I. CALL TO ORDER
II. ROLL CALL
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Disciplinary Committee
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Standing Committee Times

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
X. NEW BUSINESS

BILL S2019-001: Associate Justice Jackson Appointment
BILL S2019-002: Associate Justice Alhussein Appointment
BILL S2019-003: Class III Director Buh Appointment
BILL S2019-004: Scholarship Funding
BILL S2019-005: Financial Policies Update
BILL S2019-006: Student Advocate Rush Appointment
BILL S2019-007: MSU Pensa

XI. OPEN FORUM
XII. ADJOURNMENT
BILL #S2019-001

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

WHEREAS: Eric Jackson has expressed interest in serving the students of Montclair State University and;

WHEREAS: Eric has served in the position of Associate Justice last semester and did a wonderful job in said position and;

WHEREAS: I have found Eric Jackson to be prepared and fully qualified for this position.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Eric Jackson is appointed to the position of Associate Justice for the Spring 2019 semester.

Submitted By:
Serafina R. Genise
SGA President
January 23rd, 2019
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY, INC. THAT:

WHEREAS: Shaza Alhussein has expressed interest in serving the students of Montclair State University and;

WHEREAS: I have met with Shaza in regards to the position of Associate Justice to discuss the duties and responsibilities for said position and;

WHEREAS: I have found Shaza Alhussein to be prepared and fully qualified for this position.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Shaza Alhussein is appointed to the position of Associate Justice for the Spring 2019 semester.

Submitted By:
Serafina R. Genise
SGA President
January 23rd, 2019
BILL #S2019-003

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

WHEREAS: Marie-Esther Buh has expressed interest in serving the students of Montclair State University and;

WHEREAS: I have met with Marie in regards to the position of Director of Class III Organizations to discuss the duties and responsibilities for said position and;

WHEREAS: I have found Marie-Esther Buh to be prepared and fully qualified for this position.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Marie-Esther Buh is appointed to the position of Director of Class III Organizations for the Spring 2019 Semester

Submitted By:
Serafina R. Genise
SGA President
January 23rd, 2019
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY INCORPORATED THAT:

WHEREAS: The Scholarship Fund established by the Student Government is used to provide funding to those deserving student leaders excelling in academics who are in need of financial assistance and;

WHEREAS: The SGA Executive Board started to give out scholarships in the Fall Semester.

WHEREAS: The SGA Executive Board has agreed that more funds need to be put back into the line in order to give scholarships in the Spring as well.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: $12,000 be moved from Unappropriated Surplus to the Scholarship Fund.

Submitted by:
Serafina R. Genise
SGA President
January 23rd, 2019

Endorsed by:
Vincent Osei
SGA Treasurer
January 23rd, 2019

Emma C. Rush
President of the Scholarship Fund
January 23rd, 2019

Jillian D. Royal
Treasurer of the Scholarship Fund
January 23rd, 2019
BILL #S2019-005

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

WHEREAS: In order to maintain the financial credibility of the Student Government Association Inc. The SGA Financial Policies and Procedures are in need of updating to further instruct and assist all SGA Organizations when accessing funds for all SGA funded events and;

WHEREAS: The Financial Policies and Procedures have been revised to reflect the process the SGA Executive Treasurer and SGA Bookkeeper will be enforcing to streamline efficiency and effectiveness.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: That the proposed revision to the SGA Financial Policies and Procedures be approved.

Submitted by:
Serafina R. Genise
SGA President
January 23rd, 2019

Endorsed by:
Vincent Osei
SGA Treasurer
January 23rd, 2019
BILL #S2019-006

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

WHEREAS: James Rush has expressed interest in serving the students of Montclair State University and;

WHEREAS: I have met with James in regards to the position of Student Advocate to discuss the duties and responsibilities for said position and;

WHEREAS: I have found James Rush to be prepared and fully qualified for this position.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: James Rush is appointed to the position of Student Advocate for the Spring 2019 semester.

