



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, October 5, 2010
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)**

Student Senators:

Academic Clubs Senator Li
At-Large Senator DiPonzio
At-Large Senator Shaffner
Athletics Senator Sharp
Interdisciplinary Studies Senator Wassel-Saxe
Liberal Arts Senator Ramirez
Residence Hall Senator Young
Science, Health & Business Senator Snyder
Service Clubs Senator Hannah
Social Clubs Senator Blue
Technical Education Senator Lucas

President:

Jason Childers

Vice President

Christopher Hollander

Speaker/Media Senator

Mirlin Moorefield

Deputy Speaker/At-Large Senator

Jack Hills

Assistant Deputy Speaker/CAB Senator

Diamond Simmons

Campus Center Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

Campus Center Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog - **Absent**

Visitors: Annette Agness, Director, MCC Association; Dick Ryther, Associate Vice President, Student Services; Martin Arista, Global Union; David Colbert, student; Tony DiFabio, Orientation Assistant; Daisy Luma Haddision, Peer Mentor/Resident Assistant; Cathy Higgins, Office of Student Life and Leadership Development; Eddie Visagie, Student Trustee; Donna Brennan, Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:17 p.m.)

A. Roll Call

Absent – Vice President Hollander

Absent – Senator Wassel-Saxe

Absent – Senator Lucas

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Student David Colbert asked if it would be possible to get healthier choices in the vending machines in Building 11. Ms. Agness indicated that the college is currently looking at this issue. There are several things to consider. Since food must be kept at the correct temperature, there are coolers and other kitchen equipment that may have to be utilized. Sodexo is planning on doing a walkthrough of the campus to identify spaces that would be suitable and to identify where outlets might need to be.

Mr. Ryther stated that in the past, we tried items like fresh fruit in the machines and there was a lot of waste. This is not to say that this issue cannot be revisited.

President Childers stated that ~~Sodexo~~ *Student Government* is setting up a Food Service Committee and that perhaps Mr. Colbert would be interested in participating. If so, he can give his contact information to President Childers.

III. REPORTS

A. Speaker

Speaker Moorefield...

Media Committee

The Media Committee is meeting bi-weekly and Promotions Coordinator, Luis Perez has accepted the responsibility for bringing in external media for the Media Fair. Both WMCC and the Monroe Doctrine have been heavily involved. Cabbages & Kings, Damon Campus and the Applied Tech Center have all sent representatives to the meetings. We hope to have confirmations from external media very soon so that we can begin promoting the event.

Project Gazebo

We haven't heard from Assistant Commissioner, Anthony Jordan from the City of Rochester in the last six weeks. The project will shift focus to lay the groundwork for building a Gazebo on the Brighton Campus property. The search for an architect is ongoing and it has been suggested that perhaps Perrone Engineering might be interested in the project. Dean Otero has said that he would be very interested in the project if it included an element of being dedicated to men and women in the Armed Forces. He will continue to bring news as it develops.

Leadership Retreat

The retreat was very successful. He enjoyed his role in it. About one half of the Senate attended and was involved in various aspects. He got through the weekend with few grievances and a smile on his face. The message of civility was well-received and all that remains are to apply the lessons learned and put them into daily practice.

B. Vice President

Vice President Hollander was absent – President Childers read his report...

Rock the Vote Committee

We are currently in the process of holding a Voter Registration Drive on campus and in the Residence Halls. Any senator or student that would like to help us out, we are in the Atrium/Terrace/Marketplace area during college hour and the Resident Halls at 7:45pm. The next step is to invite candidates to host rallies or debates on campus. On November 2nd, we are planning a nice event to watch election coverage.

National Coming Out Day

Everything is in order for National Coming Out Day on October 11th. Please join us for this event from 10am-2pm in the Atrium. There will be student clubs/organizations and community resources to benefit all students of MCC. Dr. Anne Kress will be joining us and is currently planning to be the first person through the door, followed by members of the e-board of SGA, if they so choose.

SUNY Student Assembly

The SUNY Student Assembly Conference occurs at the end of the month. SGA has chosen its voting delegates. When he has more information on resolutions and workshops, he will include them in his report.

C. Senators

Senator DiPonzio...

This past weekend he attended the MCC Leadership Retreat at Camp Stella Maris. He saw many other senators from both the Brighton Campus and Damon City Campus. It was great to make new friends at both campuses, which will make SGA and SEGA relationship even stronger. We learned many things about ourselves and others. We learned how to work with one another. What strengths we have and what strengths we have to work on. Even though he was tired after the weekend, he had a great time.

