



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR  
Tuesday, March 10, 2009  
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)**

**Student Senators:**

Academic Clubs Senator Acosta  
At-Large Senator Darrow  
At-Large Senator Lawson  
CASA Senator Brown-Absent  
Media Senator Gordon  
Residence Hall Senator Rice  
Science, Health & Business Senator Ruhindi  
Service Clubs Senator Malin

**President:**

Daniel Elliott

**Vice President:**

Sarah Robinson

**Acting Speaker/At-Large Senator**

Ted Carey

**Acting Deputy Speaker/Social Clubs Senator**

Andy Bauman

**Campus Center Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart

**Faculty Advisor:**

Joseph McCauley

**Visitors:** Dick Ryther, Student Services; Annette Agness, MCC Association, Inc.; Craig Proctor, Campus Center; Nelson Cupello, Murph Shapiro, Athletics; Tony DiFabio, Peer Mentor; Heather Naugle, Holocaust, Genocide & Human Rights Project; Malcolm Cohen, Presidential Cabinet; Devin Lynch, Student Trustee; Brandon Webb-Fezer, Kashmir Stearns, WMCC; Patrik Swanson, OAU; Jacob Tierney, Monroe Doctring; Jeff Scott, Andrew von Rathonvi, Kevin Conway, Chad Pierce, Steven Meyer, Ben Edwards, Chuck Houser III, Brian Beswick, Jake Bertani, MiniBaja; Joshua Koelle, James Bradford, Engineering Leadership Council; Nick Flanagan, Scott Batty, Brad Olan, Jeff Lederhouse, Nathaniel Burleigh, Billy Jackson, Nate Kaplan, Bill Mansfield, Mikail Udyak, John Redshaw, Gregg Griffo, Vitaliy Prus, Murray Kopit, Chris Murphy, Amy Ryan, ENR259; Jeffrey Hackett, Hyungki Kim, Paul Baker, ENR261; Adam Junod, Mike Marino, Rob Wood, Alumni; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

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

**A. Roll Call**

(See attendance above)

**B. Approval of February 24, 2009 minutes**

**Acting Speaker Carey** called for a motion to take the approval of the minutes for the February 24, 2009 Senate meeting off the table.

**Senator Ruhindi** so moved, seconded by Senator Rice.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves the motion.

**Acting Speaker Carey** called for a motion to approve the minutes for the February 24, 2009 Senate meeting.

**Senator Darrow** so moved, seconded by Senator Gordon.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves the minutes for the February 24, 2009 Senate meeting as written.

**C. Approval of March 3, 2009 minutes**

**Acting Speaker Carey** called for a motion to approve the minutes for the March 3, 2009 Senate meeting.

**Senator Lawson** so moved, seconded by Senator Rice.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves the minutes for March 3, 2009, as written.

## II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

**Nelson Cupello**, Men's Soccer Coach and Manager of the PAC Center was present to answer questions about the hours for the PAC and the HPL.

**Acting Speaker Carey** mentioned that the PAC Fitness Center and the HPL closed a couple of times before the scheduled time to close without notice and people depend on them to be open when they are suppose to be open.

**Nelson** explained that the HPL is controlled by the Physical Education Department. The PAC Fitness Center closed early because of a staffing problem. The student scheduled to be there could not be and they were unable to find anyone else to cover. If possible, they will move the person working in the field house into the Fitness Center. It all depends on the students who are scheduled to work being responsible and showing up for their scheduled time. The Fitness Center cannot be left open without someone who knows how to run the facility. They try to find students to work in the Fitness Center who know how to operate the machines, are somewhat certified in CPR, and who fit into the schedule.

**Vice President Robinson** asked why the hours of 11a.m.–2p.m. were set as the open hours for the college community. A lot of the funding for the facility came from the community and those hours seem to be such a short range of time to have it open when most people are working during that time.

**Nelson** stated that the hours for use by faculty, staff and students was set-up primarily by the administrators. The athletic teams are scheduled to work out in there from 2p.m. to 6p.m. because that coincides with their scheduled practice times. The HPL is open for the regular students to work out from 3:30 – 8:30 (check with the Physical Education Department for the exact hours).

