



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, October 9, 2007**

Present:

Senators:

Senator Bintz-Absent
Senator Darrow
Senator Haessler
Senator Lynch
Senator Robinson
Senator Villarreal
Senator Wadach
Senator Woodward

President:

Daniel Elliott

Vice President:

Ronald Quider

Speaker:

Matthew Lawson

Deputy Speaker:

Jennifer Bickel

Campus Center Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joe McCauley

Visitors: Dick Ryther, Student Services; Lisa Armstrong, Student; Cabinet; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:22 p.m.)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of September 25, 2007 minutes

Speaker Lawson called for a motion to approve the September 25, 2007 minutes.
Senator Robinson so motioned, seconded by Senator Villarreal.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association unanimously approves the September 25, 2007 minutes as written.

C. Approval of October 2, 2007 minutes

Speaker Lawson called for a motion to approve the October 2, 2007 minutes.
Senator Robinson so motioned, seconded by Senator Lynch.

Discussion:

Vice President Quider asked that the minutes be amended to show that Senator Woodward was present at the meeting.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association approves the October 2, 2007 minutes as amended.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

There was no one to speak to the senate.

III. REPORTS

A. Speaker's Report

Speaker Lawson...

- ◆ Tuesday, October 2, the Student Government had dinner with President Flynn.
- ◆ Thursday, October 4, SGA sponsored a Blood Drive; the turnout was great.
- ◆ DCC Fall Ball is in November; he hopes everyone is planning to attend.

B. Deputy Speaker's Report

Deputy Speaker Bickel...

- ◆ She thanked the senate for the opportunity to serve as deputy speaker.

- ◆ Leadership Retreat taught her many things both about herself and others; she hopes everyone uses their strengths to move forward and have a positive and outstanding year.
- ◆ Library Advisory Committee met on October 3rd; they discussed ideas for surveys and focus groups. The library along with ETS is very interested in student input and encourages all students to pursue any and all concerns.

C. Senator Reports

Senator Darrow...

- ◆ **Blood Drive** - thank you to everyone who helped and who donated; it was a great turnout.
- ◆ Dinner with President Flynn was a great time.

Senator Haessler...

- ◆ **Blood Drive** – she had a great time helping out.
- ◆ **The Campus Activities Board** – she is on the October Fest Committee and met with Global Union to seek co-sponsorship for one of the events; they will be showing a movie about discrimination and diversity at their general body meeting on Thursday, October 1, from 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Forum.
- ◆ **Dinner with President Flynn** – a lot of the students from Damon she met at the Leadership Retreat were also there.
- ◆ **Events Committee** – is meeting and will brainstorm events for the SGA to do.

Senator Lynch...

- ◆ “First and foremost, I would like to say thank you to everyone who was involved and participated in the Leadership Retreat. I had a great time getting to know everyone and I feel as though all of the student leaders now have that bond, that unity and that feeling of family that reaches out to all the students and faculty across all campuses of MCC. I take great pride in my friends and great pride in my family; I was truly touched when I saw that same sense of pride in all of you. They say that you’re only as strong as your weakest link, regardless of how the saying goes I can honestly say that we have no weak links on our team. If one of us fell, we were quick to help them back up. If one of us was stuck, we all offered a helping hand. It is this sense of unity and respect that makes me proud to call each and every one of you my friend. What we do now will have a direct affect upon the future of ourselves and others as well as the future of our great school. Our potential to do many great things is unlimited, and looking around the room, I can tell that each and every one of you has the heart, the pride and the dedication to make these things happen. I’m truly proud to be associated with all of you and just know that I am here to help you and to turn your goals into my own.”
- ◆ **Glacéau’s Consumer Relations** – he has received a positive response from a representative and his proposal letter has been forwarded to a local Marketing Manager; pending their approval we can look forward to corporate sponsorship. If approval is not received from Glacéau then he plans to seek out sponsorship from another source.
- ◆ **Damon City’s S.E.G.A.** – he has been working closely with them to help them carry out and publicize their own objectives. Friday he attended their meeting and accompanied them to the Auditorium Center to take pictures and check out the room being rented for the Fall Ball. They are also planning a December project for the holidays to celebrate diversity and unity while providing a benefit for the community through charities and toy drives. He volunteered to incorporate the Brighton campus in this project by implementing a can drive on campus this December. Another big item on their agenda is having an open forum about the RTS U-pass proposal. This would allow students to have unlimited access to Rochester Bus services for a one-time student life-type fee; however it should be known that, as of now, all MCC students would be responsible for covering this fee regardless of whether they are drivers or not. Since this plan is still being developed, Student Government input is encouraged. If anyone has questions, comments, objections or contentions about the U-pass plan, get in touch with Rick Sadwick for he is the person working directly with RTS.
- ◆ **Brighton SGA organizational mission statement/philosophy** - he has been working on developing one specifically for the Senate to revert to in regards to dealing with ethical and moral issues, outside influences and taking the emotional aspect out of decision making. After a rough framework has been established, he will be collecting input and suggestions from all of the Senators and revising the statement until a unanimous consensus is reached on how it reads, before it is finalized and put into place.

