



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR  
Tuesday, March 16, 2010  
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)**

**Student Senators:**

At-Large Senator Carey  
Athletics Senator Pizarro  
CAB Senator Young  
Liberal Arts Senator Gothard-**absent**  
Media Senator Moorefield  
Residence Hall Senator Pritchard  
Service Clubs Senator Monroe

**President:**

Jason Childers

**Vice President:**

Tima Marathe

**Speaker/ Science, Health & Business Senator**

Simon Ruhindi

**Campus Center Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart

**Faculty Advisor:**

Joseph McCauley

**Visitors:** Shirley Batistta-Provost, Rebecca Herzog, Trung Nguyen, Campus Center; Malcolm Cohen, Director of Community College Affairs, SUNY Student Assembly; Tamarra Hillabush Walker, WMCC Advisor; Timothy Stam, Jesse Erb, Christine Flanagan, Larissa Coe, WMCC the Fuse; Tony DiFabio, Peer Mentor; Jean Mastowski, Alumnus; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

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

**A. Roll Call**

(See attendance above)

**B. Approval of February 23, 2010 Senate Meeting Minutes**

Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to approve the minutes for February 23, 2010.

Senator Carey so moved, seconded by Senator Pritchard.

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the minutes for February 23, 2010 as written.

**C. Approval of February 26, 2010 Senate Emergency Meeting Minutes**

Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to approve the minutes for February 26, 2010.

Senator Carey so moved, seconded by Senator Young.

Discussion:

Senator Young motioned to change Action Item 1 – where it states “Speaker Carey read the following resolutions,” to say “Senator Carey read the following resolutions.”

A vote to approve the friendly amendment was taken.

The motion passed.

A vote on the amended resolution was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the minutes for February 26, 2010 as amended.

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

Tim Stam, Larissa Coe, Christine Flanagan and Jesse Erb, members of WMCC the Fuse, reported on their recent participation in a broadcasting conference in NYC. They brought back information on internet broadcasting, co-

relations with the local scene and other organizations, using social networking, promotions, and the IBS backbone network which would open a multitude of opportunities.

Malcolm Cohen stated that at the next Senate meeting he will give an update on the final SUNY Group 200 Conversation and on the final SUNY SA Executive Committee Meeting. He also reminded everyone that SUNY Palooza is on Wednesday, March 24.

### III. REPORTS

#### A. Speaker

##### **Speaker Ruhindi...**

- Congratulations to Vice President Marathe for a job well done on the ENABLE Health Fair.
- Thank you to Senator Carey and Senator Young for their work on the Presidential Trivia event.

#### B. Vice President

##### **Vice President Marathe was absent. Acting Deputy Speaker Moorefield read her report:**

- *Enable Student Health Fair – held on March 10 was sponsored by the SGA and the Men of Excellence. After many months and hours of planning, the event was an outstanding success. Hundreds of students attended the event and were successful with connecting with the community partners who took part. Over 50 people signed up at the MS Society's table, to participate in the May 2nd MS walk with team MCC! The entire SGA Cabinet and Senate were instrumental in making this event happen, and making it successful. Thank you to Betty Stewart for her help, her endless patience, and her guidance. Thanks also to the Monroe Doctrine for covering the event, to operations for their help with set-up, Courtney Belluccio for held securing the space, and Tony and Kathy from Dining Services for the Catering. A big thanks to the Men of Excellence for their collaboration and help with this event. All of the participants showed a spirit of togetherness, of community, and of our love of MCC.*

#### C. Senators

##### **Senator Carey...**

- Presidential Trivia Contest - thank you to all who participated in and watched the event, to Elli Kuhn and Chuck Theis for serving the pizza and drinks, and to Advisor Stewart for purchasing the gift cards and supplying the buzzer system.
- ASACC Conference – thank you to Jerome St. Croix and the Financial Aid office for supplying information needed for the conference.
- Absences – due to attendance at the ASACC Conference and the Model UN Conference, he will not be at the Senate meetings on March 16 and March 23.

