any undergraduate fee-paying student.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Student Government Association Inc. holds the contest from October 19th, 2018 to November 16th, 2018.

Submitted By:
Serafina R. Genise
SGA President
October 8th, 2018

Endorsed By:
Jillian D. Royal
SGA Secretary
October 8th, 2018
BILL #F2018-018

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY, INC. THAT:

WHEREAS: The Student Government Association Inc. would like to purchase sustainable lockers to be housed in the newly acquired space in Student Center, room 110, which has been designated as the Student Organization Resource Center (SORC) and;

WHEREAS: The lockers will be used for Class II through IV Organizations to temporarily and semi-permanently store their items.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Student Government Association Inc. receives $14,036.25 from unappropriated surplus in order to purchase sustainable lockers.

Submitted By:  
Serafina R. Genise  
SGA President  
October 8th, 2018

Endorsed By:  
Heather A. Francis  
SGA Treasurer  
October 5th, 2018

Jillian D. Royal  
SGA Secretary  
October 5th, 2018

Monique O. Ilukonokhalumhe  
Director of Class II Organizations  
October 5th, 2018

Joseph A. Scarpa  
Director of Class III Organizations  
October 5th, 2018

Ruthie P. Nguyentràn  
Director of Class IV Organizations  
October 5th, 2018

Breakdown:  
Lockers: $8,136.25  
Installation: $4,000  
Shipping: $1,900
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY, INC. THAT:

WHEREAS: Eduardo Martinez has expressed interest in serving the students of Montclair State University and;

WHEREAS: SGA Secretary, Jillian D. Royal, has met with Eduardo in regards to the position of Clerk to discuss the duties and responsibilities for said position and;

WHEREAS: Heather has found Eduardo Martinez to be prepared and fully qualified for this position.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Eduardo Martinez is appointed to the position of Clerk for the 2018-2019 school year

Submitted By:  
Serafina R. Genise  
SGA President  
October 8th, 2018

Endorsed By:  
Jillian D. Royal  
SGA Secretary  
October 8th, 2018
I. CALL TO ORDER
   Meeting is called to order at 3:05 PM.

II. ROLL CALL
   Roll call was done by swipe-in.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES
   Minutes have been accepted.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
   Mariel: Hello, my name is Mariel, Director of the Center for Student Involvement. I just have two updates. Oh, happy homecoming week, I hope you all are participating in homecoming activities and events. Next Wednesday, October 10 is the October Student Organization Fair, make sure you come out and let other students know about it. The deadline for voter registration is October 16.

V. OFFICER REPORTS
   Jillian: Greetings, I have reports on SLAM as well as Executive report. With regards to myself, I have been receiving a lot of emails from legislators which is good, letting me know that they cannot attend the meeting. As you know you were suppose to send me your schedules. If you cannot attend a meeting maybe because of a class workshop, school, doctor’s appointment, please let us know ahead of time just so that we can have that recorded we do not want you to receive your unexcused absences. So, you are allowed two unexcused absences prior to termination and then possible appeal, just so that you all are aware of these actions. Also, we still have a temporary clerk so if anybody is interested I will reach out to you guys because I would love to have a clerk to work with.

   And, now lastly on behalf of SLAM (Student Life at Montclair), so our live entertainment chair Monica asks that we officially announce that Project M tickets will go on sale today at 4:00 PM, and they will continue to be on sale until October 19. There has been a twist added to this concert that has not been in the past, instead of paint being thrown at you, you will have body paint, there is also a DJ there for musical entertainment so that we can have all sorts of music played for students around campus. If you have any other questions you can follow up with her, liveentertainment.sga@gmail.com. Again, at the end of the meeting feel free to ask us and we can give it you guys. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with that.

   Emma: If you have any questions regarding Project M ask us toward the end of it, we will give you her information. Also, they do have general body meetings.

   Arianna: (POI) Their (SLAM) general body meeting is Thursdays’ at 5:30 PM.

   Emma: Yeah, Thursday, 5:30 PM is when you will meet the members of the SLAM board and you get to talk to all of them and Monica will get to be there as well so if you have any questions, I definitely
encourage you all to go. This is more of the SGA more serious side of it, and the SGA does have a fun side and that is SLAM so if you are interested in being involved in fun events and fun things, you know make the community fun that’s something that you should definitely be a part of and look into.