Senator Robinson...

- ◆ Dinner with President Flynn was very beneficial. He talked about the past, present, and future of MCC, and it was very interesting to hear about some of the changes that are going to take place.
- ◆ **Finance Committee** met for the first time this week. They will be working closely with Shirley who will be guiding them to make the decisions that need to be made; but they also have the opportunity to help out other students.

Senator Villarreal...

- ◆ **Red Cross Blood Drive** - he dressed as “buddy the blood drop” and went around the school promoting the blood drive; he was able to recruit a couple of students to give blood and enjoyed the fun that came along with dressing up as “buddy the blood drop”.
- ◆ **Events Committee** - with the help of Speaker Lawson and Senator Haessler he has contacted the committee members and they have agreed on a meeting time.

Senator Wadach...

- ◆ **Finance Committee** - had a brief meeting on Wednesday, October 3, and out of the \$32,000 budget the Travel and Tourism Club will receive a little over \$10,500 for their NYC trip and their cruise and the OAU Club will receive \$128 for their camping trip to Letchworth. They plan to meet on Fridays at 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Parking Appeals Committee** - the committee listened to students who thought their ticket was unfair and then the committee decided whether to grant the appeal or not.

Senator Woodward...

- ◆ **Res. Halls** – he has met with Crystal Myers, West Canal Hall RD, and Stacey Pierce, Assistant Director. Crystal informed him of several events that are taking place: October 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Canal Hall Conference Room the Dr. Drugz series featuring Jim McKenna from the Athletics Department; Friday, October 12 at 6:00 p.m. the Halo tournament; Saturday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. a showing of Mean Girls during a Rumors/Reputation discussion. Stacey gave him the RD’s business cards so he can contact them and introduce himself to them.

D. Campus Center Advisor

Campus Center Advisor Stewart...

- ◆ November 6, after the Senate meeting, her contact and the CEO of RTS are available for a Town Meeting to discuss the U-Pass. Speaker Lawson and Senators Lynch and Darrow have agreed to work with Betty to get the word out and publicize the meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Adult/Evening Coordinator Approval

Resolved that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves Lisa Armstrong for the position of Adult/Evening Coordinator on the Presidential Cabinet.

Speaker Lawson called for a motion for approve Lisa Armstrong to the position of Adult/Evening Coordinator.

Senator Haessler so motioned, seconded by Senator Darrow.

Discussion:

President Elliott introduced Lisa to the Senate and stated that he feels she will bring a great deal of experience to the Cabinet.

Lisa informed the Senate that she served as a Peer Mentor and is an adult returning student; she understands the needs and differences between the needs of a traditional student and a returning adult student; she feels she will bring her own unique experiences to the Cabinet.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association unanimously approves Lisa Armstrong for the position of Adult/Evening Coordinator on the Presidential Cabinet.

Senator Darrow made a motion to remove from the table the approval of Ron Quider as student representative on the MCC Association Inc. Board of Directors.

Senator Lynch seconded the motion.

A vote was taken.

The motion to remove the approval from the table was approved.

Discussion:

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken

The motion to approve Ron Quider as student representative on the MCC Association Inc. Board of Directors failed.

V. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

President Elliott informed the Senate that he will be bringing forward Sara Lense, a Resident Hall student, for Inter-Campus Liaison. He will help her get in touch with Ambika Howell, President of SEGA.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:40 p.m. Speaker Lawson called for a motion to adjourn.

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

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Brennan
SA Secretary