



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, September 18, 2007**

Present:

Senators:

Senator Bickel
Senator Broyld
Senator Darrow
Senator Haessler
Senator Lynch
Senator Robinson
Senator Villarreal - **Absent**
Senator Wadach

President:

Daniel Elliott

Vice President:

Ronald Quider

Speaker:

Senator Lawson

Campus Center Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joe McCauley

Visitors: Richard Ryther, Student Services; Annette Agness, MCC Association Inc., Tom Priester, Campus Center; Jerry M. Carelock, Student; Gustavo Maravilla, Alumnus; Maddy Varno, Presidential Cabinet; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

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

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of September 11, 2007 Minutes

Speaker Lawson called for a motion to approve the Senate meeting minutes for September 11, 2007.

Senator Wadach so motioned, seconded by Senator Haessler.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Brighton Campus Student Government Association unanimously approves the Senate meeting minutes for September 11, 2007 as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Student Jerry M. Carelock, came to the Senate regarding an issue he had with a professor concerning a “no hat” classroom policy. After an explanation about what took place in the classroom, Mr. Ryther suggested he schedule an appointment with him to talk about the incident.

III. REPORTS

A. Speaker’s Report

Speaker Lawson...

- **Constitution Day** – was Monday, September 17. David Ladwig, Student Trustee, read the Preamble and Amanda Ladwig sang the National Anthem.
- **MCC’s Big Dig for the PAC** – Thursday, September 20, he will be representing the students; he is very excited because this is his first big speech as Speaker.
- **Homecoming** – this weekend, September 21 & 22. He recommended that everyone from Student Government participate at the events; The C.A.B. is hosting Hal Sparks on Saturday night.

B. Senator Reports

Senator Lynch...

- There are many things he hopes to accomplish as the Athletics Senator for the Athletic Department and many things that he hopes to accomplish as a Senator for the Student Government.
- A few of the things that he has already done are: Attended the Leadership Picnic at Dr. Salvador's, helped to set up and host Casino Night at the Canal Hall, wrote a (draft) proposal letter in hopes to get Corporate Sponsorship to aid in re-establishing a channel of communication between the Student body and Student Government, made a prototype scoreboard for the Athletics Building to present team schedules and records, and he has signed up for the Leadership Retreat.
- One thing that he aims to accomplish before the end of the year is to get last year's Softball Team photo put up in Building 10 to permanently honor their valiant efforts and perseverance that led to the NJCAA Division 3 championship.

Senator Robinson...

- **Capoeira Mandinga group** – she has been very actively involved with helping this group establish themselves as a club. She met with them several times to review their constitution, which will be brought before the Senate.
- **Activity Day** – she and some of the other Senators took some time to be at the Student Government table and talk to students about what the Government does and encouraged them to think about joining. She also walked around and introduced herself to each of the clubs that she will be working with. She found this to be very beneficial and now feels there is more of a relationship established with the clubs she represents; she reminded them to fill out their welcome packets and she looks forward to the upcoming weeks!

Senator Wadach...

- **9/11 Ceremony** – she is very proud of everyone for how great the Remembrance Ceremony was carried out, and hopes that it set a precedent for how the rest of the SGA events will be.
- **Academic Clubs** – this week she put a letter in their mailboxes to introduce herself and to let them know what she is here to help them with; she received responses from two of the clubs so far.
- **Activity Day** – she visited the tables of most of the clubs she represents and introduced herself. She also helped out at the Student Government table; she talked to a few interested students and gave them applications.
- **Parking Committee** - she hopes to meet with Denise Caruana, from Public Safety, to discuss setting up a committee for parking.

C. Campus Center Advisor

Campus Center Advisor Stewart reminded those who have signed up to attend the Leadership Retreat to turn in their paperwork by Friday, September 21. StrengthsQuest Codes will be sent out soon; the StrengthsQuest finder must be completed in order to attend the Retreat.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Deputy Speaker Approval

Resolved that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves Interdisciplinary Senator David Matthew Villarreal to the position of Deputy Speaker for the 2007-2008 Academic Year.

Speaker Lawson called for a motion to approve Senator David Matthew Villarreal as Deputy Speaker for the 2007-2008 Academic Year.

Senator Wadach so motioned, seconded by Senator Robinson.

Discussion:

Senator Haessler stated that she phoned him before the meeting and he stated that he would be at the meeting; she pointed out that Senator Villarreal was absent.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the motion to approve Senator David Matthew Villarreal as Deputy Speaker fails.

Speaker Lawson announced that he would open the application process for Deputy Speaker again. He currently has three applications from the previous process and asked anyone else interested in the position to email him.

V. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Vice President Quider mentioned that he attended the SEGA meeting at Damon on Friday, September 14. He met President Ambika Howell and the advisors. They have all agreed to put the past behind and move forward to work together. They talked about the possibility of doing a Community Service project together and he mentioned the Hal Sparks event taking place on Saturday, September 22.

Senator Haessler reported on The Campus Activities Board – she is working with them on their Spirit Week activities. On Friday, September 14, she, Senator Bickel, Senator Lynch, and Vice President Quider helped The C.A.B. with their Casino Night event. She would like to publicly thank Senator Bickel, Senator Lynch, and Vice President Quider for helping at this event on such short notice. She is working on revising The Campus Activities Board Constitution and approving a new position, Assistant Campus Activities Board Coordinator. She will be attending the events sponsored by The Campus Activities Board for the rest of the week and encouraged everyone to come.

President Elliott received information from Dawn Quatro regarding the need for 2 senators to serve at a disciplinary hearing on Friday, September 21, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Contact President Elliott if interested.

Senator Darrow stated that he has learned that to be on a sports team students need to carry a 2.0 GPA. The requirement for student leaders in 2.25 and he doesn't see a 2.0 to be a respectable GPA to play on a sports team.

Mr. Ryther informed him that the NJCAA organization monitors all of the 2-year colleges across the country and 2.0 is the standard they follow. He also mentioned that the Athletics Department analyzes each sport and develops an overall GPA for all of our athletes. Generally, our athletes do quite well and have an overall GPA higher than most other students.

Advisor Stewart informed the Senate that she has received very good feedback regarding Vice President Quider's visit to SEGA. They were very impressed with him and look forward to working together.

Senator Broyle announced his resignation from the Senate and offered to stop by to help out when he can.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:39 p.m. Speaker Lawson called for a motion to adjourn.

Senator Darrow so motioned, seconded by Senator Haessler. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Brennan
SA Secretary