Emma: For my report, I hate doing this but I have to, the meetings start at 3:00 PM that means 3 o’clock sharp. I had to start at 3:05 PM today because we did not have enough people in the room to start the meeting on time. That cannot happen. I really appreciate and value every single one of you but when the time to come here is 3:00 PM and you guys do not respect that time, and you did not give any notice that you could not be here at 3:00 PM, it’s just unacceptable. We will talk about a time after, that if you come after that time without letting any of us know, it’s just going to count as an unexcused absence for that day. I understand there are emergency circumstances such as medical conditions or something going within your family or school, we understand school and work are a priority. In the beginning when you all came up with a legislative petition, you spoke to me I said you would have to be there for these meetings, these meetings are super important. If school is intervening to much with these meetings and you can only come in to these meetings for the last 30-45 minutes of them, then you need to re-evaluate your ability to do this in conjunction with everything else. You are still very much allowed to be a participant but you just need to be here (SGA meetings). Because this is where the votes happen, this is where all the legislation gets passed, so it is super important that you are here. So, that being said, moving forward if you come in here past three o’clock, if you are five minutes late: okay, that happened once. But if it happens again it is just going to be clocked in as an absence so please be here at the time we are suppose to start. If I am not here too, then it is on me, so this does not only go for you but it obviously applies to those up here too (executive officers) as well, if we are not here by 3:00 PM then we cannot start. So please make sure you are conscious of that. I have two other things for the committees, those are serious and those are important as well as this. IF you cannot show up to committee meetings without showing no notice or text in the group me, that’s unexcused, it’s just like “Hey, I cannot make it to the committee I am doing X, Y, and Z.” That’s unexcused, so if you have two unexcused committee absences that is one full absence, that means you have one more left being a legislator. So, I mentioned it last week that absences are counted for the committee. That is in the meeting minutes that I mentioned that. Going forward, if you are not there for the committee and you do not give proper notification to the secretary and myself (vice-president), you must be sending it to both emails, then that absence will be counted as unexcused. You do not want to do that. If you are not allowed to be her, we want you all to participate and you also have to follow these other rules that you have. There are very few rules to be a legislator, you had to do a hundred and fifty signature packet, answer a couple of quick-and-easy questions, and then come to these meetings and be a part of committees. So please, go to the committees, be on time and also be on time to these meetings, if not then we need to have a conversation about it. On lighter news, just so you all know the executive cabinet does not have to be here every single meeting, so you are kind of looking around where is everyone, there is no one here, they have to be here every other. So, bi-weekly meetings so it is like twice a month, and they also have cabinet meetings during this time now. Like around the time of the SGA meeting they will have cabinet meetings, so they are meeting and they are doing things, they are just not physically present with us every single meeting. The absences for them also count if they are not here. We had all ur directors speak to our organizations this week and also have bi-weekly meetings with their classes one through four. We introduced a new fee waiver to them, which has been always done by the university however has not been followed by the SGA strictly as it should be, so it is included in one of our documents. We are also doing something fun for the organizations we created this Org Bowl, where organizations compete playing volleyball against each other and intramural sports. We will be having our own team so it is super cool, so we need a minimum of four to start a team and a maximum of sixteen people on a team, so we encourage everyone next week whoever wants to
come to sign up, it does not need to be a super serious commitment it can be “Yeah, I would love to play volleyball with you all.” We are going to get cute shirts, dress really cute, so if you are not interested in playing please just come and support. It is going to be fun! So, we will also be playing against the other organizations so they might try to spike at us really hard, we will find out. But, that is going to be something that is really cool for them. We will have fun prizes for them, as we tried to have at least one fun event this semester for them to come together and can collaborate outside of this regular SGA space that we have. On behalf of the legislation, Mariel talked about it last week, how they are going to visit the organizations and give them more information about voter registration that is happening for two of our meetings this week we have two more where they will be going to class twos and threes this week. So, we are getting that information out there, make sure that if you are not registered to vote that you speak to Joe, or Mariel, or Arianna, and they will all help you with that. That’s all for now.

Joe: Jack will go into our report. We did a lot in G & A so far we are working on the constitution, and we will go over the constitution schedule for us all to look over, but there are big things happening so stay tuned.

