



**Monroe Community College Student Government Association
Senate Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, October 7, 2008
2:15 p.m. - Forum (3-130)**

Student Senators:

Academic Clubs Senator Acosta
At-Large Senator Carey
CASA Senator Kuhn
Liberal Arts Senator Halling
Science, Health & Business Senator Ruhindi
Service Clubs Senator Malin
Social Clubs Senator Bauman

President:

Daniel Elliott

Vice President:

Sarah Robinson

Speaker/At-Large Senator

Stephen Darrow

Deputy Speaker/At-Large Senator

Matt Lawson

Campus Center Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

Visitors: Tony DiFabio, Peer Mentor; Lisa Armstrong, Presidential Cabinet; Craig Learn, WMCC; Mike Rice, Student; Sandor Vegh, Anthropological Society; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:20 p.m.)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of September 23, 2008 minutes

Speaker Darrow called for a motion to approve the minutes for the September 23, 2008 Senate meeting.

Deputy Speaker Lawson so moved, seconded by Senator Carey.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the minutes for September 23, 2008.

II. REPORTS

A. Senators

Senator Carey...

- Special Olympics – he thanked the WMCC staff, the Peer Mentors, Betty Bovenzi, Donna Brennan and anyone else who volunteered at the Special Olympics on Saturday, October 4. The Winter Games will be held in February and we will be there to support the athletes again.
- RTS – Speaker Darrow, Deputy Speaker Lawson, Advisor Stewart, and he will be meeting with Jacquie Halldow from the RTS on Friday, October 24th at 10am. These are preliminary talks with hopes to make RTS service to and from MCC better for the students, faculty, and staff who rely on the bus for their transportation. Depending on the outcome of the meeting, an open forum will be held in the near future.

B. Campus Center Advisor

Campus Center Advisor Stewart commended everyone involved in Rock the Vote. The Committee, chaired by Deputy Speaker Lawson, did an incredible job planning the event and it was a wonderful collaboration of all kinds of people.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve the Anthropological Society.

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the resolution to charter the Anthropological Society.

Speaker Darrow called for a motion to approve the resolution to charter the Anthropological Society.

Deputy Speaker Lawson so moved, seconded by Senator Malin.

Discussion:

Sandor Vegh, President of the Anthropological Society, explained the purpose of the club and clarified the categories of membership: Friends, People, and Elders. The members are divided up based on their level of participation.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the resolution to charter the Anthropological Society.

V. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Deputy Speaker Lawson informed the Senate that over 100 voter registration cards and several absentee ballot applications were collected between 8:00 a.m and 2:00 p.m. on the first day of the Rock the Vote Mock Election. Several professors brought their classes down to register and to help.

President Elliott mentioned that he, Vice President Robinson, Dr. Salvador, Dick Ryther, and Leah Santirocco will be meeting on Monday, October 13 to discuss the current smoking policy. He welcomes everyone's input.

Some input included:

- Can anything be done about the cigarette butts on the ground at the front of campus near the bus loop? There are ashtrays there but there are always a lot of cigarette butts on the ground: can a different type of ashtray be looked into so that the wind does not blow them out?
- Students have offered to build shelters to save the college the expense of purchasing them; could that be a project for our student construction program?
- Someone from the outside should sponsor/provide shelters; if the MCC students were to build the shelters, it would be a show of support for smoking.

Advisor Stewart mentioned that Tuesday, October 14, at 3:00 p.m. is the opening of the PAC. She asked if the Senate had considered doing something different about the Senate meeting. President Elliott has been asked to speak at the opening.

Speaker Darrow mentioned that on Tuesday, October 14, from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Forum, Professors Andolino and Ertischek will be doing a pre-election presentation on Obama and McCain.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:42 p.m. Speaker Darrow called for a motion to adjourn.

Senator Kuhn so moved, seconded by Senator Bauman.

The Senate meeting was adjourned.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna M. Brennan
SA Secretary