



MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, April 12, 2011
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)

Student Senators:

Interdisciplinary Studies Senator Wassel-Saxe
Liberal Arts Senator Hale
Media Senator Moore-**Absent**
Science, Health & Business Senator Snyder
Social Clubs Senator Yost

President:

Jason Childers

Vice President

Christopher Hollander

Speaker/At-Large Senator

Jack Hills

Deputy Speaker/At-Large Senator

Michael Gray

Campus Center Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

Campus Center Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog

Visitors: Annette Agness, MCC Association; Shirley Batista-Provost, Office of Student Life & Leadership Development; Eddie Visagie, Student Trustee; Christian Nelson, Honors Council; Zachary Marrow, Zach Clocksin, Andy Citarella, Robin Lalisie, Stephanie Gill, WMCC the Fuse; Lisa Armstrong, Michael Snyder, John Huther, Kelly Bynes, Megan Scott, Presidential Cabinet; Scott Blue, Travis Sharp, Ron Ring, students; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:22 p.m.)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of March 29, 2011 Senate Meeting minutes.

Speaker Hills called for a motion to approve the March 29, 2011 Senate meeting minutes.

Senator Snyder so moved; seconded by Senator Yost.

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the March 29, 2011 Senate meeting minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Michael Snyder, Presidential Cabinet Recruitment Coordinator, stated that he is organizing a “Pie-ing” fundraiser for Spring Fling which will benefit Horizons and/or the MCC Child Care Center. He is asking the Senators for help with collecting donations during the week of April 25.

Ron Ring, student, asked the Senate for help with providing a more formal opportunity to start a student movement to bring peace to the world. He has petitions he would like to have signed, notices he would like to have posted, and he would like to get together a forum of students who are interested in the topic. Senator Hale stated that he would like to meet with him to go over the constitution from a former club that was an organization for peace.

III. REPORTS

A. President

President Childers...

- ✓ **SUNY** – he attended the SUNY Student Assembly Conference in Syracuse as a Voting Delegate, along with Vice President Hollander, Deputy Speaker Gray, and Alyssa Ginerva from SEGA; Speaker Hills, Senators Yost and Hale, and Coordinators Bynes, Khan, and Scott also attended. Friday - at the business

meeting there was a by-law amendment, Minutes approval, reports from the Executive Board, and the nomination of the Executive Board Candidates; MCC won the award for the most original sketch at the Spirit Contest. Saturday - SUNY Executive elections, approval of the budget and the proposed budgets, and the SUNY Student Assembly Awards took place; MCC won Strongest Advocacy Event, and Christopher Hollander won Community College Rep of the Year. At the Community College Caucus for the Representative Elections, Deputy Speaker Gray won one of the Representative positions and President Childers placed as 6th Alternate. He looks forward to going back next year as a non-voting delegate.

- ✓ **RIC** – the Rochester Intercollegiate Council meeting was held at Nazareth College on Sunday. They discussed elections for next year's Chair and met with Joan Hildebrand, the Communication Coordinator for the City, to set up College Day at the Public Market which will take place on September 24; he volunteered to be the RIC liaison while the event is being developed. Ms. Hildebrand also requested that the RIC work with the South East Area Coalition to help with promoting a form of "Bystander Intervention" in the Upper Monroe Avenue area. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, April 17 at Genesee Community College; they will have elections for next year's Chair and will meet again with Ms. Hildebrand to discuss the tasks she has charged them with. If anyone would like to be nominated as Chair, please let him know by Friday, April 15, so he can forward the nomination to Chairwoman Werner.
 - ✓ **Congratulations** to Coordinator Scott in becoming Student Trustee-elect, as well as Senator Snyder and Sam Isaacs, both being Senators-elect; he looks forward to working with them next year, since he too is a Senator-Elect.
- B. Office of Student Life & Leadership Development Advisor Herzog** reported that she and Eddie Visagie presented at the Connectology Conference at RIT on Saturday and it went very well. She thanked the students who participated in the selection of the new CAB Director for 2011-2012 – Rachel Sparks was selected.
- C. Faculty Advisor McCauley** accompanied the students to the SUNY Student Assembly Conference. He noted that the whole conference seems to have tempered out into something more in tuned to what it was envisioned to be.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to override Presidential Veto

Resolved, that the Senate overrides the Presidential veto and revokes the charters of Blackbird Entertainment, Campus Crusade for Christ, Creative Crew, Massage Therapy, Latin Pride, One Campus Challenge, and Peace & Justice effective immediately.

Speaker Hills called for a motion to override the Presidential veto.

Deputy Speaker Gray so moved, seconded by Senator Yost.

Discussion:

President Childers offered a friendly amendment to remove Peace and Justice from the list due to the conversation with Mr. Ring. Deputy Speaker Gray agreed to accept the friendly amendment. The friendly amendment passed.

Speaker Hills explained that the advantage to revoking club charters is that each club receives a budget and if the club is not active that money could be used to help fund other clubs and organizations.

Senator Yost explained the policy for club/organization attendance at Roundtable.

Vice President Hollander explained that revoking club charters is a matter of protocol and is done periodically for clubs that have been inactive for 3 or more semesters; there is a procedure followed which gives students a chance to come forward to reactivate a club.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the amended resolution to override the Presidential veto and revokes the charters of Blackbird Entertainment, Campus Crusade for Christ, Creative Crew, Massage Therapy, Latin Pride, and One Campus Challenge effective immediately.

b. Resolution to amend the SGA Constitution by revising Articles 1-12.

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the amendments to the Constitution of the Brighton Campus Student Government Association.

Speaker Hills called for a motion to amend the SGA Constitution by revising Articles 1-12.

On behalf of the Constitution Committee, Senator Hale moved the adoption of the resolution.

Discussion:

President Childers offered a friendly amendment to change the resolution to read, "Resolution to amend the SGA Constitution" since the Constitution does not have 12 Articles. Senator Hale accepted the friendly amendment; the friendly amendment passed.

Vice President Hollander made a motion to amend Article VII by adding the following: "Roundtable attendance will be a factor in determining allocation of funds by the Senate when requested by clubs and organizations." Senator Wassel-Saxe seconded the motion.

Vice President Hollander asked current Roundtable Coordinator Scott if she agrees with the amendment. Coordinator Scott confirmed that she agrees with the amendment.

A vote on the amendment of Article VII was taken. The motion passed.

A vote to approve the resolution to amend the SGA Constitution was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the SGA Constitution as amended.

V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Ron Ring asked the Student Government for help with looking into MCC providing a building on campus for affordable housing for MCC students. Lisa Armstrong stated that the land is owned by Monroe County and that would have to be taken up with the County. Senator Hale will discuss that with him when they meet.

Vice President Hollander thanked everyone who was involved in the Carolina's Fight for Life fundraiser - \$600 was raised. He also thanked Advisor McCauley for his training and expertise on Parliamentary Procedure; it helped the MCC contingent at the SUNY SA Conference business meeting; MCC's voice stayed true and strong and won out. Congratulations to all MCC students – MCC won Best Advocacy Award.

Christian Nelson, Honors Council President, thanked the SGA for help with funding the Honors Council trip to an Academic Conference in Portland, Maine. She talked about what they experienced at the conference and said it was very successful.

Senator Yost personally thanked the advisors who, last year, helped Director of Rules Malcolm Cohen get to the point he is at; he did a wonderful job at the SUNY Conference and she was very proud to know that he came from MCC.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:54 p.m. Speaker Hills called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Hale so moved, seconded by Senator Yost. The motion passed; the Senate meeting was adjourned.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Brennan
SA Secretary