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BILL S2019-008: UAASO
BILL S2019-009: Elections Committee Chair Appointment

XI. OPEN FORUM
XII. ADJOURNMENT
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
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
BILL #S2019-004

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
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
BILL #S2019-008

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

WHEREAS: MSU United Asian American Student Organization (UAASO), Class 1 Organization of the Student Government Association, needs a budget increase of $5,000 for the Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Festival (APIH) that will be held on April 30, 2019 at University Hall 7th Floor from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM.

WHEREAS: The purpose of this bill is to provide MSU UAASO with the additional funding the organization needs to host this event.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: MSU UAASO requests $5,000 from Supplemental Appropriation to cover the cost of this event. Breakdown is attached.

Submitted by:

Jack Zhang
SGA Legislator
February 2, 2019

Breakdown:

Supplemental Appropriation: $5,000

TOTAL: $5,000
BILL #S2019-009

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

WHEREAS: In accordance with the Statues the Elections Committee shall be chaired by an appointed member by the Executive President and;

WHEREAS: I have found Attorney General Joseph Dybas to be prepared and fully qualified for this position.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Joseph Dybas is appointed to the position of Chair of the Elections Committee for the 2019 Spring Semester.

Submitted By:
Serafina R. Genise
SGA President
February 5th, 2019
I. CALL TO ORDER
Meeting is called to order at 3:07 pm.

II. ROLL CALL
Roll call was done by Arianna Tringali.

Arianna Tringali was nominated as temporary President Pro Tempore.

James Rush was nominated as temporary clerk.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES
Minutes have been accepted.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
Mariel: Welcome back. I'd like to introduce James Clark, Graduate Coordinator, Office of Civic & Voter Engagement. We are still recruiting for Andrew Goodman Foundation Ambassadors for 2019-20. Save the Date: Public Forum- Redistricting Reform for Fairer New Jersey February 13, 7-8:30pm Presentation Hall Study Away in the USA During 2019-20 Opportunity for rising sophomores, juniors and seniors who have a gpa of 2.5 or higher and some flexibility in their class selections to consider this exciting opportunity. Applications are still being accepted through Feb. 15 for students who want to Study Away in the USA during the 2019-20 academic year! Through our membership in the National Student Exchange (NSE), Montclair State
University students can now study away for a semester or a year in the USA, Canada, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. With 180 NSE member institutions to choose from, the options are literally all over the map. And best of all, the study away experience costs the same as attending MSU, and most scholarships and financial aid awards can still be used. The cost of travel and room/board will depend on where you choose to go. Learn more about this unique opportunity to study away in the USA:

https://www.montclair.edu/study-abroad/explore-programs/study-away-in-the-usa/

Study Abroad Fair Wednesday, Feb. 6, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Student Center Ballroom
National Student Exchange Info Session, Feb. 13, 1-2 p.m., Schmitt Hall Room 125.

V. OFFICER REPORTS

Serafina: Welcome back! I hope you all had a relaxing break. For those of you who don’t know my name is Serafina Genise and I am the president of the SGA. I and the rest of the executive board have been here over the break working to make sure we were prepared for this semester. I have spent winter break planning the 85th annual inaugural, so for the legislature, cabinet and judicial members. Save Sunday, April 28th from 5pm-9pm. An official invitation will be sent out next month or so. We have found a new cabinet member, Class 3 Director, Marie-Esther Buh. Our programming board is now full. We welcome, Brittany Passano, off-campus events, Rayane Yamout, live entertainment chair, and Nicole Merendino, communications coordinator. They went through training this break and are eager and excited to get to work this semester. We have two cabinet positions open director of student affairs and director of academic affairs. If you or anyone you know is interested in these please reach out to me. The lockers that we ordered at the beginning of last semester and have been delivered and are installed. They are beautiful. One last thing to let you know. Before we left for break and after the final SGA meeting of the semester, I found out that the price for the senior trip was incorrect. Based on the information I had, I was under the impression that the trip was 130,000 dollars. I was informed by the travel agent that was in fact 60,000 more dollars, making the trip cost a total of approximately 190,000. This was something that nobody in the office was aware of. So we all consulted our advisors and came up
with a solution. We had to increase the price of the trip. The executive board held meetings with all those attending the senior trip and explained it all to them and offered full refunds to those who would be unable to attend anymore. That has been resolved and I am excited to begin my last semester as President and her at Montclair State with all of you.