**Mr. Ryther** explained that when they opened the PAC they tried to find a balance - Health and PE classes have the facility in the morning, it opens from 11-2 for the general public, and 2-6 is for the athletic teams. The most controversial time right now is 2-6 in the Fitness Center. They are working on identifying funds and availability, working with the athletic teams, to see if they can find a sharing of that space. The basketball program is almost over for the year so they will not be in there. They are going to work with the lacrosse, baseball and softball teams to see they can find a way and the money to staff that room from 2-6 so the general student population can get in there. They are trying to work it out so there is a balance between the HPL hours and the Fitness Center hours and the athletic program. This is the first full semester of having it open and they welcome any feedback. They are working to meet the needs of as many students as they can.

**Kevin Conway, Co-Captain, Andrew von Rathonvi, Captain, and Jeff Scott, Marketing Leader, spoke on behalf of the MiniBaja Team.** They informed the Senate that they will be submitting a request for funds from the Student Association in the amount of \$5060. Jeff Scott explained that they are part of the SAE (Society Automotive Engineers) Collegiate Design Series which sponsors several competitions throughout the year. This year they are on track to compete in Burlington, Wisconsin in June. The car they are designing must meet specific automotive specs and each year cost is incurred because they cannot use the same car year to year. They can use a successful design but it has to be changed; the chassis and frame have to be rebuilt every year. Jeff explained they have specific guidelines to follow in order to compete. He gave a power point presentation showing the car they are currently working on and explained the steps they have to take to build it. They work with people in the industry and they do a lot of in house work. They are working on setting up relationships with companies so that future students will be able to utilize that relationship. The club has been active on campus since 1997 and they have been in 5 national competitions. They have only competed once a year and are trying to get to the point where they can compete in both the state and national competitions every year. They will be fundraising on their own, sending out sponsorship packets and they have a company who has donated over \$2000 for shocks.

**Senators Malin and Rice** asked about the parts from the old cars that cannot be used.

**Jeff** explained that some of it has to be cut up but some parts can be reused but for safety reasons a new car needs to be rebuilt. **Andrew** stated that they took an old car to BOCES in Medina to show the high school students what they can do at MCC.

**Rob Woods**, MCC & ELC Alumna, stated that the long-range goal for the club isn't just to build a new car year after year. The school-wide goal is to bring in students from all different majors, different disciplines and different backgrounds to have a more enriched engineering team that the school could stand behind somewhat like a sports team instead of just the engineering students in building 7. Along with the sponsorship outside of the school, they are also looking for sponsorship inside the school with different departments and organizations. They would like to be more like a global union engineering group of people. One of the largest things in engineering these days is the diverse culture that exists.

**Kashmir Stearns and Brandon Webb-Fezer** spoke on behalf of WMCC. WMCC the Fuse will be presenting Shamrocks for Hope, a St. Patrick's day event to benefit Heifer International which is a non-profit group dedicated to relieving world hunger by providing livestock, plants and sustainable education to the places that need it the most. The event will take place on March 17, 2009 from 8:00p.m.-11:00p.m. in the Forum (3-130). Tickets can be purchased online at [www.monroeectickets.com](http://www.monroeectickets.com) and at the door.

### III. REPORTS

#### A. Speaker

##### Acting Speaker Carey...

- ✓ Thanked Speaker Darrow and Deputy Speaker Lawson for letting Senator Bauman and him be Acting Deputy Speaker and Acting Speaker for this week.
- ✓ Reminded everyone about the Town Hall Style Meeting with Governor Paterson at the Convention Center on Wednesday, March 11, at 5:30pm, doors open at 4:30.
- ✓ Tickets are still available for the MCC Lacrosse night this Saturday, March 14, at the Blue Cross Arena; the Knighthawks take on the Buffalo Bandits and the St. Patrick's Day parade is earlier that day. He hopes to see a lot of MCC students, faculty and staff there.

#### B. Deputy Speaker

##### Acting Deputy Speaker Bauman read Senator Brown's report...

- ✓ He is moving forward with plans for two events. He is also working on establishing a more cohesive relationship with SEGA.

#### C. Senators

##### Senator Acosta...

- ✓ The Catholic Bible study group is meeting on Thursday afternoons. He has been in contact with Hillel and has a list of topics for a forum that will be held at the end of the semester.