VI. CABINET REPORTS

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Evan: Hi, we had a meeting on Monday at 11:30 AM, I was elected the Interim Secretary and Chavin was elected the Interim Chair, we kind of discussed somethings academic wise; our issues with the university, that we later want to discuss possible solutions, as to how to better build a closer communication between the students and the professors here on campus.

Andrew: So, we discussed with Voices of Unity president, BILL #F2018-010, it is on your tablets second page, so they want to get new shirts, we give a positive recommendation. Yeah, I think that’s it.

Fritz: Good afternoon, for those who do not know me I am Fritz Bautista, and I am the Interim Chair for Residence Life, most of what we spoke about was how we can help multiple residents we discussed creating surveys in which can ask residents what can be improved, Also, residence hall elections are beginning soon, Stone Halls’ begin today, so we decided we wanted the residents to know who the elected officers are for each hall so we can invite them to our committee meetings, (inaudible).

Fritz: For Student Affairs, we changed the chair … (inaudible) … I was elected as chair. I know something happened earlier, but I loosened up and I am determined to prove myself. Right now I will be the chair for Student Affairs and be expected for the next meeting we are going to have, we are also going to have a powerpoint. (Inaudible)

Gerard: Hello, everyone I am Gerard and I am the Interim Chair for Equity and Diversity, so we brought the meeting to order but it was just me and (inaudible) at the meeting, which is like half of our committee, so I motioned for her to be Interim Secretary, she motioned for me to be Interim Chair, we kind of talked a little bit of what we expect for the committee but there was not much we could do since half the committee was no there. It would be weird to just start without them, so then we motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Gerard: Hi, I am Gerard and I am the legit chair for Marketing, so for marketing I had a very accomplished meeting, um so we spoke last time about what goals we set for ourselves, and we spent this
meeting actually figuring out how we are going to implement those goals, what our game plans are going to be, couple of good ideas on how to accomplish them as well. Referring back to my last report, one of the goals that we had as a committee was to have a more one-on-one and like personable connection with the campus community, sorry more personable relationship with the campus community. And actually we took a page from Greek Life on this one, so Greek Life has “Meet the Greeks”, uh, we were thinking of, we called it “Information on the Association”, we had a tabling idea, that we still have a couple kinks to work out for it but, we thought it may be cool if like not only would that accomplish more personal relationships with the campus community but we can use that to encourage people from the campus community to get involved in one way or another in SLAM or SGA through making that connection. So, I am really excited, Emma is going to train us on making bills and stuff, and hopefully we can get running with that.

Jack: Hello I am Jack the Chair for the Government and Administrations Committee, yesterday we discussed and revised the SGA Constitution which is a hefty document, afterall it is the law of SGA. Our members were very productive in revising it, however, what could be better is that more members can join in so that way more voices can be heard, while revising the constitution that would be greatly appreciated. The SGA Vice-President has apparently a schedule for when the constitution needs to be done, so we need to prepare for that.

Emma: (Point of Clarification) Tentative Schedule will be reviewed during programming.

Gerard: (Point of Information) We made Eduardo our permanent Secretary for Marketing.

Elshama: Good afternoon, I am Elshama, Sustainability kind of met last Thursday, and we voted Chavin our Secretary and me (Elshama) the Chair then we decided to brainstorm for our first meeting how we can affect change for the Sustainability of the school and came up with cool ideas.

Giovanna: Hi, I am Giovanna in Organizational Review we really do not have a chairman, we just have a secretary, so what we discussed is just overall review the organizational guides and we are going to start to have clubs that wish to be chartered must attend a Organizational Review meeting first and then they will come here (SGA meetings) and do the constitution.

Emily: Well hello, I just walked in the door I was not expecting this, but Dining we met last Thursday, and picked a Chair it was me (Emily) for the time being, and we picked a secretary and we just kind of talked about all of the issues that were on our mind, it was like a brainstorming session, like getting fresh fruits and vegetables from campus.