**Vincent:** During first meeting of the SGA Legislator I addressed everyone in attendance with my goings on as the Treasurer during the winter break. First being that I had given financial training to all organisations which required/needed it. I also informed the Legislator that over the break I worked on the the audit response. Lastly, I informed the legislator of my intentions to move the Treasury department to go completely paperless and informed them on the progress I had made so far over the break. I have been in talks with Mariel, Julie and the executive board about necessary steps which could be taken. After my report there were no questions.

**Jillian:** Good Afternoon Everyone and Welcome Back! Throughout the Winter Break I have had the opportunity to work on some of the initiatives and ideas I put forth last semester, in an effort to better serve the campus community. I was able to begin planning Senior Week activities for students graduating in August, December 2018 and May 2019. This has included phone calls, emails, and site visits. Additionally, I attended training and received a course certificate through the Louisiana State University, National Center for Biomedical Research and Training, Academy of Counter-Terrorist Education customized in the Management and Planning Level for Campus Emergencies Prevention, Response, and Recovery. I am currently serving as the liaison between the organizations and the E-board for SGA Co-sponsorships. All organizations should have received an email on January 7th, but if you do represent organizations please remind them that the SGA co-sponsorship line is to assist in whatever way possible. For this semester we are already scheduled to co-sponsor with three organizations. Lastly, I have spent time working to create a Publicity Team and the initial stages are complete. This team is open to any undergraduate student at MSU, as I strive to reach all members of our community. The Publicity Team will meet on Thursdays at 4:15PM. Feel free to speak to me after the meeting if you are interested in aiding with this new initiative. Thank you!

**Emma:** Hi everyone, I just want to say that the lockers came in! Look at all the nice pictures of Joe. We are still working on solidifying the policy, which we will do in our Executive Board meeting after this meeting and let you know next SGA meeting.
Karla is nominated as temporary temporary clerk.

VI.  CABINET REPORTS

Ruthie (Director of Class IV Organizations): As of now, I am in charge of eight orgs on campus. My goal for the semester is to help them transition from old eboard to new eboard. In order to achieve this goal, I will ask that Class IV organizations should bring people to events such as Class IV meetings and Town Halls. I will also be showing and providing them with resources that can help these orgs better explain to their new eboard how the SGA works. From here on out, I will be creating agendas, powerpoints, and minutes for each of the Class IV meeting just so that the new eboard can use these resources to better understand their roles and what to do.

Monique (Director of Class II Organizations):

Sara (Meatboy) (Director for Social Justice and Diversity) : Hi y’all! Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful and restful break. For those of you who don’t know me, my name is Sara “Meatboy” Gonzalez, my pronouns are they/them/theirs and I’m the Director for Social Justice and Diversity. My position entails being a liaison between the SGA and the Office for Social Justice and Diversity (OSJD) (formerly known as the Office of Equity and Diversity), and advocating for any injustices that happen on this campus involving race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, socioeconomic status, national origin, (dis)ability, veteran status, political views, etc. As some of you may know, at the last meeting last semester I announced I would be stepping down to focus on graduating and personal things. With that being said, I have decided to stay until in the position through the end of February to ensure things are still being done, and so I can use this time to look for someone to take over. If you know of anyone who is interested, or you yourself are, please reach out! I’d like to sit down with the person before giving a recommendation to Serafina. Through my last month of being in this position, I have created some goals!
- Take a walk-thru around campus to ensure all accessibility entrances are present, visible, and working
  - This includes Mallory Hall which was newly renovated
  - Review any forms and documents to ensure inclusivity
  - Work with a student who has requested there be ASL interpreters at SGA events
  - There was a petition created and sent to Serafina so I am in the works of reaching out to this student, the Language or Linguistic Department and seeing what we can do for our community of deaf and hard-of-hearing students The OSJD has some fun stuff coming up this semester!!
  - Drop in clubs and groups started this week. All days and times can be found on our HawkSync portal, seen on flyers posted around, and in our office (located in SC 113)
    - The Social Justice Conference is back!
    - Happening March 22, 2019
    - Theme: Changing the Unacceptable, inspired by the quote from Angela Davis: “I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept.”
    - Call for Proposals: Accepted until Feb 10
    - Form on HawkSync
    - Day of Unity: A Day of Action
      - This was started in 2012, after the LGBTQ community on campus was threatened in one of the residence halls. President Cole declared that Feb 7th would be known as MSU’s Day of Unity.
      - Feb 7th, 2019 from 11a-3pm in SC Ballrooms
      - Keynote speaker, letter/postcard writing, volunteer, internship, and job opportunities, and more!
- Ashley Stewart College Tour
- $5k scholarship competition for women through the clothing company Ashley Stewart
- Feb 27th 3-4:45pm in School of Business 140
- Multicultural Council

- We’re still trying to form this but are struggling to find students and org representation to begin so if you’re interested please reach out to me or the OSJD!