Submitted By:
Serafina R. Genise
SGA President
January 23rd, 2019
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY INCORPORATED THAT:

WHEREAS: Montclair State University Pentecost Students and Associates (MSU PENSA) would like to charter as a Class III organization under the Student Government Association and;

WHEREAS: MSU PENSA would be a great benefit to the Montclair State University undergraduate campus community and;

WHEREAS: MSU PENSA would like to receive a charter for the Spring 2019 to Fall 2020 time period.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: MSU PENSA receives a charter from Spring 2019 to Fall 2020

Submitted by:
Nick Parente
SGA Legislator
January 24th, 2019

This bill was introduced and considered on January 30, 2019 in New Business. Committee was discharged. The bill passed with a ⅔ majority.
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION INC.
OF
MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
Minutes
December 5th, 2018
Student Center Room 411

I. CALL TO ORDER
Meeting is called to order at 3:05PM.

II. ROLL CALL
Roll taken by roll call.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES
Minutes have been accepted.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
Mariel: The office of Civic & Voter Engagement is recruiting for the Andrew Goodman Foundation Ambassadors for the 2019-20 academic year. Please contact myself or the other Andrew Goodman Foundation ambassadors for more information. We will also be hiring a graduate coordinator, so if you know of someone who might be interested please let me know. Organizations will soon be receiving an email regarding room reservations which will begin in January.

V. OFFICER REPORTS
Serafina: It has been a semester unlike any other. The executive board and I have dealt with things that other executive board members have not seen. Having the executive treasurer step down and having to go through a special election. Having members of our programming board step down and go through the interview process again. We now have a new treasurer, Vincent Osei, and now have a new Off-Campus Events Chair, Brittany Passano, and a new Live Entertainment Chair, Rayane Yamout and are continuing our search for a Communications Coordinator. I also had the opportunity to serve the larger campus community by being a member of the search committee for the new Director of the Office for Social Justice and Diversity. We have also been getting more involved in the community outside of the Student Center, we have worked with Athletics, Alumni Relations and UPD. A new cabinet position has been created, the Director of Sustainability, with the hopes of helping the SGA, Our Orgs and the Campus Community become more sustainable. It has been a hectic semester, to say the least, but it has been an honor to work alongside all of you and I am looking forward to next semester.
**Jill:** Hello Everyone! Before I begin, I’d like to announce that we are co-sponsoring an event Soul Food Sunday - this Sunday at 3PM in the Rath. Over the past semester, I have had the joy and pleasure of working with all of you to help improve our campus community. Within this time, I have been able to prepare our organization for organization fairs, and have our information disseminated through diverse mediums such as Red Hawk News, HawkSync, Instagram, and twitter. Moving into the Spring Semester, I plan on working on creating a marketing plan, 1 to 2 months in advance. Additionally, I will be utilizing the Publicity Team to reach more members of our campus community. Have a fantastic end of the semester.

**Emma:** So since there are 18 reports being given today, I am going to keep mine short and sweet by listing some major accomplishments that came out of the Office of Vice President, which includes the Legislature and the Class Directors and couldn’t be accomplished without the help of my other Executive Board members. The following accomplishments are: Uploaded all paper Organization information online for each organization that contains: chartermint bill, constitution, accreditation scores and excel sheets, Greek org contact info, and other org contact. Re-vamped Accreditation System, that represents that organizations better, which you will see today Road map for Life after Charterment so new organizations can manage the SGA with ease Updated website that will serve as the “Hub” for all SGA information moving forward, PLEASE CHECK IT OUT SGA Organization Conference SGA Conference to St. Louis. First time scholarships being applied to the Spring Semester with $12,000 in scholarships to very deserving individuals Changed the chartermint process to make it smoother for Spring 2019 with specific dates and times for each organization dependent on Class to minimize confusion Facilitated the discussion and planned the revision of the Constitution for Spring 2019 Suggested pivotal structural changes to the SGA, which will be seen during the Statute revisions Implemented Town Halls that will be continued into Spring 2019 Revealing SORC in Spring 2019 that will be used for all organizations. The plans for Spring 2019 are as follows: Creation of SGA 101; Implement the Constitutional Changes; Plan SGA Retreat/Conference; Scholarships for Fall 2019.