VIII. PROGRAM

Emma: So for programming the first major thing we have is the elections for President Pro-Tempore we are going to do that at the end so I am going to give you the rundown and then we are going to do that at the end. The Constitutional timeline, yeah we will do that later too. Financial Clerk, Joe just talked about the Clerk. We need to have the clerk by next meeting, so I need whoever is interested in it or whoever is just I will take one for the team, and um I will do the Clerk’s position, again it is not as mundane as typing up minutes you are interacting with the Secretary, you’re getting that first hand knowledge, if you’re looking to ever move up in the SGA this would be a position for you to be involved in, um, “So I am the chair of the committee?” You can do both. So, you can be a chair of a committee, and be clerk, do both it is not restrictive, the only thing you cannot do is be the Financial Clerk or the President Pro-Tempore
those are the only restrictions as a legislator about what positions you can do. Chair Training, so all of you who are permanent chairs and those of you who are intern chairs must attend a chair training we are having today, it’s included in the timeline of the 5:30 meeting, so do not worry you already knew that you had to be here until 5:30 PM, so we are including in that, and that is where you are going to learn you know what is being a chair about, the other things you are doing before the Wednesday meeting, a more focused approach on what your committee entails and how you can work with other committees in order to get that agenda done. So then a lot of people come up to me being very anxious about being a chair and, um, I am going to break it down, so it does not seem so overwhelming for all of you. It is not something that I could have done before you got the positions because I would be training probably the whole entire legislature then about, um, being a chair of a committee or a secretary of the committee. Secretaries are more than welcome and encouraged to stay because you will fill that spot of the chair, if the chair is unable to attend. So, please stay as well with that. I am going to open up the timeline so I can talk about that. So, I will go over, the Constitution that is our primary document, that is our most lovely document that we have, it is really important. The document has been really outdated for many years, we have not really been following the procedures that are stated in there, and our statutes as of right now do not really match, um, what is done in the Constitution, which is very unconstitutional. We tell the organizations they have to follow it, so we have to make sure that we adapt ours in order to do that. So this is a very large undertaking and we are trying to get this… So let’s go over, um, that is a schedule, there is a lot of dates, there is a lot of information on there, I am going to break it down step-by-step and I need you all to pay very close attention. So, from now to the twenty-third of October we are creating drafts of different Constitutions, um, it is the same one document, however every branch will be creating their own version of the document. The legislatures document is going to be the primary document, and that is the one that is going to be ultimately voted on. However, we want to make sure the other branches are contributing and making sure their contribution is something done in writing, because you know last minute when they are like “Oh, you know what about this change?” So you know we want to make sure they come prepared for when they come to the SGA, it is simpler.

Arianna: (Point of Information) The legislative copy would be the one coming from Government and Administration?

Emma: Correct, so G&A as Jack just said is spearheading the Constitutional changes all policies come from that committee, so, if you would like to be involved in that process, if you find yourself being very opinionated about things, I encourage you to be in that committee because, um, it is very difficult having three people in the committee trying to get all the changes done on behalf of the entire legislature, so I really need people to join that committee. If you want to know the time, it is Tuesdays at 5:30 PM, if you can only be there for thirty minutes either the front-end or the back-end, that is totally fine we want people to contribute to the discussion, so please come on in and discuss things that are going on, and I am also in the committee, if you find yourself that you can sit in fifteen minutes of the committee you are allowed that as a legislator, no one else can enter the committee without having a request for attendance but any of you can bounce into any committee the only thing that is different is that you just cannot vote. You cannot vote unless you have been there for two meetings. So, if in the bill, in the Appropriations is getting voted on you just would not be able to vote. Okay, so moving on the bill will be submitted for constitutional changes by G&A the twenty-second of October, and then the three drafts will need to be completed by the twenty-fourth of October and then the thirtieth is the final draft and discussion of the committee. So, all the other branches will be coming to the committee and discussing parts of their constitution and why they think it should be important, and the committee is either going to adopt those changes or, um, wait for discussion in the legislature as a whole, in order to make those changes in front
of everyone. Is everyone with me so far? Anyone super confused? Um, Wednesday, October thirty-first
the day right after the final discussion is done in the committee, we are voting on the Constitution so, um,
it wi be up, for those of you who were last year here for statute changes it looks identical to that, the
Constitution will be portrayed on this board, um, on this projector, we will be going through each and
every single change that is going to happen, um, hopefully we will get done in one day, but if need be it
can absolutely be pushed back into next week, and that will no affect the timeline. So, it is not rushed it
does not need to get done on that one day. Please, you know if you need more time to talk about it, talk to
the committee for extra changes that can absolutely happen. Then, on November second, we are having a
pre meeting discussing the constitutional convention, (inaudible). So, the constitutional convention is
inviting every student at Montclair State University into the space and contribute to the Constitution,
because the way that, um, the Constitution is written now we ethically cannot get enough people turning
out to get the votes to amend it, we need twenty percent of the student body in order to amend the
constitution, and I do not know why they have not changed it, it has not been changed since 1994, maybe
they had a greater turnout then from the student body, we would have three-to-four thousand students
voting and for our elections that we had last year we had under a thousand, so, um, we are just that
number is not going to happen, that number is not going to be met. I feel like we could market, we can do
X, Y, and Z, that is all great but we just need to find an alternative option because there is no way to
amend that in the constitution, so that is why we are opening up to everyone so no one feels like it has
been a closed space with just the legislature, just twenty-four, twenty-five people here deciding the fate of
you know sixteen thousand undergraduate students. Then we will have three parts of the constitutional
convention, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Wednesday is still to be discussed in case we need to have a
meeting that day, but Tuesday and Thursday for sure. We might do it in this space, we might get a bigger
space, people will come in, we will discuss it, amend it, all of that great stuff. Um, and then we will be
voting on that space for those final changes so the vote you are voting on the legislature is not the final
changes, the last day of the constitutional convention are for that. You all are required to be present at
that, constitutional convention. We, understand you have school and other obligations, those are excused,
but besides that you must be there at those meetings.

