



**Monroe Community College Student Government Association
Senate Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, October 21, 2008
2:15 p.m. - Forum (3-130)**

Student Senators:

Academic Clubs Senator Acosta-**Absent**
At-Large Senator Carey
CASA Senator Kuhn
Liberal Arts Senator Halling
Residence Hall Senator Rice
Science, Health & Business Senator Ruhindi
Service Clubs Senator Malin
Social Clubs Senator Bauman

President:

Daniel Elliott

Vice President:

Sarah Robinson

Speaker/At-Large Senator

Stephen Darrow

Deputy Speaker/At-Large Senator

Matt Lawson

Campus Center Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

Visitors: Dick Ryther, Student Services; Donna Mueller, Health Services; Annette Agness, MCC Association, Inc., Tony DiFabio, Onur Erdogan, Peer Mentors; Craig Learn, WMCC; Bethany Peris, Student; Abe Guzman, SEGA; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:16 p.m.)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of October 14, 2008 minutes

Speaker Darrow called for a motion to approve the minutes for October 14, 2008 Senate meeting.
Senator Rice so moved, seconded by Senator Carey.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the minutes for October 14, 2008.

II. REPORTS

A. Speaker

Speaker Darrow...

- **Smoking Policy** – he participated in a discussion with administration and wants the students to know that the senate is still committed to working on a compromise that is agreeable to both sides. For all those students who have doubts about the current smoking policy he wants to ensure them that they are being addressed by the senate. There are some events coming up for those who would like help with quitting smoking.
- **MCC Rock the Vote Committee** – he congratulated the committee for their hard work and the accomplishments they have had throughout this election season.

B. Senators

Senator Carey...

- **RTS Bus Service** - Mr. Heze Simmons, Vice President, Administrative Services, gave him some information that will be very useful when he meets with an RTS representative on Friday, October 24. A long term goal would be having direct non-stop shuttle service between the Brighton and Damon campuses. For the short term, they are hoping to have buses to and from the campuses every 1/2 hour between 9 am to 3 pm, instead of every hour. Mr. Simmons added Advisor Stewart and him to the Transportation Committee. If anyone has any input or questions for the Friday meeting, please let them know.

Senator Rice...

- **Rock the Vote** – he participated in the Mock Election on October 7 & 8; it was a huge success and over 700 voter registration forms were collected.
- **Residence Hall Events** – a spaghetti dinner was held to benefit the victims of Hurricane Ike, donations of cash or canned goods were collected; R-News was at the Halls on the night of the last Presidential Debate to get the students' impressions on Senator Obama and Senator McCain's political policies.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve an at-large student member to the MCC Association, Inc. Board of Directors

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve Ms. Bethany Peris, an athlete for Monroe Community College's Swimming Team, as an at-large student member on the Monroe Community College Association, Inc. Board of Directors, to be seated on the Finance Committee, as recommended by the President of the Student Association.

Speaker Darrow called for a motion to approve Bethany Peris as an at-large student member on the MCC Association, Inc. Board of Directors.

Senator Bauman so moved, seconded by Senator Kuhn.

Discussion:

President Elliott stated that when appointing someone to the MCC Association, Inc. Board of Directors, he looks for someone who represents all areas looked at by the Board. Bethany Peris has been a member of CASA, lives in the Residence Halls and is a member of the MCC Swim Team. He feels she will be a huge asset and she will be assigned to the Finance Committee.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves Ms. Bethany Peris, an athlete for Monroe Community College's Swimming Team, as an at-large student member on the Monroe Community College Association, Inc. Board of Directors, to be seated on the Finance Committee, as recommended by the President of the Student Association.

V. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Senator Carey mentioned that during the Mock Election on October 8th, a fire drill was held during which someone stole the two Obama masks that were displayed on the table near the election booth. After the fire drill, Onur Erdogan, a Peer Mentor, noticed a student in one of his classes with the mask on. Knowing who the student was, he alerted Public Safety. Hearing about this, the student with the mask returned it to the Student Government. Senator Carey thanked Onur for assisting in the return of the mask.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:25 p.m. Speaker Darrow called for a motion to adjourn.

Senator Rice so moved, seconded by Senator Bauman.

The Senate meeting was adjourned.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna M. Brennan
SA Secretary