**Vincent:** Hi everyone, I’m Vincent. I am learning a lot, seeing things that need to be fixed. But next semester is going to be interesting. That’s all I have to say.

**VI. CABINET REPORTS**

David: To wrap up the semester, all the organizations have done fantastic throughout the semester with all organizations achieving Tier 1 status, here are statistical averages regarding the categories of the report.  
Total Point Average: 22 (21.9)  
Tier Average: 1
Average Events Hosted per organization: 14
Average Bonus Points received: 5
Average Co-sponsorships In the Organization: 11
Average Co-sponsorships Outside the Organization: 14 (14.3)
Average Total Co-sponsorships (In/Out): 25 (24.4)
Average Appropriated Funds used: 79%

I am proud of all 11 Class One Organizations and their achievements throughout the semester and I would love to keep working with them so they can further go beyond and provide more for the student body. I want to keep working to make sure that every organization can host more events and use more money on their budgets to provide more in their events and to make sure that the organizations are still reaching out to other organizations to co-sponsor and support each other. My goal for next semester to maintain the current position the Class One Organizations are currently in and encourage the organizations to become even better than they are during the Fall Semester.

Arianna: Inaudible
David: Inaudible
Arianna: Inaudible
David: Inaudible
Rebecca: Inaudible
David: Inaudible

Monique: Hi my name is Monique and i am the class two director. I’m here to give you data based on what the organizations did this semester. Class II had an average of 5 hosted events for the semester which was lower than the requirement but that because there were about 7 orgs did not fulfill the 8 events requirement. Co Sponsorships averaged at at 4.6 , Appropriated funds used averaged at a $913, Required points averaged at at 7.75, and Bonus Points averaged at a 2. There were 9 orgs in tier 1 org in tier 2 and 6 orgs in tier 3. Out of the 6 in tier 3, 3 of them did not submit at all. Next semester i will only be dealing with 16 orgs being that Hillel dropped as an organization this semester. I am extremely proud of the organizations because although they might have not got all of their required point, they made sure to take advantage of the bonus point. Many of them also reached out numerous of time just to make sure they were on the right track.

Arianna: Inaudible
Monique: Inaudible
Arianna: Inaudible
Joseph: HA Averages
Hosted Events - 4.31
Co-Sponsorships - 5.00
Funds Used - $346.74
Bonus Points - 2.17
Total Points - 4.31
Tier - 1.93
Inactive Organizations - 7

RHA Totals
Hosted Events - 125
Co-Sponsorships - 145
Funds Used - $10,055.40
Bonus Points - 63
Total Points - 125

Organization Concerns
Financial Paperwork
Financial Training

Lack of = Decrease in funds used for RHA
Average Attendance Rate = 65% Attendance Rate
Includes RHA Submission, Class III Meetings, Town Halls, and SGA Conference
Next Semester Plans Class III Meetings Bi-Weekly on Tuesdays One-on-One Meetings Opposite
Tuesdays 3 Town Halls Scheduled

Questions/Statements?

Ruthie: I am in charge of 7 organizations in total and I counted them because I was able to
contact them at least once during this semester. 5 of my Class IV orgs made it to Tier 1 with an
exception of 2. Most of my orgs did not spend money this semester which is why I am glad that I
did not have to deduct points for money. The average number of events for all of the Class IV
organizations is 3. The average number of co-sponsorships was 5.

Brenda: Report wasn’t submitted.

