



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, November 16, 2010
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)**

Student Senators:

Academic Clubs Senator Li
At-Large Senator Shaffner
Athletics Senator Sharp
Interdisciplinary Studies Senator Wassel-Saxe
Residence Hall Senator Young-**Absent**
Science, Health & Business Senator Snyder
Service Clubs Senator Hannah-**Absent**
Social Clubs Senator Blue

President:

Jason Childers

Vice President

Christopher Hollander

Speaker/Media Senator

Mirlin Moorefield

Deputy Speaker/At-Large Senator

Jack Hills-**Absent**

Assistant Deputy Speaker/CAB Senator

Diamond Simmons

Campus Center Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

Campus Center Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog

Visitors: Dick Ryther, Student Services; Shirley Batistta-Provost, Office of Student Life & Leadership Development; Eddie Visagie, Student Trustee/Global Union; Andrew Dresang, Pride Alliance; Michael Gray, Erin Markum, Presidential Cabinet; Yusaf Abdi, Student; Donna Brennan, Secretary.

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

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of November 9, 2010 Senate Meeting Minutes

Speaker Moorefield called for a motion to approve the November 9, 2010 Senate Meeting Minutes.

Senator Snyder so moved, seconded by Senator Blue.

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the November 9, 2010 Senate meeting minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Andrew Dresang, Brighton Pride Alliance President, announced that there will be a Safe Zone Training in early January. He would like to see all members of the clubs and organizations, who have not already been trained, attend the training.

Eddie Visagie, Global Union President, thanked the Senate for the funds they approved for the Boston trip. He mentioned that after Thanksgiving they will do a Boston trip presentation with a slide show.

Erin Markum, Presidential Cabinet Finance Coordinator, reported on SGA's financial expenses and current balance.

III. REPORTS

A. Speaker

Speaker Moorefield...

- ✓ **Media Fair** - was a great success; thank you to WMCC the Fuse, Cabbages & Kings, the Monroe Doctrine and the Cinema Society for participating. Also thanks to Dennis Young, Jr., Megan Scott and Lisa

Armstrong for helping at the SGA table; thanks to Tre Berg and Antoine Reeves for representing SEGA; thank you to Jon Moses from the independent film, The Beast Pageant and the Stephens Media Group; a special thanks to Hobie Mendez and Tim Stam for being the MC's for the event.

- ✓ **Media Committee** – the next meeting will be held in the Senate office (3-127) on Monday, December 6, 2010 at 4pm. They will discuss a universal media publicity form and plans for a possible spring project.
- ✓ **ASACC** – he, Advisor Joe McCauley and Coordinator Michael Gray attended the Fall conference in New Orleans, LA. He and Michael participated in the LEAPS (Leadership, Education, Advocacy, Planning and Service) Student Leadership Program and earned the Student Leader, Level 1, LEAPS Certificate. He plans to discuss possibilities for future conferences for SGA with the Advisors, such as the National Center for Student Leadership, The American Student Government Association or the United States Student Association.
- ✓ **Anti-Violence Project** - they are working on combining the former Project Exile and The Clothesline Project to come up with an anti-violence project for the spring. Advisor Stewart has recommended that they tie this in with a national anti-violence program called “Enough is Enough”.

B. Deputy Speaker

Deputy Speaker Hills was absent; Speaker Moorefield read his report...

- ✓ **SUNY Student Assembly Conference** – the conference presented the opportunity for him to observe Student Government on a state level as well as interact with other members of Student Governments from across the state. It also provided the opportunity for personal growth as a student representative.
- ✓ **Green Initiatives** – he would like to start the planning process for several initiatives. This will not only provide an opportunity to do something positive throughout our community but more-so, help develop programs and projects that have a lasting impact on MCC and the individuals enrolled here.

C. Vice President

Vice President Hollander...

