



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR  
Tuesday, November 24, 2009  
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)**

**Student Senators:**

Academic Clubs Senator Rahul Raja  
At-Large Senator Blum  
At-Large Senator Cohen  
Interdisciplinary Senator Blair  
Service Clubs Senator Monroe  
Social Clubs Senator Mac

**President:**

Qasim Ijaz

**Vice President:**

Jason Childers

**Speaker/At-Large Senator**

Ted Carey

**Deputy Speaker/ Science, Health & Business Senator**

Simon Ruhindi

**Campus Center Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart

**Faculty Advisor:**

Joseph McCauley

**Visitors:** Dick Ryther, Student Services; Rebecca Herzog, Campus Center; Justin Young, Eddie Visagie, Campus Activities Board; Tima Marathe, Presidential Cabinet; Kailea Colayori, Holly Atkinson, American Sign Language Club; Matt Lawson, Alumnus; Graham Hall, Student; Donna Brennan, Secretary.

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

**A. Roll Call**

(See attendance above)

**B. Approval of November 17, 2009 minutes**

**Speaker Carey** called for a motion to approve the minutes for the November 17, 2009 Senate meeting.

**Senator Cohen** so moved, seconded by Senator Monroe.

**Discussion:**

**Senator Cohen** asked that the minutes be amended on page 2, 2nd paragraph of President Ijaz's report; Mrs. Jill Biden should be changed to Dr. Jill Biden.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves the minutes for November 17, 2009 as amended.

**II. REPORTS**

**A. Speaker**

**Speaker Carey...**

- ✓ SEGA Winter Ball - he, Vice President Childers, and Director Marathe attended the event on Friday, November 20. SEGA did a wonderful job and the improv performers were great. He thanks SEGA for introducing him, VP Childers and Director Marathe to those in attendance. They had a wonderful time.
- ✓ Blood Drive – the next drive is scheduled for Thursday, December 3rd from 10-4 in the Forum. If you are able to donate, please do. Volunteers to sign people in are needed; a volunteer signup sheet is on the outside of the Senate room door. Posters advertising the drive are up and thank you to Campus Center Operations for doing that.
- ✓ He wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving. Even though there is a day set aside to officially celebrate the holiday, we should be thankful everyday for what we all have, especially family, friends, good health and freedom.

## B. Senators

### Senator Cohen...

- ✓ SUNY Student Assembly Executive Committee for November was held at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, NY. Business consisted largely of listening to reports. They discussed the Fall Conference in Binghamton and the upcoming Spring Conference in Saratoga. If anyone, particularly for those who went to Binghamton, has any thoughts, comments, suggestions, etc. on things that were done well or not so well, or things that could be improved, or anything that you particularly want to see at Spring Conference, please send him an email, so he can get that feedback to where it needs to go.
- ✓ He, President Ijaz, and Director of Intercampus Relations Proietti attended Damon's SEGA meeting on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. He reported on the SUNY SA EC meeting. He thinks the meeting overall went very well, and he believes that most SEGA members wish to have as good relations with SGA as possible.
- ✓ Next week, Tuesday, December 1, he will be absent from both the public meeting and executive session; he will be in Manhattan at the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) attending the third Group of 200 discussion. The Group of 200 will assist in formulating a five year Strategic Plan for the 64 school SUNY network, and the conversation at FIT will be the third of seven meetings, and the conversations will rotate around the state, and each will be open to the public. In February they will meet at Upstate Medical and he encourages anyone who is interested, and has the time free, to attend. Dr. Kress, Dr. Goode, and he are the three people serving in the Group of 200 from MCC. Remember to visit the website, [www.suny.edu/strategicplan](http://www.suny.edu/strategicplan), if you are interested in learning more about this Group, or their mission, or if you would like to offer feedback on the Strategic Planning process. You can also follow GenerationSUNY on Twitter, Facebook, or YouTube, for more news on SUNY in general and the Strategic Plan in specific.

- C. **Campus Center Advisor Stewart and Faculty Advisor McCauley** wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and encouraged them to enjoy the time off.

## IV. NEW BUSINESS

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

#### a. Resolution to approve Committee Members

*Resolved*, that the Senate consents to the appointment of the following students to sit on the fore mentioned Committees for the 2009-2010 academic year:

Events Committee - Rahul Raja, Thao Mac

Rock the Vote Committee - Jenny Blum, Malcolm Cohen, and Jessica Monroe.

**Speaker Carey** called for a motion to approve Committee Members.

**Deputy Speaker Ruhindi** so moved, seconded by Senator Blum.

#### **Discussion:**

**Senator Cohen** offered a friendly amendment to add President Ijaz to the Events Committee; seconded by Senator Blum.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves the above mentioned committee members as amended.

#### b. Resolution to approve the funding of \$849.85 to the American Sign Language Club

*Resolved*, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the funding of \$849.85 to the American Sign Language Club.

**Senator Monroe** explained that she has been working with the ASL Club on their Silent Dinner.

**Kailea Colayori**, President and Holly Atkinson, Treasurer explained that the funding will cover the cost of food for the dinner; the club will cover all other expenses.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** approves the funding of \$849.85 to the American Sign Language Club.

## V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

**Justin Young**, CAB Co-Director stated that the Mitch Albom event was a huge success. They went over their attendance goal of 1100; approximately 1200 attended. Breakfast with Santa is scheduled for Saturday, December 5, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Forum. Admission is a non-perishable food item and/or an unwrapped new child's toy. CAB has teamed up with the Peer Mentors to donate the food and toys to the SPCC.

**Senator Mac** asked if CAB was co-sponsoring the Holiday Bash with Global Union. Rebecca Herzog, CAB Advisor, stated that they are not co-sponsoring the event; Global Union is just borrowing some of their supplies.

**President Ijaz** congratulated CAB for the success of the Mitch Albom event. He announced his resignation effective December 10, 2009. He has been accepted and will be attending Alfred State in the spring. He will remain a member of the events committee until he leaves.

**Senator Cohen** asked President Ijaz what time his resignation becomes effective on December 10.

**President Ijaz** informed him that it will be effective at 10:30 a.m., December 10, 2009 and he will redo his resignation letter to reflect that.

**Speaker Carey** thanked former Speaker Lawson for attending the meeting today.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:34 p.m. Speaker Carey called for a motion to adjourn. Deputy Speaker Ruhindi so moved, seconded by Senator Cohen. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

## VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Brennan  
SA Secretary