



**Monroe Community College Student Government Association  
Senate Meeting Minutes for  
Tuesday, September 16, 2008  
2:15 p.m. - Forum (3-130)**

**Student Senators:**

At-Large Senator Lawson  
CASA Senator Kuhn  
Liberal Arts Senator Halling  
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

**Campus Center Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart

**Faculty Advisor:**

Joseph McCauley

**Visitors:** Dick Ryther, Student Services; Leah Torregiano, Public Safety; Annette Agness, MCC Association, Inc.; Devin Lynch, Student Trustee; Lisa Armstrong, Presidential Cabinet, Tony DiFabio, Ted Carey, Peer Mentors; Mike Rice, Student; Abe Guzman, SEGA; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

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

**A. Roll Call**

(See attendance above)

**B. Approval of September 9, 2008 Senate Meeting Minutes**

**Speaker Darrow** called for a motion to approve the minutes for September 9, 2008.

**Senator Kuhn** so moved, seconded by Senator Lawson.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves the September 9, 2008 Senate meeting minutes.

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

Lisa Armstrong brought before the Senate a petition being circulated around campus opposing the current smoking policy. The petition asks for a policy revision to include designated smoking areas with ashtrays and some form of shelter on school property located where it will not interfere with students health concerns or building ventilation while at the same time not hindering the students' ability to get to class on time. She presented the petition to President Elliott.

**III. REPORTS**

**A. Campus Center Advisor**

**Campus Center Advisor Stewart** informed the Senate that last summer the Campus Center started a Leadership Workshop Series. Changes have been made to the workshop series and it can now lead to a 3-level Leadership Certificate Program. This certificate program is a great enhancement for skill development, works hand in hand with the student's academics and co-curricular transcript, and is beneficial to have on a resume. Brochures and information are available in the Campus Center Office (3-126).

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)**

**a. Resolution to approve the Deputy Speaker**

**Resolved**, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the candidate, At-Large Senator Matthew Lawson, for the position of Deputy Speaker for the 2008-2009 Academic Year.

**Speaker Darrow** called for a motion to approve Senator Lawson as the Deputy Speaker.

**Senator Kuhn** so moved, seconded by Senator Ruhindi.

**Discussion:**

**Speaker Darrow** stated that Matt was the Speaker last year and is his choice for Deputy Speaker this year. He feels they will work well together and that Matt is someone everyone can trust.

**President Elliott** stated that Senator Lawson is an excellent choice for the position and congratulated Speaker Darrow for bringing him forward for the position.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves the candidate, At-Large Senator Matthew Lawson, for the position of Deputy Speaker for the 2008-2009 Academic Year.

**V. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

President Elliott, continuing the smoking policy discussion, informed everyone that the Public Health & Safety Committee discussed smoking shelters a couple of years ago. He believes that information will be looked at again. Lisa Armstrong mentioned that she has advised the students involved in the petition to go about it in the proper manner; they are hoping for some sort of compromise. Mr. Ryther stated that students who are violating the smoking policy are being given a map showing the area where smoking is allowed and their names are put into a database. If they become a repeat violator, they are invited to his office for a chat; they are trying to use an educational approach with the students. Leah Torregiano, Public Safety, explained that shelters were discussed at great length and a centralized location could not be found; building shelters also would send the wrong message since the institution is trying to promote better health. She also stated that enforcement is going well, there has been dramatic improvement and the majority of students are abiding by it. She is looking forward to increased compliance.

Speaker Darrow thanked everyone who was involved in coordinating and who participated in the September 11 Remembrance Ceremony.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:32 p.m. Speaker Darrow called for a motion to adjourn.

Senator Lawson so moved, seconded by Senator Ruhindi. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna M. Brennan  
SA Secretary