Elshama: (Question) What are the time of those meetings?

Emma: It will towards the night. Because, we cannot get the space before hand. So, it is going to be
towards the night time probably 6:00 - 9:00 PM, it will be a large block so people can come out and have
discussion. We can get a good flow that way. If your schedule, your work, or school, or emergency
schedule does not commit it then no, but if it does than yes, you should be in attendance. You will be
notified well in advance, maybe next week what are the times we are going to have it.

Arianna: (Question) So, we do have to come to the constitutional convention, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday. What are the other days we need to attend? Is everything mandatory or (inaudible)...

Emma: The committee is the only mandatory that has to be at their committees (G&A). Then, Wednesday,
November fourteen is really when we dissolve the constitution, when we have the new one, our lawyer is
working on the arrangements on how that is going to work, so that we make sure we keep our
incorporated status, um, not by the book because we cannot but so similar that we do not even see it. And,
then we will have to have a special election because we are introducing, um, positions that need to be
voted on, so we will be having a nice special election and have ad hoc committee which is what we did
for our Residents Life and what we will be doing for the Accountability committee, that are officially
active they will have a special election for those that will be voting on the positions and then the G&A
gets all the fun in making sure the statutes, now correlate with the constitution and the process, and they
will be working that all of November and the statute changes will be up the twenty-eighth. So, it is full
speed ahead, this is a huge undertaking but it is something that is long overdue, so I know that it is a lot
of work but now it falls on us because we cannot wait any longer in order to fix it.

Arianna: (Point of Information) Special Elections for new whatever, November nineteenth through
December fourth. Voting is open that entire time?

Emma: No that is the election period, so the Marketing and Publicity committee will be having a grand
old time, um, doing all the marketing for the elections and making sure that everyone knows the positions
out there, um, and then the election period when you can actually vote is three days.

Jack: (Point of Information) I am still confused on October thirty-first when the legislature votes on the
constitution. Does the legislature vote on a single constitution?

Emma: Right. The primary constitution that will be displayed on the screen is the one that, um, submits
the legislative committee, so G&A, it will by then, should be nice and in a pretty package, however, we
understand that people come up with things on the fly, so we need to make sure that we are able to move
into the mold that would be beneficial to that. (Inaudible)

Elshama: (Question) So after we have that vote, we have a combined constitution that the convention
committee that then can be amended by students?

Emma: Correct, That is why it is really important you all are there because everyone gets an equal vote
then, so if you are not there for the representative part then there might be other parts of the amendment
that might have to be changed in order to do so. And, again this is the most ethical way to do it.
(inaudible) I am telling you what the Constitution says and we cannot do that.

