



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, April 26, 2011
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)**

Student Senators:

Interdisciplinary Studies Senator Wassel-Saxe
Liberal Arts Senator Hale
Media Senator Moore
Science, Health & Business Senator Snyder
Social Clubs Senator Yost

President:

Jason Childers

Vice President

Christopher Hollander

Speaker/At-Large Senator

Jack Hills - **Absent**

Deputy Speaker/At-Large Senator

Michael Gray

Campus Center Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

Campus Center Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog

Visitors: Dick Ryther, Student Services; Shirley Batista-Provost, Office of Student Life & Leadership Development; Eddie Visagie, Student Trustee; Emily Wilczewski, Robin Laisse, WMCC; Wei Lin, Chinese Culture Club; Jonathan Muniz, CAB; Lisa Armstrong, Kelly Bynes, Michael Snyder, John Huther, Presidential Cabinet; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

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

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of April 5, 2011 Senate Meeting minutes.

Acting Speaker Gray called for a motion to approve the April 5, 2011 Senate meeting minutes.

Senator Snyder so moved; seconded by Senator Wassel-Saxe.

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the April 5, 2011 Senate meeting minutes as written.

C. Approval of April 12, 2011 Senate Meeting minutes.

Acting Speaker Gray called for a motion to approve the April 12, 2011 Senate meeting minutes.

Senator Yost so moved; seconded by Senator Snyder.

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the April 12, 2011 Senate meeting minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Wei Lin, speaking on behalf of the Chinese Culture Club, reported that China Night was a great success with 80% of the theatre filled. He thanked the Student Government for their support.

John Huther, Presidential Cabinet Veterans Affairs Liaison, thanked President Childers and Vice President Hollander for their support. He reported that the Veterans Affairs Liaison position has been solidified and will soon be in the SGA By-laws.

Jonathan Muniz, CAB Director, thanked the Student Government for their support with the “Students Fight Back” program.

III. REPORTS

A. Acting Speaker

Acting Speaker Gray...

- Blood Drive – the 2-day drive, held on April 6 & 7, was very successful; thank you to everyone who volunteered to donate and/or volunteer their time.
- SUNY SA Conference – he attended the conference, April 8 – 10, as a voting delegate. MCC won the Most Originality award in the Spirit Contest; he was elected to the position of Community College Representative and will be representing MCC, GCC, FLCC, ECC and Niagara.
- RAC – on April 15, he resigned his position as Co-Chair but will remain as a participant.

B. Vice President

Vice President Hollander...

- **SUNY Student Assembly** – congratulations to Deputy Speaker Gray on being a Community College Representative-Elect. At the Business Meeting, after elections, the Assembly passed resolutions that would help encourage SUNY to become more environmentally friendly by eliminating PVC products in new construction; stipends for the Director of Government Relations was removed; a resolution from Suffolk Community College’s Ammerman campus regarding sponsor county funding was endorsed; the Community College Bill of Rights, renamed Bill of Financial Engagement, was pulled by the Rules Committee. He was named first alternate in the University Center rep election, and he has applied to be in the Executive Cabinet. The President-elect of the University at Buffalo Student Association was impressed with his knowledge of Robert’s Rules of Order and the SUNY Student Assembly By-Laws and is eager to have him join their group in the fall.
- **Carolina’s Fight for Life** – the fundraiser was a huge success taking in just over \$550. Donations will continue to be accepted through www.carolinasfightforlife.com; cash donations will be accepted at the Empanada Shop at Rochester’s Public Market. Thank you to everyone who helped out and/or donated for this event.
- **SGA Budget** - as acting Finance Coordinator, he has approved the SGA budget for next year; it is remaining flat. The Cabinet line has been eliminated and the money will be moved into the programming line. He will be meeting with Joe Marchese, Finance Manager of the MCC Association, Inc., to review the Student Association budget which will be voted on at the next Senate meeting.
- **Enough is Enough Week** – congratulations go to Roundtable Coordinator Megan Scott on the successful event on April 25th during the noon hour in the Marketplace. He participated in a skit, attended the concert and the keynote speaker. Thursday, April 28, he and Julie White, the Assistant Director of Student Services from the Damon Campus, will be doing a Safe Zone Training.
- **Other Legislation** – he is working on legislation to make the Veterans Affairs Liaison a standing position in the Presidential Cabinet, and legislation to make the Rock the Vote and 9/11 Remembrance Committees standing committees.
- **Committee Updates** - the Travel and Finance Committee recently reviewed a proposal for the Mini Baja Team. A resolution will be presented at pre-agenda so the Senate may vote on it at the next Senate meeting.

C. Senators

Senator Hale...

- Blood Drive - on April 7th he gave both his time and blood.
- SUNY SA Conference – he attended several workshops and sat through many hours of the business meeting which he found he actually enjoyed.
- He met with Mr. Ron Ring on April 14th to discuss ways to achieve his goal of restarting the Peace and Justice Coalition.

Senator Yost...

- Carolina’s Fight for Life Fundraiser – she volunteered her time at the t-shirt auction/sale and the euchre tournament.

