



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR  
Tuesday, October 12, 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-**Absent**

**President:**

Jason Childers-**Absent**

**Vice President**

Christopher Hollander

**Speaker/Media Senator**

Mirlin Moorefield

**Deputy Speaker/At-Large Senator**

Jack Hills

**Assistant Deputy Speaker/CAB Senator**

Diamond Simmons-**Absent**

**Campus Center Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart

**Faculty Advisor:**

Joseph McCauley-**Absent**

**Campus Center Advisor:**

Rebecca Herzog

**Visitors:** Dr. Susan Salvador, Vice President, Student Services; Lee Struble, Director, Public Safety; Patrick Harney, Cinema Society; Rahul Raja, student; Brandilea Trescott, HGHRP; Eddie Visagie, Student Trustee; Catherine Higgins, Secretary.

**I. CALL TO ORDER (2:14 p.m.)**

**A. Roll Call**

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

**Speaker Moorefield** began by recognizing Dr. Susan Salvador, Vice President of Student Services and Student Trustee, Eddie Visagie and welcomed them to the meeting.

**Student Trustee, Eddie Visagie** began by thanking Dr. Salvador for coming to the meeting today. He is meeting with Dr. Bartkovich on October 13th regarding the wireless system on campus. The Monroe Doctrine has agreed to report on the findings of this meeting. He thanked those who have informed him of the problems they have been experiencing with the system.

He has been invited to a web development meeting with Dr. Salvador and the Directors on October 21<sup>st</sup> to talk about the new website. If you have any comments or concerns, please contact him before October 15<sup>th</sup>. He can be emailed at [evisagie001@student.monroecc.edu](mailto:evisagie001@student.monroecc.edu).

The MCC Board of Trustees took the following actions at the October 4<sup>th</sup> board meeting:

Accepted the interim financial report as of July 31, 2010; Authorized the purchase of items over \$10,000 for the month of July 2010; Authorized an agreement between MCC and the MCC Association which fully reimburses the MCC Association for all costs associated with its proposed purchase of 2590 Brighton-Henrietta Townline Road and authorized a lease from the MCC Association to Monroe County as trustee for Monroe Community College; Approved the promotion of Andrew Latta from Specialist II to Specialist I; Conducted an executive session pursuant to Public Officers Law Section 105, sub-section h.

The board also heard presentations regarding MCC's civility initiatives and the MCC Association budget.

**Dr. Salvador** stated that if there are any additional questions for the Board, she would be happy to answer them.

**Brandilea Trescott**, from the Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Project, spoke about their upcoming Walk on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. They are presenting a challenge to clubs and organizations to help fundraise for this event. The club or organization that raises the most money will get a free catered meal. Other prizes will also be handed out.

**Lee Struble**, Director of Public Safety announced that next week is the first Annual Civility Week at the college.

On Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a Civility Central location on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Damon Campus from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Civility Locations will include buttons, bookmarks and other interesting information on the theme of civility. Individuals can make a pledge of civility and receive a free button.

They will show *Pay It Forward* and offer free popcorn in Room 4-4013 at 2:00 pm. on Monday.

On Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, there will be a Civility Central location on the Terrace in building 3 on the Brighton Campus from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Dr. P.M. Forni will hold a Professional Development Workshop on Tuesday in Monroe A & B from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. He will then present a Keynote Address to the college community in the theatre at 7:00pm

We will show *Pay It Forward* on the Brighton Campus on Tuesday at Canal Hall conference room at 9:00pm

Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Forni will be at Damon Campus for a book signing and presentation at noon. There will be a showing of *Pay It Forward* in the Forum on the Brighton Campus at 1:30pm

He thanked everyone for their support and indicated that there have been no fights on campus so far this semester.

**Dr Salvador** addressed the Senate as “incredible leaders.” Mr. Struble and Dick Stewart, a faculty member in the Math Department created this Civility Initiative about a year and a half ago. We hope that this will be one of the best-recognized initiatives at an institution. When Dr. Forni heard about this effort, he asked to come to MCC to be a participant and we were happy to invite him. She recognized Mr. Struble for his excellent work on this initiative and thanked the Senate, stating how grateful she was to all of them for their work, as well.

**Rebecca Herzog**, Program Coordinator, gave an update of Campus Activity Board events.

On October 13<sup>th</sup> in the Atrium from 12:00 to 1:00pm, there will be pumpkin painting.

On Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a Drag Show in Monroe A & B. Tickets are free for the MCC community and are \$3.00 for the General Public. Tickets are online or available at the door.

On Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> they will present Heads vs. Feds, a debate on the legalization of marijuana. It will be free for the MCC community and \$5.00 for the general public. Tickets are online or available at the door.

On Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the Forum, Robert Stutman, retired DEA agent, will give a personalized workshop. We have sent out invitations to targeted groups. This event is free.

On Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> we will present “Deal or No Deal” based on the game show. The contestants will be dressed as pirates. Students can win up to \$500. If you know of any students who need a community service credit toward their Leadership Certificate, they are looking for volunteers.

### III. REPORTS

#### A. Vice President

##### Vice President Hollander...

##### National Coming Out Day

National Coming Out day was a huge success. We had community groups like the Gay Alliance of Genesee Valley and Mocha explaining what services they provide. MCC clubs and organizations that attended the event included MCC Pride Alliance, DCC Pride Alliance, Holocaust Genocide and Human Rights Project, Campus Activities Board, WMCC, the Fuse, and Peer Mentors. At noon, we started the coming out event. Dr. Kress came out as an ally and explained diversity is the way of life here at MCC. Thank you to everyone who attended

and helped with this event. A special thank you to Andrew Dresang and Diversity Coordinator Patel for the hard work they put into planning this event.