Elshama: (Follow-up) Seeing that is unethical that will resolve in the previous constitution to enact a new
one, shouldn’t we, with all due respect, circumvent the constitution. That way nothing is introduced by a
student that may not know the current constitution processes.

Emma: I understand what you were saying completely but it is very similar to what we did in the United
States many moons ago when documenting the Articles of Confederation were so long that they could not
even go through the typical processes the government would do to fix it. So, we need to make sure that
since we cannot get two thousand people to come out, SGA meetings are not the time for people to come
to a time that we have already established, for individuals to come and speak about it, or the organizations
that want to come all have meetings during that time because it is “common hour”, so that is why we are
trying to make it at another time so it shows that we are trying to be inclusive to everyone in the
community, not just us.

Legislator: (Point of Clarification) The entire legislation is suppose to be present for all these days?

Emma: Yeah, the only extra dates that you need to be there for are the Tuesday and Thursday, everything
else is you already have to be there. The committee is the only optional one where if you want to go and
contribute before we get to the meeting, which I highly suggest you do, (inaudible). If the committee
comes up here and presents our constitution, and you just rip it apart, because you have not contributed to
Arianna: (Point of Information) We are voting on a constitution, but that is not the official final copy?

Emma: Correct, the conventions just like the meetings are going to be spearheaded by the Government and Administration committee.

Arianna: (Question) We can still make amendments after the constitutional convention as it has to pass by here for the final vote?

Emma: No, the last meeting in the constitutional convention is the final vote. But, the constitution, the reason we need to amend it is because we need to amend the amendment part. We need to actually put in amendments that can actually work, so, this document will now be able to be changed in the statutes. A little bit more, you know not as a federal but it will be able to get changed not the semester maybe once a year. Or this document will come up again.

Elshama: (Question) After this is done, we will have to wait another year to edit it again?

Emma: That is my suggestion, my personal opinion. Y’all can write whatever you want for the amendments. No, it is very simple, that is what I suggest personally, but other people might want it every semester. It is all up to the committee and to the legislature as a whole, it is really something that comes from you all. Cause the statutes can get changed every semester, the constitution is a more significant document that is why I said one academic years (two semesters) it could be four semesters.

Legislator: (Question) I know for the most part the SGA is based around the undergraduate, I feel like with the constitution changing it might impact the graduate students, are they going to have a vote?

Emma: That is why we are having a constitutional convention for all students, not just undergraduate students, every single student that is a student at Montclair State University is getting an opportunity to contribute their impact on this document. We will be sending out a notice to graduate students letting them know that this process will be going on we want to let you know, if you have a proposal send it to the committee so we can have it looked over, introduction of having graduate students be a part of the SGA maybe have them pay and introductory fee, whether it be establishing another sector of the SGA to accommodate the graduate students, anything is possible. I know you guys are apart of organizations where you guys might have events and people might win prizes or they might want to do this and then there like “Oh, I am a graduate student.” and then we have to let them know our events are only for undergraduate students, so it is definitely a topic of conversation we have to keep our ears open to.

Legislator: So, the constitutional convention meetings we have to attend Tuesday and Thursday about how long are they?

Emma: It is like our four fathers that stayed in a hot room and had to stay there until they finished. We have not discussed this statistically to find out event time and all of that. Any other suggestions, to be brought back to be voted on.
Arianna: (Point of Information) There should be some kind of incentive to get people to come to the constitutional convention. Just because I have found that if you offer a student something for free they are more likely to attend.

Emma: We are definitely having food, because it will be a long time. It is definitely not going to be an hour.

Elshama: (Question) Alternative, couldn't we open up an online form for edits to the constitution now?

Emma: We have that. It is up and running it is on the montclair.edu/sga website, there is a “Submit Your Proposal” form. And that is the marketing and publicity committee is going to have to take the workload alongside the secretary, to figure out how we are going to get this marketed. (inaudible) A lot of the changes happening this year are happening in real time with this board, as these are changes nobody has ever done before. Anybody have any other suggestions, its not finite right now we can talk about it later. So, scholarships you all are eligible to apply, so apply, apply, apply! They are on HawkSync on the SGA portal, um, there are seven of them, apply to every single one you are eligible for. Because you know the more you apply to, the more chances you will have to receive it. There is one specific to SGA, the pool is small it is about fifty-five people, which is definitely better than sixteen thousand, so that might be one you want to apply to, they all are one thousand dollars, they will be applied to your spring semester, in your account well before then. You won’t have to worry about it applying, you will have it way before, it will most likely be announced the first week of November.