##### Senator Darrow...

- ✓ Thank you to all who played and helped out with the Euchre tournament.
- ✓ He hopes everyone will be able to get to the Lacrosse game on Saturday night.
- ✓ The Constitution review is going well.
- ✓ He left everyone with a question, "what do we want to accomplish in these last few months?"

##### Senator Lawson...

- ✓ Student Government Elections is approaching fast; he encourages everyone who is coming back to MCC next year to run for elections. Elections Packets can be picked up at the Campus Center Desk.

##### Senator Rice...

- ✓ Thank you to all who attended and/or helped out with the Euchre Tournament last Wednesday; the turnout was about 16-17 people and the winners were Eduard Kadysh and Anisley Cuellar.
- ✓ Last Thursday he met with Anne Barker, Director of the Child Care Center, to inform her of the Student Government efforts on their behalf. The date for the Child Care Center Spaghetti Dinner is April 1st from 5:00pm-8:30pm in Monroe A&B.

##### Senator Ruhindi...

- ✓ Letters have been sent out to people he hopes will speak or attend the non-violence rally that is planned for April 3, 2009. He has not received any response to letters and have not been able to get in contact with anyone to do a follow up but, he still has others in mind to make things come together.

#### D. Committee Reports

**There were no committee reports.**

#### E. Campus Center Advisor

##### Campus Center Advisor Stewart...

- ✓ Election Packets are out. Another opportunity for students coming back next year is the Peer Assistant Network which is comprised of the Brighton Campus Center, Counseling and Advising Center, and the Damon Student Services Office. These are year-long paid positions for Peer Mentors, Peer Advisors, and Peer Leaders. These students help with advisement and registration and orientation activities at both campuses. If interested, applications are available in the Campus Center Office.
- ✓ MCC participates with many institutions across the country in a Multi-Institutional Study of Leadership. The purpose of this survey is to study engagement and leadership development in college students. 4000 MCC students have been randomly selected to participate. She asked that if you receive an email with her name attached to it (Elizabeth Stewart) it is about the MSL. This is an email survey and it is very important that people respond to it; it takes about 20 minutes to complete. Prizes are involved; about 25 names will be picked randomly from those who respond to the survey. If you have questions, see Betty Stewart in the Campus Center.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

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

**a. Resolution to approve the release of funds to the Outdoor Activities Unlimited in the amount of \$1,000.**

*Resolved*, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the release of funds in the amount of \$1000 to the Outdoor Activities Unlimited.

**Acting Speaker Carey** called for a motion to approve the release of funds to the Outdoor Activities Unlimited.

**Senator Lawson** so moved, seconded by Senator Darrow.

**Discussion:**

**Patrik Swanson**, President, explained that the money is for a trip to Maine in August where they will be staying at a National Park doing some camping, white water rafting and some community service.

**A vote was taken.**

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

**Association Senate** unanimously approves the release of funds to the Outdoor Activities Unlimited in the amount of \$1000.

**b. Resolution to approve the release of funds to the Engineering Leadership Council in the amount of \$6,202.**

*Resolved*, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the release of funds in the amount of \$6,202 to the Engineering Leadership Council.

**Acting Speaker Carey** called for a motion to approve the release of funds to the Engineering Leadership Council.

**Senator Darrow** so moved, seconded by Senator Lawson.

**Discussion:**

**Josh Koelle**, President and Billy Jackson, Vice President, stated that there has been a change in the amount of funds being requested. Josh gave a presentation explaining why there is a difference. The ELC participates in 2 competitions every year. The ASEE (The American Association for Engineering Education) and SUNY TYESA. He showed the results from the past 5 years for the ASEE and the SUNY TYESA competitions and a video of one the robots and the track they had in the past years. The ASEE competition will be held in Austin, Texas this year and the SUNY TYESA was suppose to be held in New York City. The New York City college can no longer host the event so MCC will be hosting it. Instead of requesting \$6202, the request now is \$400 to cover the cost of lunch for the students who attend.

**Advisor McCauley** asked if this drop in the request also covered the cost of the Texas competition.

**Josh and Billy** stated that this is just for the state competition; they will be coming back for funding for the Texas competition.

