



**Monroe Community College Student Government Association
Senate Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, October 28, 2008
2:15 p.m. - Forum (3-130)**

Student Senators:

Academic Clubs Senator Acosta
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; Annette Agness, MCC Association, Inc.; Tony DiFabio, Peer Mentor; Craig Learn, WMCC; Vadim Ovcharov, Thauiesak Nachampassak, Alex Nikolovski; William Head, Breakdance Club; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:17 p.m.)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of October 21, 2008 minutes

Speaker Darrow called for a motion to approve the minutes for the October 21, 2008 Senate meeting.

Senator Carey so moved, seconded by Senator Bauman.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the minutes for October 21, 2008.

II. REPORTS

A. Senators

Senator Bauman...

- ❖ **ASACC Conference** - had a wonderful time in Washington, DC; met people from around the country and visited historic landmarks.
- ❖ **Fundraising Committee** - a discount card fundraiser has been decided on; the cards will be good for the '09 year; they should be available by the end of November. The money collected will be for the O'Hanlon Family Scholarship, to benefit first responders, as well as other activities that the fundraising committee has in mind.

Senator Carey...

- ❖ **RTS** – he and Advisor Stewart met with representatives from the RTS to discuss improving service for MCC. It was agreed that more service is needed; hopefully this will happen when schedules change in January. Also discussed was the possibility of having buses pull into the Residence Halls on Friday nights and weekends. The RTS would like to place a trip planning kiosk in the college due to the fact that MCC is the top 1 or 2 URL that people use to get RTS information. If this is approved, a media event for MCC will take place when the kiosk is installed. The U-Pass issue was also discussed; it was agreed that if MCC does offer a U-Pass, the students should have the choice to use it for parking privileges or for RTS transportation. RTS would also like to do a program on sustainability here to encourage more college students to ride the bus. The program would include bus pass giveaways and a radio broadcast, from campus, on one of the local radio stations. He will be meeting with Phi Theta Kappa to get their ideas about this and to hopefully bring them on as a co-sponsor for this. This information has been forwarded to Mr. Heze Simmons, Vice President of Administrative Services and Chair of the Transportation Committee, to keep him updated on the situation.

B. Campus Center Advisor

Campus Center Advisor Stewart...

- ❖ **DCC Fall Ball** – tickets will be available this week at the Campus Center Service Desk for the Ball which will be held on Friday, November 14, from 7:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m.; formal attire; refreshments; security on premise; music by DJ Jay; 1 free ticket per MCC Student (must show MCC ID); 1 free guest ticket per MCC Student (name of guest must be given when picking up ticket); all ticket holder names (both students and guests) must appear on guest list at the door in order to be admitted; names on guest list **may not** be revised at the door, but **may** be revised before the day of event.
- ❖ **All USA Academic Scholarship Applications** are now available in the Campus Center. If transferring and interested in the scholarship see Advisor Stewart for the application.

C. Faculty Advisor

Faculty Advisor McCauley – had a wonderful time at the ASACC Conference in Washington and strongly encourages Senators Bauman and Ruhindi to pursue the ideas they discussed over the weekend.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve the Breakdance Club.

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the petition to charter the Breakdance Club.

Speaker Darrow called for a motion to approve the charter for the Breakdance Club.

Senator Rice so moved, seconded by Senator Ruhindi.

Discussion:

Senator Bauman asked for clarification of the Flow Master and Secretary positions as they are stated in the constitution.

William Head, club representative, explained that the Flowmaster is the right hand to the President and if the President is absent, the Flow Master takes over. They chose the title Flow Master because it suits the nature of the club. The Flow Master actually fulfills the same duties the Secretary does; they will remove the Secretary position from the constitution.

Senator Bauman also mentioned a couple of typos in the constitution that need to be corrected.

Advisor McCauley suggested that if the rest of the Senators agree to these changes the resolution can be voted on.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the petition to charter the Breakdance Club with the proposed changes.

V. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Deputy Speaker Lawson – on Wednesday, October 29, the Monroe Doctrine and the Rock the Vote Committee will be hosting Senator Hillary Clinton at a rally in the Gym at 3:00 p.m. She will be here to promote the three democratic leaders running for Congress and she will be discussing the importance of voting, especially by young people.

Mr. Ryther asked how the event was being promoted. He was informed that there was a Tribune message; posters and flyers have been placed around campus, in faculty mailboxes, in club mailboxes and in the Res. Halls; it was seen on the local news and in the Democrat & Chronicle; many students have been talking about it in their classes.

Craig Learn, General Manager for WMCC asked if the radio station would be able to record the rally. Deputy Speaker Lawson informed him that they would have to discuss that with Advisor Stewart and probably contact the Massa and Clinton people. He discussed this with him after the meeting.

Advisor McCauley informed the Senate that he may miss the Senate meeting next Tuesday because they are asking attorneys to volunteer at the polling places to insure that people can vote when they show up at their polling place; he is thinking of volunteering.

Advisor Stewart - on Monday and Tuesday, November 3 & 4, the Rock the Vote Committee will have election information on display in the Campus Center Atrium. Tuesday night is the Election Showdown in the Forum – she encouraged everyone to join them to watch the election until midnight.

Deputy Speaker Lawson mentioned that the left side of the Forum will have Democratic Party displays; the right side will have Republican Party displays; there will be pizza from Mark's Pizzeria and there will be Obama and McCain cakes.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:35 p.m. Speaker Darrow called for a motion to adjourn.

Senator Bauman so moved, seconded by Senator Carey.

The Senate meeting was adjourned.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna M. Brennan, SA Secretary