##### **Senator Moorefield...**

- Cabbages & Kings - the new edition of Cabbages & Kings literary magazine is being compiled and edited but may be delayed until the fall.
- Monroe Doctrine - next issue will be out on Monday, March 22, 2010. Four members, Madasyn Czebiniak, Maria Locastro, Joshua Gilhuly, and Mike Maher, attended the College Media Advisors Conference in New York City. Tom Keenan is working on their website. The matter of the printer in the Monroe Doctrine office is still uncertain.
- WMCC Radio Station - Tom Quinn has given Betty Stewart estimates on the equipment the radio station needs. Ask Anne is March 25, 12-1pm.
- ASACC Conference – he and Ted Carey are part of the Leadership Team so they will be leaving for Washington on Friday morning to attend training. He will be assisting with the *Pell Grant* priority and Ted Carey will be working on the *Textbook* priority and the *Leadership Principles: From Your Favorite Movies and Quotes* workshop.
- Contact Information - office hour is on Wednesdays, 11am - 12 noon in the Senate Office, Rm. 3-127A; email address is dmoorefield001@student.monroecc.edu.

##### **Senator Pritchard...**

- Res. Hall Issues – he met with Shelitha Dickerson, Director of Housing & Res. Life, to discuss issues brought to him by some Res. Hall students. The students have 2 requests: coin machines in the laundry rooms and a shuttle around campus. One option discussed was the possibility of allowing physically impaired students in the Res. Halls to ask public safety for a ride to campus in the morning, especially in inclement weather. She also assured him that a better job of plowing the sidewalks would be done. The issue regarding coin machines in the laundry rooms is being worked on.
- Rochester Education Foundation – the SGA is working on the Books and Blankets drive in conjunction with the Peer Mentors. The purpose of the drive is to collect money from students in order to purchase books to be donated to the Rochester Education Foundation. He and the other senators will be going around campus collecting funds to purchase books.

### **Senator Young...**

- Campus Activities Board Events: Wednesday, March 17, Chicken Wing and Pie Eating competition Noon – 1pm in the Marketplace; Monday, March 22 and Wednesday, March 24, mask making event from 11am – 1pm in the CAB Office.
- CAB Executive Board Members - Applications for all positions for next year are available on their website. Return all completed applications to CAB Director Eddie Visagie no later than March 31, 2010.

### **D. Faculty Advisor**

**Faculty Advisor McCauley** congratulated Vice President Marathe for the success of the health fair. He hopes that the success of that event gives the Government some encouragement and motivation to bring similar events to campus.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

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

#### **a. Resolution to Appoint Douglas Moorefield as Deputy Speaker**

*Resolved*, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves the appointment of Douglas Moorefield as Deputy Speaker for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic year.

Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to approve the appointment of Douglas Moorefield as Deputy Speaker.

Senator Carey so moved, seconded by Senator Young.

Discussion:

Senator Carey explained that according to the By-laws 2/3rds of the Senate need to be present to approve the resolution. With 5 voting members present, all 5 would have to vote yea. He suggested a secret ballot with no abstentions.

Senator Carey motioned to call the question. There was no second to the motion.

Malcolm Cohen explained that it is 2/3rds of those present and voting for a vote to take place. He also stated that he felt that Senator Moorefield would make an excellent Deputy Speaker.

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 Deputy Speaker for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic year.

#### **b. Resolution to Remove Committee Members**

*Resolved*, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate consents to the removal of Rahul Raja, Erin Markum, Fred Brown, Tima Marathe, Anthony Proietti, and Sarah Gothard from the Events Committee for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic year.

Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to approve the removal of committee members.

Senator Carey so moved, seconded by Senator Young.

Discussion:

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the removal of Rahul Raja, Erin Markum, Fred Brown, Tima Marathe, Anthony Proietti, and Sarah Gothard from the Events Committee for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic year.

c. **Resolution to Approve Committee Members for the Events Committee**

*Resolved*, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate consents to the appointment of Kevin Pizarro to sit on the Events Committee for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic year.

Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to approve committee members for the Events Committee. Senator Young so moved, seconded by Senator Pritchard.

Discussion:

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the appointment of Kevin Pizarro to sit on the Events Committee for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic year.

**V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Shirley Batistta-Provost informed everyone that on May 19, an Advisors' Luncheon will be held. The Campus Center holds a luncheon every year to thank the club/organization advisors for the work they do with their respective club/organization. In the past, prior to the Advisors' Luncheon, the students in the clubs/organizations have been asked to do a little something (candy, flowers, thank you note, etc.) to thank their advisor/s.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Brennan  
SA Secretary