



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, April 13, 2010
2:15 p.m. – Terrace Lounge**

Student Senators:

At-Large Senator Carey
At-Large Senator C. Hollander
Athletics Senator Pizarro
CAB Senator Young
Res. Hall Senator Pritchard-**Absent**
Service Clubs Senator Monroe
Social Clubs Senator J. Hollander

President:

Jason Childers

Vice President:

Tima Marathe-**Absent**

Speaker/ Science, Health & Business Senator

Simon Ruhindi

Deputy Speaker/Media Senator

Douglas “Mirlin” Moorefield

Campus Center Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

Visitors: Malcolm Cohen, Director of Community College Affairs, SUNY Student Assembly; Tony DiFabio, Peer Mentor; James Gilbert, student; Members of the Engineering Leadership Council; Rebecca Herzog, Campus Center; Corey Kesselring, Cabbages and Kings; Trung Nguyen, Campus Center; Nate Moore, WMCC; Catherine Higgins, SA Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:15 p.m.)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of April 6, 2010 Senate Meeting Minutes

Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to approve the minutes for April 6, 2010.

Deputy Speaker Moorefield so moved, seconded by Senator Monroe

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves the minutes for April 6, 2010 as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Malcolm Cohen reported that the SUNY Assembly Spring Conference will be held on April 16th through 18th at Saratoga Springs, New York. There will be a school spirit contest, judged by Chancellor Zimpher, and also a weekend long silent auction. The Chancellor will also be conducting a launch event for their new strategic plan entitled, “The Power of SUNY.” It is specifically geared toward SUNY students and only open to conference participants.

He then handed out an outline of the Executive Committee’s resolutions for this week’s business meeting agenda. The first resolution is to make the Director of Community College Affairs a permanent position. The second is to clean up the By-laws, in order to make it easier to remove misbehaving cabinet members. The third is to make the Director of Environmental Affairs a permanent cabinet position. The fourth is to endorse the Nutrition Outreach and Education Program, which is sponsored by Hudson Valley Community College.

Elections will be held this weekend for four e-board positions. After these positions are elected, they will be holding elections for 15 representatives.

On April 27th, there will be a Rochester area launch of their strategic plan to be held at MCC at 10:00 am. He encouraged all to attend.

III. REPORTS

A. Speaker

Speaker Ruhindi...

Last week he received a call from Colleen Young, Chairperson of the Henrietta Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, asking if any of our clubs and organizations would be interested in participating on June 11, 2010. If anyone is interested, they can sign up on line and start up a team by donating money or you can just volunteer at the event. The Relay has three themes: Celebrate, Remember and Fight Back. Speaker Ruhindi will be forwarding the link to everyone. He believes this would be a wonderful event for us as student leaders to get involved with, since MCC is all about giving back to the community.

B. Deputy Speaker

Deputy Speaker Moorefield...

- **Media:**

- **Monroe Doctrine**

- The latest issue of the Doctrine will be out on April 26, 2010. It will be distributed the Friday before break, April 16, 2010, and will contain information regarding student health care, upcoming SGA elections, Earth Day, sustainability and Dr. Kress's Inauguration. They are looking for advertisements of any shape and size and would be happy to work with you if you have an event planned.

- They are on the verge of deciding new officers for next semester. If anyone is interested in a position, they are accepting letters of intent for Fall 2010. Please see Madasyn Czebiniak for directions on how to format the letter.

- The budget has been formulated for next year and they have an event planned for Spring Fling.

- **WMCC the Fuse**

- They voted for next semester's e-board members. Tom will be General Manager, Tim (Stam) will be Assistant General Manager, and Chrissy Flanagan will be the Program Director. They also voted for DJ of the Year, and set up a Staff Member of the Year award for those who are a part of WMCC, but don't have a DJ position. The winner will get a \$100 scholarship that comes out of WMCC's budget. They are looking for suggestions for fundraising events that involve multiple clubs. One suggestion was to throw a rave party at MCC. They have just received a new lighting rig, which will give them more options to organize a larger variety of events.

- **Senate Media Committee**

- The first official meeting of the Media Committee was held on Wednesday, April 7th at 11:00am. In attendance were Senator Moorefield, Anelyse Wojick of Cabbages and Kings, and Nate Moore of WMCC. Madasyn Czebiniak was ill and could not attend. They discussed their purpose, becoming an official committee, weekly reports, and joint projects between the three media and plans for Project Gazebo. A resolution by President Childers was written and put on the Senate agenda to approve the Media Committee, with Deputy Speaker Moorefield as Chairman and Anelyse Wojick, Nate Moore, Madasyn Czebiniak, Elli Kuhn and Christopher Hollander as members for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic year. Another member, Corinne Land, will be added in the future. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 5th. Because of a scheduling conflict, the meeting time will be moved from 11:00am to 3:30 pm. Deputy Speaker Moorefield has established a Yahoo group for the committee to better communicate.

- **Independent Projects:**

- **Project Gazebo**

- Deputy Speaker Moorefield has worked on the Facebook page for Project Gazebo, posting updates when necessary.

- He has written the official proposal to the City for Project Gazebo. Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Youth Services, Luis Burgos, delegated Project Gazebo to Assistant Commissioner, Anthony Jordan. He submitted a written proposal and included the working logo graphic. He is waiting to hear back from him.