Legislator: (Question) When is the deadline for that?

Emma: The deadline for the submission is October fourteenth at 11:59 PM. There are seven different types of scholarships but a lot of them are doubled up, so we have twelve in total, a lot of them will have two winners per category. Some of them only have one like the SGA one. Cool, Conference, thank you all for applying, I Know it was really annoying when I kept on putting on the group chat to apply, you should have received a confirmation email from Heather Francis, she is the one coordinating the airfare, she is my counterpart for this. Program for the conference we have 20 people going to the conference, so everyone that applied you got it! If you did not see the email yet, so congratulations. If you feel comfortable about raising your hand about you being selected to attend this conference please raise your hand. Cool, yeah. This is really awesome this is an amazing opportunity for us to get really educated and for us to also have fun in St. Louis and for us to really bond. Um, we will have more opportunities like this in the spring semester, of this sort, and make sure you keep an eye out for it in the spring. We are looking into the possibility of doing a conference where everyone is able to go. Nothing formal has been set in stone for that, as that is something that I plan, for I am in the midst of finishing up this conference planning and moving onto the next. (inaudible) You will be sleeping in pairs of twos and fours, just think about it we are not asking you for any information of who you want to room with right now, but if you don’t care just send us an email that is fine you will be getting a survey later on more in detail, with your dietary restrictions and some extra information. So, we are going to go to the president pro tempore elections, so besides the conference which is still super fun and educational, and the food we are going to have at the constitutional convention. We are going to have fun events for you all, and that is done in our chair and committee meeting will be talked about, some events and some ideas, we will all be able to contribute to that conversation, because we are not just here for this, the only way we are going to find out more about each other is if we are doing things outside of the SGA. Some fun times, it is not like we are
going to sit here and have some food, we are actually going to go out of here and do things. And all of it of course will be paid for. Anything we invite you out to do will be covered. President Pro Tempore elections, okay, this is an amazing moment, so for everyone in this space, only the legislators are voting. So, I am going to have Arianna and Primo come up here, we will have one on this side and one on that side. Ok, this is very important I am going to explain the position to you all. The President Pro Tempore is the face of organizations meaning to charter and re-charter, this is a huge group of people that we oversee and we want to make sure that the person for this position is knowledgeable, is personable and competent in knowing that they have a big job and a big task, and have the ability in their lives to complete that task. They are pretty standard they are the vice-president of the legislature, they still have to do the other duties, one other outside committee other than the organizational review committee, they have to be at these SGA meetings, they get to sit up front here, and they have all these other tasks like overseeing the chairs along with myself. Anybody want some more elaboration for this position? (inaudible) What I just said, they serve as part of the legislature, become president of the legislature in my absence, for some reason I faint they need to do the meeting while EMS takes me away. The meeting does not get carried out waiting for me to come back, I will be upset. Nomination, that is pretty obvious we did that last week, any candidate deciding to run must have had the legislator packet filled out the first meeting. If the president pro tempore is absent they need to nominate a new person, everything in here is pretty standard. They also cannot serve on the executive board of any chartered organization, under the SGA. So, to facilitate this conversation, we will not be having a debate we will be having a question and answers session. We have questions that the executive side has prepared to ask, they were shared with the candidates this morning they did not have to be shared with the candidates, we said we are going to do this to be nice. We just wanted to make sure that they were aware of these questions. We are going to start off with speeches. We are not vouching for a candidate, I love them, they are my roommate, they are the best, they make my bed in the morning we are not doing that it is just any questions, hopefully not any leading questions, just be respectful and aware. Just wanted to mention that before we start. Let the games begin, let’s begin with Arianna.

_Arianna gives her candidacy speech._

Emma: You’re all set. *(points to Primo)*

_Primo gives his candidacy speech._

Emma: Now, I will mediate the questions. My first question is for Primo as I asked Arianna to go first. So, are you apart of the organizational review committee, if not please explain why? Give your review about the organizational committee thus far.