- ✓ **SUNY Student Assembly** - the conference on Halloween weekend was a huge success. Over 25 students attended enough workshops to be eligible for the diversity certificate; this is also the number of people who completed the safe zone training that was provided that weekend. They approved the resolution to increase the number of graduate representatives as long as there are enough students paying student life fees at their campus; the resolution to assist the President with removing Directors in a more rational way was approved but it does not allow the Executive Committee to remove Directors in any means except for impeachment; the Community College Affairs Committee was approved; the Water Justice Alliance resolution was passed after the introduction of more information that the group does plan to make a permanent solution by building wells. The resolution to limit the time on reports failed by a narrow margin. The Community College Affairs Committee met that weekend; they were given a more up to date version of the Community College Bill of Rights. They plan to introduce the document at the Spring Conference. This document will give SGA's more control of their budgets without fear of retaliation from their respective Faculty Student Association. He is waiting to hear about the Diversity Committee goals. The Executive Committee will be meeting at the University of Albany the weekend of November 20-21. The Executive Committee will be meeting at MCC on January 15, 2011; all members of the student body are encouraged to attend.
- ✓ **Rock the Vote** - the final event, the Election Results Party, was held on November 2nd. 75 students and faculty attended. Congratulations to MCC Alum, Mayor Bob Duffy for being elected to the position of Lieutenant Governor for New York State. As chair of the committee, he thanks everyone who attended the event and those who helped plan and setup. A special recognition is in order for Vice Chairs, Legislative Affairs Coordinator Rimsha Khan and Elections Coordinator Kelly Bynes. Also, thank you to the members of CAB and Phi Theta Kappa for the hard work they put in to this event. All follow up communication will be done via e-mail.
- ✓ **ACUI** – November 12-14 he attend the Association of College Unions International Conference in Ithaca, NY. They toured both Cornell University and Ithaca College; he learned that they need to start bringing events to the people and they need to think about using the walkway from the Residence Halls and overflow parking to their advantage. He will be introducing some ideas during the first couple weeks of the Spring Semester. Ithaca College has a huge bulletin board displaying their events and the people in their SGA and he would like to bring something similar to the Peer Assistant Network and the SGA.

- ✓ **Brighton SGA** – office hours for the Senate and Cabinet are being set up so the office will be open Monday through Friday from 9-5. A master list of all of the Student and Faculty Committees those members of SGA sit on has been compiled.
- ✓ **Safe Zone Training** – was held on November 11th; Senator Li, Senator Young and 7 members from the Cabinet attended. There will be another Safe Zone Training during the first week of January and he hopes the rest of the Senators and Coordinators will attend so that the Safe Zone Sticker can be put back on the office door.
- ✓ **Budget Resource Committee** – he and Deputy Speaker Hills attended their first meeting on Monday, November 15. With both of them on the committee, they will be able to provide a perspective of both the Brighton and Damon campuses; there will be more information as it becomes available.
- ✓ **T-Shirt Auction** – will take place on December 13 during college hour; proceeds from the auction will benefit Carolina’s Fight for Life. Carolina is a victim of Clear Cell Sarcoma, an extremely rare form of cancer. Only 300 people have been diagnosed with it over the past 40 years. Carolina’s family all attended Monroe Community College. He has over 15 t-shirts to auction off and sends an invitation to all MCC clubs and organizations to donate a shirt to the cause. Blue cancer ribbons will also be sold for a minimum donation of one dollar. The event is being co-sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, Global Union, WMCC the Fuse, and Phi Theta Kappa. He encourages the club Senators to work with their clubs to get more participation in this event.

D. Senators

Senator Young was absent; Speaker Moorefield read his report...

- ✓ **Air Conditioning** – he brings this issue up in hopes that the Facilities Department and the Residence Life Office will restrict the usage of air conditioning in the suites because he feels it is no longer needed and it would save money and the environment.
- ✓ **Coin Machines** – he has been asked to research the possibility of putting coin machines in the Residence Halls; Shelitha Dickerson informed him that the vending machine company is skeptical about placing machines in the Halls due to safety/security issues but the appropriate parties are working on a plan that is mutual. One idea that was suggested was bringing in soda/candy machines that are “fixed” to allow dollar bills to be inserted and quarters to be sent out.
- ✓ **Election Day** – thank you to MCC for allowing the students the opportunity to watch the election results on the televisions in Monroe A&B on Election Night 2010.

E. Office of Student Life & Leadership Development Advisor

Advisor Stewart mentioned that civility was the focus at the ACUI Conference; it was interesting to see some of the big projects.

F. Faculty Advisor

Advisor McCauley mentioned that he attended the ASACC Conference in New Orleans with Speaker Moorefield and Coordinator Gray; he participated in the community service project.

G. Office of Student Life & Leadership Development Advisor

Advisor Herzog reminded everyone that the Health Fair is tomorrow, November 17, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; 35 – 37 vendors from on campus and off will be offering information as well as free cholesterol testing and free flu shots. The event is co-sponsored by the Brighton Campus SGA, Health Information Technology Club and the Health Office.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve Committee Members

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve Jason Childers to sit on the By-Laws Committee; Tina Li and Scott Blue on the Academic Policies Committee; Jim Snyder and Maria Shaffner on the Personal Health and Safety Committee; Dennis Young on the Media Committee, and Christopher Hollander on the Budget Resource Committee.

Speaker Moorefield called for a motion to approve committee members.

Senator Blue so moved, seconded by Senator Sharp.

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the following committee members: Jason Childers, By-Laws Committee; Tina Li and Scott Blue, Academic Policies Committee; Jim Snyder and Maria Shaffner, Personal Health and Safety Committee; Dennis Young, Media Committee; Christopher Hollander, Budget Resource Committee.

VI. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

There were no questions or comments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:42 p.m. Speaker Moorefield called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Snyder so moved, seconded by Senator Li.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Brennan
SA Secretary