- Child Care Center's Beach Day – she enjoyed playing with the kids and helping the staff. She is looking into ways to help with their financial and/or material needs.
- Roundtable - WMCC the Fuse gave a presentation for the Finals Free for All event at the end of the semester.
- Parrone Engineering – she thanked them for bringing an updated presentation on the redevelopment of the campus entrance back to the Senate.
- Blood Drive – on April 7, she helped out as a volunteer.
- SUNY SA Conference – she attended a workshop and the business meeting where she learned a lot about meetings procedures.
- Parking Area Signage – on April 13 she met with Marty Gilmore from Safety and Hazard Prevention about signage problems. On April 25 she noticed that the signs she met with him about are now installed.
- Enough is Enough Campaign – she helped Megan Scott with the kick-off by acting in a freeze-frame style civility event.

D. Office of Student Life & Leadership Development Advisor Stewart thanked everyone who participated in the Enough is Enough Campaign. She reminded everyone that Meet the Candidates is April 27 at noon in the Terrace Lounge and Elections will take place on May 3 & 4.

E. Office of Student Life & Leadership Development Advisor Herzog reported on Spring Fling:

- it will take place on Wednesday, May 4
- there will be carnival rides – current MCC ID will be required to ride – no exceptions
- meal deals will be \$3.00
- forms to participate are due by Friday, April 29.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution for Tuition Increase

Resolved, the Brighton Campus Student Government Association will not accept any tuition increase greater than \$50/semester for resident, full-time students, and furthermore be it,

Resolved, the Brighton Campus Student Government Association charges the Board of Trustees to utilize the fund balance to make-up any shortfalls in the budget.

Acting Speaker Gray called for a motion to approve the resolution for Tuition Increase.

Senator Yost so moved, seconded by Senator Snyder.

Discussion:

Eddie Visagie, Student Trustee, stated that he supports the resolution and mentioned that the MCC Board of Trustees are impressed that the students are getting involved with the tuition increase issue. He explained that the \$100 increase in tuition is based on the County increasing their support by \$1.2 million; Dr. Kress and Mr. Heze Simmons have been in conversation with Monroe County. Regarding the increase in the Technology Fee, he explained that much of the technology in the college is old and needs to be upgraded. Once this resolution is approved, he will take it to SEGA at the Damon Campus for their vote and then he will get it to Dr. Kress. He mentioned that the June Board of Trustees meeting will be his last and he will be very vocal with this issue.

Vice President Hollander clarified that this resolution is for a \$50.00 increase per semester, not \$100.00 per semester. He strongly encouraged the Senators to support this resolution.

Senator Snyder stated that he supports this resolution and mentioned that the quality of the technology on campus is improving; the computers, keyboards and software in the ELC have recently been upgraded.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the resolution for a tuition increase.

b. Resolution for Funding of Monroe Community College by Sponsor County

Resolved, the Brighton Campus Student Government Association demands the additional funding of \$1.2 million to MCC, and furthermore be it

Resolved, the Brighton Campus Student Government Association would find any increase in parking fees irresponsible and unacceptable to the student body in order to fund the \$1.2 million increase in County sponsorship of the college.

Acting Speaker Gray called for a motion to approve the resolution for Funding of Monroe Community College by Sponsor County.

Senator Wassel-Saxe so moved, seconded by Senator Yost.

Discussion:

Vice President Hollander clarified that the college does not set the parking fees; the college collects the parking fees and sends them to the County. This resolution is to help support the Board of Trustees and Dr. Kress in their fight for additional funding for MCC.

Senator Yost mentioned that the County has been increasing their funding to MCC every year, but that funding is still less than half of what it is suppose to be.

Senator Snyder stated his support for the resolution and also stated that any increase in the parking fee would be grossly unfair.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the resolution for Funding of Monroe Community College by Sponsor County.

c. **Resolution to Approve the SGA Budget for the 2011-2012 Academic Year**

Resolved, the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves the SGA Budget for the 2011-2012 Academic Year to the amount of \$45,027.00.

Acting Speaker Gray called for a motion to approve the SGA Budget for the 2011-2012 Academic Year.

On behalf of the Budget Committee, Senator Moore moved the adoption of this resolution.

Discussion:

Vice President Hollander explained that everything in the budget remains flat except for the Programming line which is being increased due to the elimination of the Presidential Cabinet line. He stated that since there will be no increase in the Student Life fee there will be no increase in the budget. He also mentioned that this is the SGA Budget only; the Student Association budget will be up for approval at the next Senate meeting.

President Childers explained why the Presidential Cabinet line will be moved to the Programming line.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the SGA Budget for the 2011-2012 academic year.

V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Shirley Batistta-Provost announced that the MCC Model UN Delegation won two awards at the Model UN Conference: Most Distinguished Delegation Award and Position Paper Award.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:55 p.m. Acting Speaker Gray called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Yost so moved, seconded by Senator Wassel-Saxe. The motion passed; the Senate meeting was adjourned.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Brennan
SA Secretary