



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, March 30, 2010
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)**

Student Senators:

At-Large Senator Carey -**Absent**
Athletics Senator Pizarro-**Absent**
CAB Senator Young
Residence Hall Senator Pritchard
Service Clubs Senator Monroe

President:

Jason Childers

Vice President:

Tima Marathe

Speaker/ Science, Health & Business Senator

Simon Ruhindi

Deputy Speaker/Media Senator

Douglas “Mirlin” Moorefield

Campus Center Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

Visitors: Tony Struzik, Marijo Haggett, Aramark; Annette Agness, MCC Association; Rebecca Herzog, Campus Center; Malcolm Cohen, Director of Community College Affairs, SUNY Student Assembly; Christopher Hollander, SEGA; Jason Hollander, Chad Pierce, Tyler Smith, Mini Baja; Megan Scott, Brandilea Trescott, Holocaust, Genocide & Human Rights Project; Olivia Gore, Pride Alliance; Patrik Swanson, OAU; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

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

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of March 23, 2010 Senate Meeting Minutes

Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to approve the minutes for March 23, 2010.

Deputy Speaker Moorefield 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 23, 2010 as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Olivia Gore presented a program she is trying to get started called MCC Study Buddies. Through an email address she has set up, students looking for someone to study with would send information regarding the class they would like to study for and the time they are available to meet. She would then match that student up with someone else who meets the criteria. Olivia is hoping to get this program approved by the college and then out to the college community.

Christopher Hollander, SEGA Budget Coordinator, congratulated the Brighton Campus SGA for the Moonlight Masquerade Ball. It was a fantastic event.

Marijo Haggett, Food Service Director for Aramark, informed everyone that a Live United Picnic was being held in the Marketplace on Wednesday, March 31 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; all proceeds will go to the United Way.

Malcolm Cohen reported that SUNY Palooza, on Wednesday March 24, went very well. Over 100 students from 18 schools participated. There were speeches from and meetings with the Legislators.

The SUNY SA Conference will be held in Saratoga Springs on April 16-18. The Executive Committee is working on the resolutions for the business meeting.

III. REPORTS

A. Speaker

Speaker Ruhindi...

- ✓ Congrats to Senator Monroe and everyone else who was involved with the Masquerade Ball.

B. Deputy Speaker

Deputy Speaker Moorefield...

- ✓ **ASACC Conference** – he and Ted Carey participated as part of the Leadership Team for ASACC. After voting, all of the community colleges chose Pell Grant as the number one priority for this year and the Dream Act as the second priority. Textbooks did not become an ASACC priority this year but Ted Carey mentioned it when he visited Representative Louis Slaughter's office. They also meet former presidential candidate and author Ralph Nader.
- ✓ **WMCC the Fuse** - the Masquerade Ball and Ask Anne were both very successful events. They will soon be holding elections for their executive board for next year.
- ✓ **Project Gazebo** – he will be meeting with Advisors Stewart and McCauley to discuss the details of the project. He will also schedule a meeting with Commissioner Luis Burgos of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Youth Services about Project Gazebo.

C. Senators

Senator Carey was absent, Speaker Ruhindi read his report...

- ✓ **ASACC Conference** – the advocacy agenda for this year includes Pell Grant increases and the DREAM Act. Textbook costs was not voted in but this issue was brought up in a meeting with Dan Carroll, Education Staffer for Congresswoman Slaughter. He and Senator Moorefield were welcomed onto the ASACC Student Leadership Team and they received watches as a welcoming gift.
- ✓ **Blood Drives** - April 7 & 8 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., a 2-day blood drive, will be the final blood drives for the semester. Volunteer sign-up sheets are posted on the Senate door. He hopes most, if not all, SGA members will volunteer.

Senator Monroe...

- ✓ **Masquerade Ball** – thank you to everyone who helped with the Ball; it was a great success.

Senator Young...