### **Rock the Vote**

Last week we held our Voter Registration Drive on campus in the marketplace and Residence Halls. We had 165 voter registrations turned in. A special thank you is in order to everyone who was involved in this effort. Work is under progress to invite candidates to come to MCC for rallies. We are also planning an election result party for November 2nd. Pizza and wings will be provided.

The Rock the Vote Committee unanimously agreed to change quorum from 50% plus one to 33% plus one in order to ensure against not meeting quorum.

## **B. Senators**

### **Senator Li...**

Senator Li has been talking to several clubs, including the Biology Club, Engineering Leadership Council, Holocaust Genocide and Human Rights Project, Phi Theta Kappa, and the Spanish Club about what events are coming up. She is working on meeting with the various clubs that are under her position.

She attended the Leadership Retreat and felt it was great time to get to know everyone. The Travel Contingency met up with Shirley on Monday to approve a retreat that Campus Ambassadors will be holding in November.

She is planning on going to an ~~ESL~~ *ESOL* class to talk about which clubs are available for MCC students. She emailed professors to see when times are available to visit their classes.

### **Senator Shaffner...**

On Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, Senator Shaffner assisted with inventory of various items that had been stored in cardboard boxes in the backroom of the Senate Office. These items have now been consolidated into seven plastic totes. An inventory sheet has been typed for the contents of each bin. These sheets will be laminated and placed on the outside of the bins for future reference.

On Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, she participated in the MCC Red Cross Blood Drive. She assisted at the refreshment table and was trained to look for any adverse signs associated with blood donation, such as dizziness and fainting. She would also like to recognize my fellow associate, Diamond Simmons for her active participation in recruiting potential blood donors and MCC Media for getting the word out to our student body.

### **Senator Sharp...**

Senator Sharp stated that over the past few weeks, there have been Senate meetings that went well, and some that had moments that challenged us all to think outside our comfort areas. We showed how strong we can be if we are patient and take time to understand one another. He is currently in the process of working with the Athletic Department to get a complete schedule for all of the sports teams we offer. This will help with promoting events, as well as inform students of tryout dates. He plans to have a series of meetings with Athletics to talk about the possibility of having new intramural sports for older students. This idea was brought up by Speaker Moorefield.

### **Senator Wassel-Saxe...**

Senator Wassel-Saxe stated that her major is Business. This is her first year at MCC.

She is looking forward to serving the student body at MCC and learning the duties of her position.

If anyone has any questions for her, feel free to ask.

## **B. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)**

#### **a. Resolution to charter the Honors Council**

**Resolved**, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves the Constitution as submitted by the Honors Council members, and further be it

**Resolved**, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate accepts the petition for charter as submitted, and approves the chartering of the Honors Council.

Speaker Moorefield called for a motion to charter the Honors Council. The motion was moved by Senator Li, seconded by Senator Blue.

**Discussion:**

Vice President Hollander expressed some concerns over the fact that there were no representatives from the Honors Council at the meeting. Article 3, Section 2A states that “regular attendance is required for active members.” He asked what percentage of attendance was considered regular attendance. Advisor Stewart suggested that Vice President Hollander ask the Council for a definition of “regular attendance” and charter them based on the outcome. It was decided to table the discussion after Speaker Moorefield received a text message from a member of the Honors Council asking to table this resolution because they could not send a representative to the meeting.

Senator Moorefield called for a motion to table the resolution. The motion was moved by **Senator Blue**, seconded by **Senator Snyder**.

**A vote was taken.**

The resolution is tabled.

**b. Resolution to approve appointments to various Committees**

*Resolved*, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate consents to the appointments of the following to sit on the said Committees for the 2010-2011 academic school year:

- Lisa Armstrong on the Parking Appeals Committee;
- Jason Childers, Mirlin Moorefield, and Jessica Monroe on the Food Service Committee;
- Patrick Harney on the Media Committee;
- Tina Li, Jemi Patel, Mirlin Moorefield and Joshua Ramirez on the By-Laws Committee;
- Mirlin Moorefield, Simon Ruhindi, and Patricia Giverson on the Library Student Advisory Committee;
- Erick Hannah, Christopher Hollander, Rimsha Khan, Tina Li, Jemi Patel, Luis Perez, and Travis Sharp for Club Constitution Committee.

Senator Moorefield called for a motion to approve appointments to various Committees. The motion was moved by Senator DiPonzio, seconded by Senator Young.

Senator Blue called for a friendly amendment to add Scott Blue to the Club Constitution Committee. The motion was made by Senator Blue, agreed to by Senator DiPonzio and seconded by Senator Young.

There was no discussion. The friendly amendment passed unanimously.

**Discussion:**

Vice President Hollander, representing the Executive Branch in the absence of Vice President Childers, stated that he feels confident in these choices made for these committees and that various students will perform well and be an asset.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved**, that the Brighton Student Government Association approves the appointments of the following to sit on said committees for the 2010-2011 academic school year: Lisa Armstrong on the Parking Appeals Committee; Jason Childers, Mirlin Moorefield, and Jessica Monroe on the Food Service Committee; Patrick Harney on the Media Committee; Tina Li, Jemi Patel, Mirlin Moorefield and Joshua Ramirez on the By-Laws Committee; Mirlin Moorefield, Simon Ruhindi, and Patricia Giverson on the Library Student Advisory Committee; Scott Blue, Erick Hannah, Christopher Hollander, Rimsha Khan, Tina Li, Jemi Patel, Luis Perez, and Travis Sharp for Club Constitution Committee.

**V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:42p.m. Speaker Moorefield called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Snyder so moved, seconded by Senator DiPonzio. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Higgins  
Secretary