Sara: The Office for Social Justice and Diversity has had really awesome and successful
programming this entire semester! Thank you to anyone who’s attended, promoted, helped put
together these events. from the office we 100% appreciate your efforts and existence. We also
have a new director for the OSJD! His name is Hamal Strayhorn, you may recognize the name
from Residence Life. He started just the Monday after Thanksgiving break. He’s currently still getting adjusted, getting to know all of the staff, and working on some event planning for next semester. If you have any ideas for events or workshops you’d like to see please let us know! This semester I’ve personally worked on ensuring forms and paperwork have been inclusive in language and accessible to all students, reporting any broken accessibility entrances are fixed (thanks to those who have brought those to me!), assisted any students in times of need, given resources, and much more. Thank you all who brought me any concerns, ideas, and personal issues that have happened; I appreciate you all working so hard to make this campus as inclusive, safe, accessible, accepting, and welcoming as possible and I couldn’t have done it without you! Due to personal reasons, at the end of the semester I, sadly, will be stepping down from this position. I promised Serafina I would assist in finding a replacement to lessen the stress of that for her so I’m currently meeting with two potential candidates within the next two weeks. If you know anyone or you yourself are interested please contact me ASAP! If I am unable to find a successor by the end of the semester and during the winter I have decided I will stay in this position until at least the end of February 2019 to ensure the position isn’t vacant and the work continues but to also give myself and others enough time to find someone to fill the position. I promise I’ll still be around! You can’t get rid of me that easy. Good luck to all of you on your finals and have a wonderful and well-rested Winter Break! You all deserve it! Fantastic job to all of you, your hard work as not gone unnoticed so wonderful job. I truly appreciate all of the relationships and bonds I’ve created with many of you and I’m very happy I’ve created a home here in the SGA. I’ll see you all soon! Stay woke.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chavin: Hey folks, if you didn’t already know I’m Chavin Haines, Chair of the Committee for Academic Affairs. I want to first begin by expressing that this committee is incredibly important. We were a new committee as of this semester, and our purpose is to represent the student body in defending their interests in matters pertaining to their education, the focus of all of our time as students. I cannot stress enough that this committee needs membership, so I strongly urge any and all of the people in this room to get involved in this committee. One of the things that most limited our ability to accomplish things this semester was lack of membership. Our Student Communication initiative was an attempt to reach out the student body and get their feedback so we can address problems outside the purview of our three perspectives. We attempted to make a joint effort with the Marketing and Publicity Committee to advertise on screens, and we had intended to do some tabling, but neither of these things came together. Hopefully next semester when the Marketing and Publicity Committee is getting more used to its position and isn’t swamped with crises, and if the media team comes together, this initiative can be revived and followed through on. Our Scheduling initiative was working to address the problem of unscheduled final exams and classes during construction in Richardson. Several emails were sent
to the Dean of Students by our Director to try and get more accurate information on the extent of the problem, but we never received a response, so that initiative never came to fruition. If the construction in Richardson continues to be a disruption next semester, the committee may have to seek other avenues to deal with this. Our plans to improve Advising were preempted and somewhat prevented by Susan Cole herself, so those have been put to rest. Our Tourism and Marketing Management Major Initiative and the Mandatory All-Course Colloquium Initiative was the pet project and brainchild of Fritz, so when he left the SGA that fell by the wayside. Our Parking and Housing Initiative is both outside the scope of our committee and probably a bit too ambitious for a student group to realistically accomplish so that was abandoned. We had an idea of wanting to implement a system to recognize exceptionally dedicated professors, but ideas on how to accomplish this were lacking. Our Equal Opportunity Initiative was about affording the same opportunity and experience to transfer students and International exchange students, but this has been picked up by the International Office, so it’s moved out of our hands for the time being. The Department Fair Initiative, is something I’m hoping next semester’s committee will be able to figure out, although I am aware it will take significant cooperation from the administration. The members of my committee submitted multi-step plans to complete the Ebook initiative (to encourage the use of electronic textbooks over more expensive and less environmentally sustainable paper textbooks) and the Religious Inclusivity Initiative (to ensure all students are afforded equal understanding for their religious holidays). We are likely to lose two-thirds of our committee, including the chair, myself, going into next semester. This committee didn’t accomplish many of our goals this semester, but I believe we’ve set forth a solid framework for next semester’s committee to really accomplish meaningful changes for the betterment of our students. So, just to reiterate, please, please, please, join this extremely important committee and help improve things for all of the students here at MSU.