- ✓ **Moonlight Masquerade event** - congratulations to all who helped with the Ball; it was a huge success. On behalf of the entire Events Committee he thanked Senator Jessica Monroe for all of her hard work.
- ✓ **Campus Activities Board** is looking for applicants for the Executive Board for the 2010-2011 academic year; this includes the Director's position. Applications are due April 5 to the current CAB Director Eddie Visagie in the CAB Office.
- ✓ **ASACC Conference** – he attended the conference with Senator Moorefield, Senator Carey and Director of Multicultural Affairs Jenny Blum. He greatly appreciated the help he received from Jenny throughout their time in Washington. They attended workshops on different forms of technologies available, learned about proper ways to meet with Congressional Leaders and listened to keynote speakers.

IV. Campus Center Advisor

Campus Center Advisor Stewart...

- ✓ **Congratulations and kudos** to Deputy Speaker Moorefield and Senator Carey for becoming part of the ASACC Leadership Team.
- ✓ **Emerging Leaders Event** – thank you to everyone who was there to recruit. Sixty emerging leader nominees attended; that was the largest turn out ever.
- ✓ **Masquerade Ball** – thank you to everyone involved; it was a very nice event. Thank you to Rebecca Herzog for advising the event.

- ✓ **Rochester Red Wings** – she received a call from Parker Allen, Public Relations for the Red Wings. He informed her that there will be a College Night on Friday, April 30; the game begins at 7:05 p.m. There will be all kinds of specials for students with a college ID.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

A. Resolution to approve the funding of \$3000 to the Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Project

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the funding of \$3000 to the Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Project.

Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to approve the funding of \$3000 to the Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Project.

Deputy Speaker Moorefield so moved, seconded by Senator Young.

Discussion:

Brandilea Trescott and Megan Scott explained that the money will be used for speaker Somaly Mam on April 7. Somaly is a survivor of sex trafficking in Cambodia and will be here to educate the Rochester and MCC communities about sex trafficking around the world. She will be presenting at both the Brighton and Damon campuses.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the funding of \$3000 to the Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Project.

B. Resolution to approve the funding of \$5515 to the Mini Baja Team

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the funding of \$5515 to the Mini Baja Team.

Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to approve the funding of \$5515 to the Mini Baja Team.

Senator Monroe so moved, seconded by Senator Young.

Discussion:

Chad Pierce, Tyler Smith and Jason Hollander spoke on behalf of the Mini Baja Team. They explained the process they go through and the hours it takes to build the car that will be used in competitions; the competitions are 100% educational. At the end of the competitions, the judges give the teams advice on improvements for the next year. They mentioned the negotiating that took place to bring the cost of the hotel and truck rental down. They also mentioned that they will be doing a presentation at Scholar's Day.

Christopher Hollander mentioned that he heard about the Mini Baja Team in an Accounting class at DCC. They have made MCC well known and he supports the funding.

Advisor Stewart stated that she often sees the Mini Baja students in the Campus Center and she appreciates the hard work they do. They go through months of phone calls, planning and building.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the funding of \$5515 to the Mini Baja Team.

C. Resolution to approve the funding of \$2923.35 to Outdoor Activities Unlimited

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the funding of \$2923.35 to Outdoor Activities Unlimited.

Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to approve the funding of \$2923.35 to Outdoor Activities Unlimited.

Deputy Speaker Moorefield so moved, seconded by Senator Young.

Discussion:

Patrik Swanson spoke on behalf of the Outdoor Activities Unlimited. He stated that the funds will be used to subsidize a camping trip to West Virginia. The participants will be doing a lot of team building and community service.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the funding of \$2923.35 to Outdoor Activities Unlimited.

VI. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Senator Pritchard congratulated Senator Monroe for the success of the Masquerade Ball. He also thanked all who spoke to the Senate and he is looking forward to seeing the results.

Deputy Speaker Moorefield apologized for not being able to attend the Masquerade Ball but hopes to do so in the future.

Vice President Marathe mentioned that she and President Childers will be hosting the next RIC meeting at MCC on Sunday, April 11 at 4:30 p.m. in the Senate office. They attended the last meeting at RIT where the discussion included some good ideas for sustainability.

President Childers congratulated Senator Monroe for the success of the Masquerade Ball. He also gave encouragement to Olivia Gore for the MCC Study Buddies idea.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:50 p.m. Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Monroe so moved, seconded by Senator Pritchard. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Brennan
SA Secretary