- We also have other awesome things going on like the Black Herstory Ball, Women’s History Month events, Interfaith Week, Transgender Day of Visibility, Pride Prom, Rainbow Recess, and so much more! Everything can be found on our multiple HawkSync pages or via email.

I, lastly, wanted to address what happened during the revision of the Statutes at the end of last semester. It came to my attention that the requirement of SGA members being Safe Space Trained was voted out entirely. I’m, to say the least, incredibly disappointed by this, not only as someone who works for the OSJD, but personally as someone who identifies as queer and as a student leader. The SGA prides itself on being inclusive, representing the entire undergraduate population, and advocating for them. This campus has a HUGE LGBTQ+ undergraduate population and the removal of requiring you all to go to Safe Space Training is, truthfully, doing a disservice to them. How can we truly advocate for a community, that especially needs it during this country’s current climate, when we do not want to put in the effort of educating ourselves of their struggles? How can we call ourselves allies if we are unwilling to put in the work of being an active ally? It is extremely important, to me especially, that when we revisit this, you all consider putting it back in the Statutes. In order for the SGA to TRULY be inclusive, we must be receptive to the education it requires before putting it into practice, and Safe Space Training is the perfect way to do this. With all of that being said (sorry
it was a lot!), please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments, concerns, or just need to talk! My office hours are Mondays from 1:30-3:30pm and Thursdays 4:30-6:30pm. I do my hours either in the SGA Office, SORC (SC 110), OSJD (SC 113), or CSI (SC 104). If you need to email me, my email is equityanddiversity.sgamsu@gmail.com. Here’s to a successful and productive Spring semester! :)

Desiree (Chief of Staff): Hello Everyone, For those that don't know, every year MSU hosts and event called Relay For Life through the American Society for Cancer Research. The event will be on April 26th from 2PM-2AM on the Student Center Quad. In the past, the SGA has made a team to participate and before I make an SGA team I wanted to survey to see if y'all would be interested in participating?

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports, because committee was not in session.

VIII. PROGRAM

Disciplinary Committee Composition
Thursdays at 8:15pm
1. Tyshaun Drummond
2. Sharese Jumter
3. Elshama Santana
4. Greg Frantzen
5. Evan Benson
6. Jherel Saunders-Dittimus
7. Gerard Nasser

Alternates:
1. Scott Cohen
Elections Committee

Time and Date TBD

1. Gerard Nasser
2. James Rush
3. Jonathan Varano
4. Jack Zhang
5. Tristan Anderson

Alternates:
1. Givonna Boggans
2. Tyshaun Drummond
3. Nick Parente
4. Scott Cohen
5. Karla Farfan

Regular Committee Assignments

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Bill#S2019-001 Associate Justice Jackson Placed into Government and Administration Committee

Bill#S2019-002 Associate Justice Alhussein Placed into Government and Administration Committee
Bill#S2019-003 Class III Director Buh Appointment Placed into Government and Administration Committee

Bill#S2019-004 Scholarship Funding Update Placed into Government and Administration Committee

Bill#S2019-005 Financial Policies Update Appointment Placed into Government and Administration Committee

Bill#S2019-006 Student Advocate Rush Appointment Placed into Government and Administration Committee

Bill#S2019-007 MSU Pensa Placed in Organizational Review Committee

Arianna: Motion to consider Bill #S2019-007.

Emma: Now considering Bill #S2019-007

Bill#S2019-007

Author’s Report: Defer to the Vice President.

Emma: This organization should have went up to charter last semester, but they did not have a scheduled date even after submitting all of their paperwork on time and reaching out through email to follow up.

Questions for the Author: No questions

Organization Report: Please refer to MSU Pensa’s powerpoint.

Questions for the Candidate:

Jack: Why did you choose the name pensa?

Organization: It is the term used for college students and high school students of the faith we practice.

Jack: Thank you.

Jaime: I apologize in advance because this is a silly question but what separates your organization from other ones on campus?

Candidate: We practice a different faith than the other organizations on campus, and we really focus on personal development which takes place outside of the church rather than just inside.
Arianna: Did yall properly go up in front of the council of faith and spirituality?
Organization: Yes.

Committee Report:
Jack: Motion to discharge committee. Committee is discharged with ¾ majority vote.
Debate and Discussion: None.

BILL PASSED WITH A ⅔ MAJORITY VOTE

XI. OPEN FORUM

No open forum.

XII. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting is adjourned at 4:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted By,
Emma C. Rush
SGA Executive Vice President
January 31, 2019