

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF
MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY INC.
ORGANIZATION TOWN HALL
Minutes: February 26, 2019
Student Center Rathskeller

I. CALL TO ORDER

Town Hall Called to Order at 6:07pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll Call was done by the Class IV Director Ruthie.

III. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Emma (VP): Just an update that Recharterment documents were due this past Friday, February 22, 2019 at 11:59pm. The only exceptions to this deadline are emergencies. If you had an emergency and you did not submit, please let me know after this town hall.

IV. GUEST SPEAKERS

- A. **Elections Chair, Joseph Dybas:** These are the events we are having for Elections. If you are having events from April 8-April 12 at noon please let us know so the SGA can cosponsor! We are holding a contest for whatever organization can get the most people to vote. There will be a place in the form for Elections where the person can put who told them to vote. The highest voting organization will get a large co-sponsorship for events happening at the end of April.

Event: SGA Elections: Debate

Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Time: 4-6pm

Location: Student Center Rathskeller

Event: SGA Elections: Constitution Reform

Date: Thursday, April 4, 2019

Time: 12-2pm

Location: Student Center Room 419

Event: SGA Elections: Pork Roll v. Taylor Ham

Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Time: 12pm-2:30pm

Location: Student Center Rathskeller

Event: SGA Elections: Results Party

Date: Friday, April 12, 2019

Time: 1pm-2pm

Location: Student Center Rathskeller

- B. **University College, Robert (Bobbie) Serrani:** University College is hosting a Major Madness which is a month long of events that showcase different major and minors in the specific schools, like CART, CSAM, CEHS, CHHS..etc. All educational organizations are encouraged to come and have table under their respective schools. Please contact Bobbie Serrani if you are interested.

V. INTERNAL SGA ISSUES

A. Available Accounts Brochure

Players: I did not know that we had an Amazon account that we can use, so I want to know what other accounts we have and have a way to access them.

Emma (VP): Maybe we could compile a list of all accounts and make it into a sheet so that other organizations can use them. I know we have Best Buy. Does anyone else know accounts that we have?

Black Student Union: We have an account with A.C Moore

Unidentified Org Representative: We also have Costco, BJ's, Restaurant Depot.

Emma (VP): I will get any other accounts we have from Betty and Vincent will send out the list.

B. Businesses that accept checks

Emma (VP): So we can also compile places that take our physical checks as well. Does anyone know of places?

Unidentified Organization Representative: Dollar Tree

Unidentified Organization Representative: Shoprite, but sometimes that doesn't always work, just make sure they talk to the manager.

Unidentified Organization Representative: Michael's on Route 46.

Unidentified Organization Representative: Party City

C. Making Chartwells Affordable

Black Student Union: Is there a way that Dining can adjust their prices so that it is better or more comparable to using an outside vendor. Maybe if we requested 100 plates of food and then less show up we wouldn't have to pay?

Emma (VP): I can see if that's a possibility, just so everyone knows there's also a student menu that has reduced prizes and only used for organizations.

Unidentified Organization Representative: Do they know that type of budgets we are working with?

Emma (VP): Yes they do.

Haitian Student Organization: I feel as though cultural organization should not have to go through chartwells in order to have food from an outside vendor at their event.

Emma (VP): Unfortunately, the University is in a 25 year contract with Chartwells and since we are affiliated with the University and use their space we have to go through chartwells first and foremost.

Unidentified Organization Representative: I have had the cultural food they try and imitate, but it is not authentic and we should be able to support the local businesses.

Vincent: So there is a new policy that Dining is implementing that if you have more than 75 people at your event you must send them the menu to see if they can mimic the food in order for your outside vendor to be approved.

Organizations in an uproar

Muslim Student Association: How can we be asked to follow the rules from Dining if they keep on changing.?

Emma (VP): That's a very good point, we can ask them if they're willing to give us a document that has all the policies clearly explained so there are no surprises.

Marie (Class III Director): Is it possible if we can taste test the food, because there might be someone who can cook the authentic food, but we would like to try first.

Emma (VP): I can see if that's a possibility.

Unidentified Organization Representative: Do departments have to follow the same food waiver policy?

Emma (VP): Yes, it is mandated by the University.

Unidentified Organization Representative: I wish they gave us the price of their copied food and we get to ultimately decide who we wish to choose.

Unidentified Organization Representative: What if we didn't fill out the food waiver and just used an outside vendor?

Emma (VP): Then we would be breaking a large contract and get sued for millions of dollars. So that's not an option.

Emma (VP): Ultimately, the prices and the food waiver issues are a set in stone policy with Dining. If you would all like to hold an act of civil disobedience to help change the policy you could.

D. Timely manner for checks

Vincent: So the problem with organizations not receiving their checks is that they do not follow up to make sure they are on top of it.

Emma (VP): For this one I think that you all need to compile some statistics as a class at your Class Director meeting with when you submitted paperwork, if there were amendments that needed to be made, and when you got the check. And for reimbursement it should be when they put in the purchase requisition form, amendments needed, and when they got their reimbursement check. So that I can give it to the treasurer's office as something tangible. Do you all agree?

Nods head in approval

Unidentified Organization Representative: Can someone provide clarification to when or when not to use the cosponsorship contract.

Emma (VP): Vincent will clarify and send an email out.

VI. EXTERNAL SGA ISSUES

A. Free Speech Policy

Young Americans for Liberty: According to FIRE, Montclair State University is a yellow school out of green, yellow, and red when it comes to protecting free speech. There is a specific policy that I want to change, that being that in order to hold a protest the police need to be notified 48 hours in advance. I think that infringes on free speech rights. If anyone is interested, we are also having a Free Speech Ball where we are going to promote this.

Organization Representative: What's your email?

Young Americans for Liberty: youngamericansforlibertymsu@gmail.com

Emma (VP): Anyone interested please contact Mathew.

B. Lack of crosswalk safety

Petey Greene Program: I noticed that the crosswalk near the Soccer house coming across the street on Dinallo side is not lit enough.

Active Minds: Also, there is no handicap accessible entrance from Carparc to the main campus?

Unidentified Organization Representative: Maybe they can go through Dinallo?

Emma: That's an idea. As long as it's coordinated before hand with Dinallo heights staff I don't see why not.

Joe (Attorney General): There is also not technology at crosswalks for the visually impaired.

C. Cross Contamination

Emma: The Dining Committee in the SGA are reviewing the cross contamination across all dining places on campus. The bill is going up this Wednesday in the legislature be there if you're interested.

D. Handicap Accessibility

Unidentified Organization Representative: The doors to the communication building don't have accessible entrances.

E. Crosswalk Lights

Emma: We already covered this before.

VII. OPEN FORUM

Jillian (Secretary): If you want to cosponsor with the SGA just send me an email with details.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Town Hall adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Emma Rush

Executive Vice President

February 28, 2019