Angela: Hello everyone, I’m Angela, the chair of res life and throughout this semester we have been building our foundation for the semester to come. We have discussed initiatives such as central air in dorm building, maintenance with elevators, plumbing issues, and most recently, with a housing plan for homeless students that will be discussed in depth in the spring. Next semester we are taking action and I encourage you guys to join the res life committee. We will be meeting every Tuesday from 6-7pm. Thank you.

Andrew: Hello my name is Andrew Lyons the chair of the appropriations committee for the past semester. To start off I would like to thank all the members of the committee for the dedication and commitment you showed towards the committee. Over the course of the semester the committee has worked diligently with organizations and the SGA eboard making sure everything with their bills where in order and saving the entire legislator hours of extra debate. Thank you again for you time and happy holidays.
**Elshama:** The Sustainability committee started off this semester as a new ad hoc committee. Without much direction we ask around and brainstormed what students wanted, needed and what we could help them get. As we looked into initiatives some were less feasible than others. Eventually we narrowed it down to just a few that we want to get done this year. Our major initiative after listening to students is getting a composter back on campus. The campus used to have one but the organization and consistence around its uses was lacking even though interest was not. To remedy this we have reached out to faculty and the Institution For Sustainability to collaborate with them to add a strong structure around its use and have consistency all year round. We look forward to continuing this initiative in the spring and hope more of you will join us. Our meeting time is two till three Wednesday right before the general meeting. Thank You

**Gerard:** Hello all, Incase there is anyone who does not know I am Gerard, Chair of Marketing and Publicity. This has been a great semester working with all of you and with the committee. Marketing started the semester strong with initiatives to help improve the presence of the Student Government on our campus. We planned out many event style ideas that we look forward to doing next semester. We were only able to work on some of our ideas, given that there was a special election that ended up drawing our attention. Marketing had to prepare events and help promote for the election once it was announced. Marketing made great efforts to promote the elections as well as simultaneously try to promote the constitutional convention. We also held a successful debate before the voting period opened. Though everything planned for this semester may have not always gone to plan, committee has learned many things over the semester and is looking forward to accomplishing even more spring semester. Thank you all again for a great semester.

**Jack:** The Government and Administration Committee was very productive during the 2018 Fall Semester. I, as the chairman, am deeply honored and humbled to work side-by-side with the committee members and the SGA Attorney General to complete the work that was needed to be done. I am grateful for the increased number of members in this semester as to compare last semester when G&A only had three members. The members asked many thoughtful questions and gave compelling ideas. I do hope the same members will stay for the 2019 Spring Semester and new members are welcomed. It is within the SGA Constitution that the SGA President can appoint positions with the advise and consent of the SGA Legislature. One of the jobs of G&A is to assess the nominees for the positions and vote on them. In the 2018 Fall Semester, the committee assessed and voted on three nominations: Tamar for the Associate Justice position of the Supreme Court, Eric for the Association Justice position of the Supreme Court, and Eduardo Martinez for the SGA Clerk position. All three nominees are talented, skillful, and have impressive backgrounds. The committee asked many insightful questions and voted positively on all three nominations. G&A Committee is also the special election committee when an Executive
Office vacates the position. The previous SGA Treasurer resigned and G&A was called to administer the Treasurer’s special election and worked alongside with Marketing Committee. I can gladly say the special election was a success as a new Treasurer, Vincent Osei, was elected in. Lastly, G&A Committee spent tremendous amounts of time on the two most important governing by-laws of the Student Government Association: the Constitution and the Statutes. It was overwhelming at first to change the Constitution but I knew the committee members were able to handle the workload. They work along with the Attorney General, asked excellent questions, and offered many unique initiatives and changes. Although the Constitution would not be considered in this semester, all the hard work on the Constitution is not forgotten and will be considered in the following semester. If the committee members were able to handle the Constitution, then they were fully prepared for the Statutes and I was right. They asked more questions and offered more unique initiatives and changes. Obviously, people had different opinions on these new unique initiatives and changes but they were able to have an engaging and civil debate on these changes. The Statutes will be considered today and I apologize in advance if the Statutes changes become long and boring. Overall, I am proud that I joined this committee and worked alongside my committee members and the Attorney General. I do hope the same committee members will stay for the 2019 Spring semester and new members are welcomed. I am excited and eager to assess new nominations from the SGA President, ratify the Constitution, and work on many other initiatives next semester. Thank you.