**Christopher Kumar**, Instructor, explained that ENR259 prepares the students to go on to 4-year institutions as well as into industry. The students in the class are from mechanical engineering, electrical engineering and design and they learn to work together in a team oriented project. This is a great opportunity for them.

**Senator Acosta** asked if there would also be a cost incurred for hosting in building the tracks.

**Josh** stated that the track is already built and constructed.

**Acting Speaker Carey** asked the Finance Committee to amend the request to \$400. The Finance Committee agreed to amend the request.

**A vote was taken.**

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

**Association Senate** unanimously approves the release of funds to the Engineering Leadership Council in the amount of \$400.

**c. Resolution A**

*Resolved*, that By-Law 2.2.1 be deleted and further be it

*Resolved*, that the numbering of the two By-Laws immediately subsequent be updated to reflect said deletion.

**Acting Speaker Carey** called for a motion to approve the deletion of By-Law 2.2.1 and the renumbering of the two subsequent By-Laws.

**Senator Lawson** so moved, seconded by Senator Ruhindi.

**Discussion:**

Malcolm Cohen explained that By-Law 2.2.1 refers to clubs/organizations changing their constitution in some manner. He explained why this By-Law is redundant, unnecessary and unclear.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves the deletion of By-Law 2.2.1 and the renumbering of the two subsequent By-Laws.

**d. Resolution B**

**Resolved**, that the following changes, as indicated by the words in italics, be made to the new By-Law 2.2.1:

From: Contain all current policies deemed necessary by the Senate.

To: *The revised constitution must be updated by the club or organization* to contain all current policies deemed necessary by the Senate.

**Acting Speaker Carey** called for a motion to approve the changes to the new By-Law 2.2.1.

**Senator Darrow** so moved, seconded by Senator Lawson.

**Discussion:**

Malcolm Cohen explained that By-Law 2.2.1 was formerly 2.2.2 and refers to clubs/organizations modifying their constitution. The current wording is unclear; the addition of the words at the beginning of that statement will create a clearer understanding of the meaning.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves the change to the new By-Law 2.2.1.

**e. Resolution C**

**Resolved**, that the following changes, as indicated by the words in italics, be made to By-Law 2.3.1:

From: A list of current officers.

To: A list of current officers, *updated whenever there is a change*.

**Acting Speaker Carey** called for a motion to approve changes to By-Law 2.3.1.

**Senator Lawson** so moved, seconded by Senator Rice.

**Discussion:**

Malcolm Cohen explained that By-Law 2.3.1 refers to when clubs/organizations request funds from the Senate. The change is to make clear that a new list of officers must be submitted, if the officers change in the middle of the semester, before they can request money from the Senate.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves the change to By-Law 2.3.1.

**f. Resolution D**

**Resolved**, that the following changes, as indicated by the words in italics, be made to By-Law 2.3.4:

From: Any club or organization that submits proof that the officers from the fall semester are continuing in their duties through the academic year from the fall semester to the spring semester will not have to complete *2.31 and 2.32*.

To: Any club or organization that submits proof that the officers from the fall semester are continuing in their duties through the academic year from the fall semester to the spring semester will not have to complete *2.3.2 for that spring semester*.

**Acting Speaker Carey** called for a motion to approve the change to By-Law 2.3.4.

**Senator Rice** so moved, seconded by Senator Bauman.

**Discussion:**

Malcolm Cohen explained that By-Law 2.3.4 refers to clubs/organizations requesting funds from the Senate. The first change is typographical adding the period to 2.3.2 so it refers to an actual by-law.

The second change eliminates the words *2.31 and*. The third change, adding *for that spring semester*, is for clarity.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves the changes to By-Law 2.3.4.

**V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

**Senator Darrow** stated that in the March 9 issue of the Monroe Doctrine in the Public Safety report, it states that on February 27 a student in the Res. Halls had a seizure and was charged with public lewdness. Senator Darrow wanted to bring this up because he doesn't know how that is possible. Acting Speaker Carey agreed and stated that hopefully it is a typographical error. They will look into this.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:22p.m. Acting Speaker Carey called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Lawson so moved, seconded by Senator Rice. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Brennan, SA Secretary