



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, March 9, 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: Lee Struble, Public Safety; Renee Rigoni, Business Administration/Economics Department; Marisol Galarza-Ruiz, ESOL/Foreign Language Department; Rick Costanza, Education Department; Kailea Colayori, American Sign Language Club; Malcolm Cohen, Director of Community College Affairs, SUNY Student Assembly; Christopher Hollander, SEGA; Dan Horrocks, Monroe Doctrine; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

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

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of March 2, 2010 Senate Meeting Minutes

Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to approve the minutes for March 2, 2010.

Senator Carey 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 unanimously approves the minutes for March 2, 2010 as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

There was no one to speak to the Senate.

III. REPORTS

A. President

President Childers...

- ACUI Conference – he attended the conference in New York City with Directors Kuhn and Markum. They attended a roundtable on preventing violence on campus where they picked up guidelines for a “Campus Safety Committee”, and a “Civility and Peer Support Committee”. The Civility and Peer Support Committee would consist of a group of people who would keep up with news (of personal loss, violent incidents, illness, even celebrations) of MCC Students, Faculty, and Staff and follow up on them. Director Markham will be announcing her plans for this at a Cabinet meeting. They explored the Exposition Booths and President Childers participated in the Regional Recreation and Leisure Activity Events Competition.
- Elections – there are four elections workshops and he advises those choosing to run to not wait to attend one. Good luck to all looking at participating in the elections.

B. Senators

Senator Carey...

- St. Patrick's Day parade is Saturday, March 13 - thank you to President Crystal Dixon and her SEGA team for inviting SGA and all clubs and organizations from the Brighton Campus to participate. There is a facebook event page which has been created for the parade.
- Presidential Trivia contest – Monday, March 15, in the Campus Center Atrium from noon -1:00p.m.. First place team members will each receive a \$40 mall gift card and each member of the runner up team will receive a \$20 mall gift card. Sign up at the SGA office or email tcarey006@student.monroecc.edu. A Facebook events page has been created for this event.
- FREE MCC Shuttle – a free shuttle between the Brighton and Damon Campuses will begin on September 7, 2010, the first day of the Fall Semester. The contract calls for 2 buses to run simultaneously from 7:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and then one bus from 2:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday during the Fall and Spring Semesters. The shuttle is for MCC students, faculty and staff only with no stops between the campuses. The tentative stop at Brighton will be outside the Gilman Lounge area with Damon's stop on Franklin St. The Transportation Committee has been working on this for years; this endeavor was a team effort. Thank you to Heze Simmons, chair of the Transportation Committee and the entire Transportation Committee for not giving up on the shuttle and to Dr. Salvador and the members of the MCC Association Board of Directors for approving the funds needed for the shuttle to have it free for students, faculty and staff.

Senator Moorefield...

- Senate Media Committee
2 out of 3 Medias are onboard with the Senate Media Committee. Cabbages & Kings has yet to choose a representative. Meetings will be held Wednesday, April 7th, 11a.m.-12p.m. and Wednesday, May 5th, 11a.m. – 12p.m. Future meetings will be scheduled.
- Monroe Doctrine
Madasyn Czebiniak has volunteered as a representative to the Media Committee. They have been given permission to use their own budget to replace a broken printer. Some members participated in a media conference in Brockport. MD continues to work on their website.
- WMCC
Ask Anne will be March 25, 12p.m. – 1p.m. All CDs are in the process of being cataloged. A listener survey is being developed; they may ask MCC Research Department for assistance.
- Cabbages & Kings
The original deadline for submissions was extended to Feb 26th; no more submissions will be allowed. The magazine is now being edited for publication. There will be a book drive soon; time and date TBA. Author Colm Tobin was interviewed by C&K and that interview may be in this year's magazine.
- Project Gazebo
A committee is being formed for next year; two committee members have been selected. Project Meetings may be scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 12p.m.-1p.m. Current status will be covered by WMCC and the Monroe Doctrine; he will be interviewed by WMCC today.
- Office Hours - his office hours are Wednesdays, 11:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Senator Pizarro...