- **Red Cross Blood Drive**

- Deputy Speaker Moorefield participated in the Red Cross Blood Drive last week as a volunteer.

C. Senators

Senator Carey...

- **Blood Drive**

He thanked all who donated blood and/or volunteered at the Blood Drive last week. As soon as he gets the final numbers, he will pass them along.

- **Direct Deposit**

Brian Legg is scheduled to speak to the Senate on April 27th regarding the direct deposit for financial aid checks beginning this fall.

D. Senator C. Hollander...

- **DCC Pride Alliance**

Pride Week was observed at Damon Campus this week. Monday was the Multi-Pride Talent Show that showcased poetry, readings from novels, and drag performances to celebrate the life of the GLBT community. Today there will be a presenter talking about anti-violence resources available to those that need it and will be discussing crimes from law enforcement towards members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered community. Tomorrow at 11:30am, there will be an Ice Cream Social in the 4th floor lounge. Finally, on Thursday, April 15th at 2:00 pm, Julie White will be hosting Safe Zone Training in the Multi-Purpose room. This is also part of the Campus Center's Leadership Workshop Series. Students that attend will be able to use this toward their Leadership Certificate and Co-Curricular transcript. All students of MCC are welcomed to attend the event. Students driving to the Damon City Campus can park in the Mortimer Street Garage for no cost, as long as they show their MCC ID. MCC ID is required to enter the Damon City Campus.

- **SUNY Student Assembly**

This coming weekend, Senator Hollander will be attending the SUNY Student Assembly. He is excited to attend the workshops, and will be working diligently with our team and the representatives from the Damon City Campus, to insure we win the spirit contest.

- **Media Committee and collaboration with WMCC**

Senator Hollander is currently working with WMCC on making a commercial for the Senate to help create more awareness of our public meetings on Tuesdays. We are also working on a public service announcement to be played before our Senate meetings, so students in the Campus Center know when they begin.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

- a. **Resolution to approve funding to the Engineering Leadership Council for the amount of money presented by the Finance Committee member.**

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves the funding to the Engineering Leadership Council for the amount of money presented by Finance Committee member.

Senator Monroe stated that the Finance Committee reviewed the resolution to approve the amount of \$7,730.50, to the Engineering Leadership Council, but the Senate Contingency Fund contains only \$2,229.20. Therefore, the Finance Committee is recommending that the amount of \$2,229.20 be approved for the Engineering Leadership Council.

Discussion:

David Pashina, President of the Engineering Leadership Council, explained that they requested this money for their yearly regional TYESA Competition. They hope to defend their state championship. He would appreciate any consideration given to this matter.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the amount of \$2,229.20 to the Engineering Leadership Council presented by the Finance Committee member.

- b. **Resolution to approve members to the Media Committee**

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate consents to the appointment of Douglas Moorefield, as Committee Chair., and Christopher Hollander, Elli Kuhn,

Anelyse Wojick, Nate Moore and Madasyn Czebiniak members of the Media Committee for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic school year.

Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to approve committee members.

Senator Carey so moved, seconded by Senator Monroe.

Discussion:

~~Corey Kesselring~~, *Nate Moore*, who was representing Anelyse Wojick, stated that the purpose of their group is to unite the media portions of the clubs and organizations at MCC. They also want to create events and details to connect all the clubs at MCC for a more synergetic experience between clubs.

Senator Hollander stated that he felt creating a committee for this purpose was an excellent idea.

Deputy Speaker Moorefield read a statement of support from Madasyn Czebiniak, Editor of the Monroe Doctrine, regarding the forming of a Media Committee.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government

Association Senate unanimously approves the appointment of Douglas Moorefield, as Committee Chair., and Christopher Hollander, Elli Kuhn, Anelyse Wojick, Nate Moore and Madasyn Czebiniak as members of the Media Committee for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic school year.

V. Campus Center Advisor

Campus Center Advisor Stewart...

Shuttle Bus Service

On Wednesday, April 28th, Annette Agness is looking for student volunteers sometime between the hours of 7:30am and 3:00pm to test some scenarios regarding the shuttle service that will go between the Brighton and Damon campuses. If you are interested, please submit your contact information to Advisor Stewart.

PTK Honors

Phi Theta Kappa recently traveled to their International convention held at Disney World. They received the Service Hallmark Award and Jodi Oriel received the Distinguished Chapter Advisor Award.

IV. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Senator Young stated that the Campus Activities Board will hold an open mike event in the Marketplace on April 14th at noon. On April 26th, there will be a Laser Tag event in the Residence Halls. He encouraged everyone to attend these events.

Chuck Theis expressed his concern regarding complaints he has received from students about the Public Safety office. He has been told several stories of staff acting in a non-professional manner towards students. Speaker Ruhindi suggested he take his concerns to Lee Struble, Director of Public Safety.

Jason Hollander informed everyone that the Electronic Gaming Society is holding a tournament on April 14th in Monroe A & B from 10:00am until 4:00pm. It is a free event.

V. ADJOURNMENT

At 3:48 p.m. Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Moorefield so moved, seconded by Senator Carey. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Higgins
SA Secretary