_Both candidates answer questions._

Emma: Thank you, next question. Do you have five hours allotted in your schedule for office hours on top of the already four and a half of being a legislator, please allocate where you would include those hours in your schedule. So, Arianna.

_Both candidates answer questions._

Emma: Alright, next question. Can you please state the process of how an initial organization would go about chartering?
Both candidates answer questions.

Emma: Thank you. In your opinion what should be the chartering process for an organization on campus?

Both candidates answer questions.

Emma: Ok, last question, from the executive board. Please explain why you are the best candidate to assist with the organization of chartering and rechartering?

Both candidates answer questions.

Emma: Great, now I am going to open the floor to the legislators, please make sure they are being directed towards either one candidate, or both if you would like them both to answer. You both can sit down if you would like. (directed towards candidates) Anyone have any questions for the candidates? Gerard.

Gerard: You were PPT last year? (Question directed toward Arianna)

Arianna answers.

Legislator: I had a question for Arianna, you mentioned in your speech when you were talking that you work well prepared, if you were appointed the position how would you deal with spontaneous issues, not only with your position but with other organizations?

Arianna answers.

Emma: Any other questions? Evan. We are going to take two more questions after Evan.

Evan: Um, I do not know if this is allowed, but can you guys say why your opponent would better fit this position?

Emma: I am going to decline that question just because. You can ask any question directed in general, I know that question is not a negative question it is more of a positive question but just, um, yeah that is definitely a leading question. Chris.

Chris: Hearing that you guys have a open schedule what would be a time that you guys would say no to you not being able to handle?

Both candidates answer.

Emma: Any other questions? … Last call, okay.

Legislator: What do you guys specifically intend on working on to help the organizations that are under represented?
Emma: Yeah, okay. The PPT is not actively searching organizations to come join the SGA, that is a lot of responsibility, that is the Marketing and Publicity committee. The PPT is just that person who helps facilitate that. They are not going out and trying to find people, sometimes it happens, “Oh, I have heard you’re in the SGA, can you help me with this?” But it is never going to be something where they are actively looking to bring people in. That is really the point of marketing, behind the marketing sector, so yeah not really a question they could answer. It is not in their job responsibility. Alright, so does everyone have a pen. Okay, so what we are doing is an enclosed ballot which means you have to put your name on it; secret ballot has no name. We are doing enclosed ballot, so please put your name and you are writing the name of the person you are voting if not you can put abstain. (pause)

*Ballots are collected.*

Emma: Ok, this is really exciting, before I am going to read off the names, I just want to say that it takes a lot of bravery to come up here and be asked a lot of questions that they did not know were coming, so I just wanted to applaud both Primo and Arianna. Again, whatever comes, comes. Just know there are many other opportunities for leadership positions in the Student Government. I hope this served as an encouragement for some of you because this really awesome.

*Ballots are separated and tallied. Candidate is chosen; majority vote Primo (13) and Arianna (5).*

Emma: Congratulations, Primo! (applause) Cool, so congratulations on that and now we are moving into the regular business, we have a bill to discuss.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**BILL #F2018-010**

*Committee Report:* Positive Recommendation

*Appropriations:* 3/1/0

*Author’s Report:* No questions

*Questions for the Author:* No questions

*Organization Report:* Club secretary, reported on behalf of Voices of Unity why they were seeking new t-shirts for their club both for their members and as a marketing technique.

*Questions for the Organization:*

Q: How many members do you have?
A: 30 or a little under that.

Q: Why t-shirts?
A: When it comes to dressing down to dressing up, it creates a sense of unity, and everyone at school has shirts from our school.

Q: About how many years do you expect these t-shirts to last?
A: Maybe about two years.

*Debate and Discussion:* Arianna made a statement on ordering a bulk order of t-shirts would be beneficial to the club as the price per t-shirt will result cheaper from buying wholesale. They could grow fairly quickly with Organization Fair right around the corner. Fritz suggested maybe having a different shirt for giveaways rather than the same shirt the club members use as their “uniform”.

**BILL PASSES WITH A ⅔ MAJORITY VOTE.**

**X. NEW BUSINESS**
XI. OPEN FORUM

Legislature took pictures.

Emma: If you are not a chair or secretary, you are free to leave.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting is adjourned at 5:08 PM.