Primo: Report not submitted.

Emily: Hello everyone, I’m the chair of the dining committee, my name is Emily. This semester we had quite a few initiatives and new ideas brought forward that we’ve talked about and acted on. These issues we’ve talked about were the hours of operation at the dining halls, the plastic waste of food packaging, a possible fresh produce food truck, the diversity of options on campus, the careful handling of food, consistency of options, non dairy creamer, food waste (which would involve working with the food recovery network), the lack of a place to get food over by the village/Sinatra area, and the possibility of Bistro becoming a Kosher, and therefore Halal, kitchen. Over the course of the semester, we’ve brought 2 of those initiatives into bills. As we remember, they were the creamer bill and the survey that went out. From what we’ve seen from the survey, it’s pretty evident that students need Sam’s to be open later on weekdays and next semester we hope to work with dining services to fix that issue. Next semester, we hope to really hone in on the issue of the lack of Kosher/Halal options on campus, and converting Bistro into a Kosher kitchen. A student has raised their serious concerns to us and next semester we hope to get support from students who eat preferably Kosher/Halal in order to get them the options they need. Unfortunately, I can’t be on the legislator next semester because I will be busy during the entire SGA meeting time. Dining Committee is in need for a chair so if anyone is interested please consider the position. That’s all, thank you.
VIII. PROGRAM
*Selection of committee times*

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILL# F2018-025 withdrawn ⅔ majority vote.

BILL# F2018-038
Organization Report: Refer to the organization for a copy of their PowerPoint.
Committee Report: Positive Recommendation.
Bill passes.

BILL# F2018-043
Organization Report: Refer to the organization for a copy of their PowerPoint.
Committee Report: Positive Recommendation.
Bill passes.

BILL# F2018-045
Organization Report: Refer to the organization for a copy of their PowerPoint.
Committee Report: Positive Recommendation.
Bill passes.

BILL# F2018-054
Organization Report: Refer to the organization for a copy of their PowerPoint.
Committee Report: Positive Recommendation.
Bill passes.

BILL# F2018-055
Organization Report: Refer to the organization for a copy of their PowerPoint.
Committee Report: Positive Recommendation.
Bill passes.

BILL# F2018-056
Organization Report: Refer to the organization for a copy of their PowerPoint.
Committee Report: Positive Recommendation.
Bill passes.

BILL# F2018-057
Organization Report: Refer to the organization for a copy of their PowerPoint.
Committee Report: Positive Recommendation.
Bill passes

10-minute recess meeting resumed at 5:25PM.

*Executive session*

BILL# F2018-058 withdrawn ⅔ majority vote.

BILL#F2018-063: SGA Statutes
Organization Report: Refer to the organization for a copy of their PowerPoint.
Committee Report: Positive Recommendation.
Bill passes.

BILL# F2018-064
Organization Report: Refer to the organization for a copy of their PowerPoint.
Committee Report: Committee Discharged.
Bill passes.

X. NEW BUSINESS
No bills placed in committee.

XI. OPEN FORUM
Please refer to the audio recording of the meeting.

XII. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 8:16PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Jillian D. Royal
SGA Executive Secretary