In the coming weeks he plans on formulating ideas for a Brighton Campus SGA Twitter account. Many government and local officials have verified accounts, so if they "follow" us on Twitter, we can show the world how great SGA is doing. President Kress has an account and he thinks she would love to keep up with our progress.

Senator Hannah...

Over the last few weeks he has gotten comfortable in his position of senator. Mr. Hannah and the other club senators have met with Shirley to outline which clubs would fall under whose jurisdiction. He is currently in the process of contacting these clubs to let them know about the SGA On Your Side Initiative and to let them know he is there to help. He is also asking to be kept informed about the club's activities. Senators need to become more involved in what our student body has going on. He thanked all those who put together the Leadership Retreat. He learned a lot about the responsibility of our positions and how to effectively carry out those responsibilities. The Rock the Vote committee held voter registration yesterday and received many registration forms during college hour, and received forms from the Residence Halls as well. They will be running the Registration Drive all week and he encourages everyone to get the word out about getting registered to vote.

Senator Snyder...

Senator Snyder has helped select ten of the current Senators and contributed to the operation of the Travel and Finance Committee as one of the members from the Senate. This committee gave due consideration to Global Union's request for partial funding of their trip to Northeastern University and other attractions in Boston. The request was approved. The trip will be taking place November 12, 13, 14th. Fifty-two students have paid a deposit. He participated in the 33rd Annual Leadership Retreat this past weekend. The retreat was a challenging, busy, and rewarding.

Senator Snyder plans to work to increase the awareness of, and participation in Student Government at MCC, particularly the Senate.

Senator Young...

Senator Young is the new Residence Hall Senator and is a first year student. He is looking forward to serving the student body at MCC. He will be meeting with Shelitha Dickerson and the RDs on an ongoing basis. He also participated in the Rock the Vote registration.

D. Campus Center Advisor

Campus Center Advisor Stewart...

Advisor Stewart read a statement from Dr. Kress regarding the issue of diversity. As part of MCC's commitment to this issue, we have developed and implemented Safe Zone training. The college community will not tolerate harassment of any community member on campus. She encouraged everyone to participate in MCC Coming Out Day to be held on October 11th. The Peer Mentors will have a Safe Zone table at the event.

E. Faculty Advisor

Faculty Advisor McCauley...

Advisor McCauley apologized for not being at the Leadership Retreat. He was attended the One Nation event in Washington DC on the National Mall. He encouraged everyone to go to one of these events, if the chance ever presents itself. It is a very rewarding experience.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve Anthony Tann as the Physical Activities Coordinator

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves Anthony Tann as the Physical Activities Coordinator for the 2010 – 2011 Academic Year.

Speaker Moorefield called for a motion to approve the resolution to approve Anthony Tann as the Physical Activities Coordinator for the 2010-11 Academic Year.

Senator Hill so moved, seconded by **Senator Young**.

Discussion:

Mr. Tann stated that he has been recently discharged from the Army. He would like to see changes made in the gym hours, as well as in some other areas.

Senator Blue felt Mr. Tann would make a great addition. President Childers feels that he is well-qualified for the position.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, that the Brighton Student Government Association approves the resolution to approve Anthony Tann as the Physical Activities Coordinator for the 2010-11 Academic Year.

b. Resolution to approve the Rock the Vote Committee

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves the appointment of Megan Scott, Mike Walsh, Erik Olsson, and Kelly Bynes to the Rock The Vote Committee for the 2010-2011 Academic Year.

Speaker Moorefield called for a motion to approve the appointment of Megan Scott, Mike Walsh, Erik Olsson and Kelly Bynes to the Rock the Vote Committee for the 2010-11 Academic Year.

Senator Simmons so moved, seconded by **Senator DiPonzio**.

Discussion:

Senator Hannah stated that several appointees have already been involved in participating on this committee.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, that the Brighton Student Government Association approve the appointment of Megan Scott, Mike Walsh, Erik Olsson and Kelly Bynes to the Rock the Vote Committee for the 2010-11 Academic Year.

V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:44p.m. Speaker Moorefield called for a motion to adjourn. Senator DiPonzio so moved, seconded by Senator Snyder. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Higgins
Secretary