- He introduced himself as the new Athletics Senator.
- Student Issue – after speaking to students he found that many are unhappy with the current hours the gym is open. He will be following up with the Athletic Director.

C. Campus Center Advisor

Campus Center Advisor Stewart reminded everyone that SGA & Student Trustee election packets were available on Monday, March 1. Not many have been taken; she encouraged everyone to get out and talk to people about running for office. The SGA is an influential body with a very solid purpose and students are needed to be elected this spring so work can begin this summer.

D. Faculty Advisor

Faculty Advisor McCauley stated that he also attended the ACUI Conference in New York City. He attended a presentation regarding certifying Student Government. The structure of the idea encouraged setting goals early. The more people involved early on through elections helps this process work. Then through the year look at what goals have been met and what have not; also how were those goals met or why were they not met. This could eventually lead to packets being left for future governments on how to set goals, what was been done to accomplish those goals, and explanations on how to be a speaker, senator and/or president. There was some good information that would help to find ways to be a better Student Government going forward.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve the funding of \$639.98 to the American Sign Language Club

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the funding of \$639.98 to the American Sign Language Club.

This resolution came from committee so no motion needed.

Discussion:

Kailea Colayori, ASL President, explained that the money would be used for a Silent Dinner. This event is being held to help ASL students who have to have a community event where they meet with deaf people and people who sign to practice signing and learn new things about deaf culture. This also helps to prepare the students for their finals.

A vote was taken

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the funding of \$639.98 to the American Sign Language Club.

b. Resolution to approve the funding of \$905.00 to the Health Information Technology Department

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the funding of \$905.00 to the Health Information Technology Department.

This resolution came from committee so no motion needed.

Discussion:

Senator Carey explained that the funding will be used to send two students to Washington, DC to lobby for health care reform.

Advisor Stewart asked for clarification on who the money was going to. The concern is that the way the resolution is worded it sounds like student funds, which are student life fees, are being allocated to the Department.

Senator Moorefield asked if the students were MCC students.

Senator Carey confirmed that the students are MCC students. He explained that the request was not from the club itself and the Finance/Travel Committee didn't have a problem bringing the request to the Senate.

Malcolm Cohen stated that he agrees with Advisor Stewart about the wording of the resolution and, as a student who pays student life fees, would feel better if the resolution was amended.

Advisor McCauley suggested that the resolution be modified to say – “to fund 2 students \$905.00 to travel to participate in the health care reform process.”

The Finance/Travel Committee members present agreed to the modification of the resolution and accepted the friendly amendment.

A vote on the resolution as modified was taken:

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves to fund two Health Information Technology students \$905.00 to travel to Washington, DC to participate in the health care reform process.

IV. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Vice President Marathe reminded everyone that the ENABLE Student Health Fair is tomorrow, March 10, in the Campus Center Atrium. Many different groups will be there; there will be something to help everyone.

Advisor Stewart stated that the Silent Auction raised about \$800 to buy material to make blankets for President Kress's Inauguration. Two days have been set aside to make the blankets; this is open to all student leaders.

Malcolm Cohen spoke about SUNY Palooza sponsored by SUNY Student Assembly which will take place on Wednesday, March 24, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in Albany. Students will be attending to advocate on behalf of the Public Higher Education Empowerment and Innovation Act as well as against the Governor's proposed budget cuts. He is looking for a tentative number of students planning to attend. Advisor McCauley asked if he had spoken to Cynthia Cooper to coordinate this since the college, in the past, has had participation in lobbying efforts with the President.

Malcolm explained that the President will be lobbying but separate from SUNY Student Assembly.

Usually these trips to SUNY Palooza are organized by the Student Government. Last week he handed out a packet of information which was put together to help the student governments organize for this event.

Senator Moorefield stated that he would be interested in attending and if anybody else is interested talk to him.

Malcolm explained that this is open to all students not just the student governments.

V. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:45 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,

Donna Brennan
SA Secretary