



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, March 4, 2008**

Present:

Senators:

Senator Broyld-Absent
Senator Darrow
Senator Esposito
Senator Kuhn
Senator Lynch
Senator Marino
Senator Robinson
Senator Wingate

President:

Daniel Elliott

Vice President:

Ronald Quider-Absent

Speaker:

Matthew Lawson

Deputy Speaker:

Jennifer Bickel

Campus Center Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joe McCauley

Visitors: Dick Ryther, Student Services; Annette Agness, MCC Assn., Inc.; Lee Struble, Public Safety; Candice Beck, CASA; Amanda Haessler, CASA; James Dean, Hospitality; Patricia Skinner, Hospitality; Catherine Higgins, Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:20 p.m.)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of February 26, 2008 minutes

Speaker Lawson indicated that the approval of the February 26, 2008 minutes will be postponed until the next meeting.

II. REPORTS

A. Speaker's Report

Speaker Lawson...

- ✓ **Speaker Lawson** has been busy this week with the usual Speaker jobs. Currently he has been helping the senators with their upcoming projects. He is very excited about the energy that the Senate has been showing in the last couple of weeks. If this motivation continues, there will be no reason why the Student Senate will not end on a positive note.
- ✓ **Speaker Lawson** wanted to remind everyone about the next Board of Trustees' meeting on March 24th at 5:00 p.m. It will be an important meeting, because the finalists for the selection process of the next President of MCC will be announced at that time.

B. Deputy Speaker's Report

Deputy Speaker Bickel...

- ✓ **The Library Committee** is in the process of launching a Spring marketing campaign to help make students more aware of the resources and services that are available to them. Some of these services include laptops, study rooms, individual databases, interlibrary loans, lectures and library services available at other libraries. The marketing campaign is in the initial stage, and we hope to have everything completed by mid-Spring semester.
- ✓ **Deputy Speaker Bickel** attended the Faculty Senate last week. The faculty has a leadership program for their staff. It was interesting to see that both the faculty and students have parallel leadership programs.

- ✓ **Deputy Speaker Bickel** would like to get a team together to start working on a letter encouraging the SUNY Administration and the MCC Board of Trustees' to keep the school's interests in mind while making their decision regarding the next president of Monroe Community College.

C. President's Report President Elliott...

- ✓ **The Presidential Search Advisory Committee** has come to an end for this year. Our finalists will be recommended to the Board of Trustees' by March 10th and the public list will be available on March 24th at the Board of Trustees' meeting. President Elliott encouraged everyone to attend this meeting, including faculty.
- ✓ **Clay Munnings** is avidly pushing the recycling program on Campus and is now looking into a tree planting demonstration for Arbor Day. They are looking for volunteers to help with these efforts.
- ✓ **President Elliott** and Vice President Quider met with Jackie Woods and are looking into other fundraising possibilities. Jackie is getting very creative, so we should be in for a fun semester. She is currently looking into the possibility of scratch-off tickets.
- ✓ **President Elliott** asks Senators to not forget about the smoking policy change on the table. As a point of information for new senators, the Senate approved the policy. This action was vetoed by President Elliott. It takes a two-thirds vote to override the veto. President Elliott is looking to bring it back to the table for discussion.
- ✓ **Owen Arthur** is off to a spectacular start on the election process. He is asking for help from everyone, as this is the basis of how this government works.
- ✓ There is a Current Issues page on our SGA website. If you would like to include something, please e-mail Maddy Varno at mvarno001@student.monroecc.edu. Please copy President Elliott, Senator Lawson, and Deputy Speaker Bickel in your e-mail.

D. Vice President's Report Vice President Quider...

E. Senator Reports Senator Broyld...(submitted by e-mail)

- ✓ **Senator Broyld** discussed some issues with Monroe Doctrine concerning financing for an upcoming trip. However, he later found out that everything was taken care of.
- ✓ **Senator Broyld** spoke with officials of WMCC the Fuse about their upcoming event, "I Love New York 2." After a discussion, they came up with a conclusion that satisfied the parties involved.
- ✓ **The Finance Committee** viewed three applications, one of which will be approved today. Senator Broyld also discussed with Asst. Director of Clubs and Organizations, Shirley Provost, the process for clubs to request funds and wanted to remind them that, while funds may be available, necessary steps must be taken before funds can be approved.

Senator Darrow... Senator Esposito...

- ✓ **Senator Esposito** is currently trying to set up a meeting with Dianna Phillips, Dean of Technical Education, to discuss ways to help out the Technical Education Students. He is also working with Senator Wingate to put on a viewing of "Shadow Company."

Senator Kuhn...

- ✓ **Senator Kuhn** stated that CASA is finishing up the planning for this semester, and intends on starting fall planning for next year by the end of this month. This Friday, they will be showing "Pirates of the

Caribbean,” at noon in Monroe A & B, and again at 6:00 p.m. in Canal Hall. CASA is also currently working on creating a budgeting calendar for events for next year.

Senator Lynch...

Senator Marino...

Senator Robinson...

- ✓ **Senator Robinson** has been working with several different senators to accomplish some of our upcoming goals. She will be working with Maddy Varno, the web design coordinator, to put together a car wash to fundraise for the Dan O'Hanlon Scholarship. She is also working with Speaker Lawson on a newsletter that will be distributed to the different clubs and organizations, so that we can keep constant communication between the government and the clubs. Senator Robinson will be working with Senator Broyld to create a letter to the clubs, informing them of different changes and responsibilities that are happening that may affect them. Last Friday, she met with the Finance Committee, and we are still working on trying to use up our contingency account.

Senator Wingate...

- ✓ **Senator Wingate** has been continuing to work on the open discussion forum about PMC's and things are coming together nicely. He has gotten the Veteran's Club involved, and they are all very excited to be a part of this. In the next few weeks, we will work to get the word out, and hopefully invite a few guests from various extremes of this topic to make sure students are fully informed.

Senator Woodward...

- ✓ **Senator Woodward** met with Shelitha Dickerson to discuss the pizza nights at the Residence Halls. She would like him to attend an all-commons meeting this Wednesday to speak to all of the RA's and RD's about what he and Senator Lynch have been working on. He plans to have the RA's help tie in programs with our pizza on Friday nights. Senator Woodward has also spoken with several officers from Cinema Studies, and they have shown great interest in taking part in what we are doing.
- ✓ **The Library Committee** is planning to do a “Spring Awareness of the Library” and Senator Woodward will be writing an article for the Monroe Doctrine.

Senator Yost...

F. Campus Center Advisor

Campus Center Advisor Stewart...

- ✓ **Faculty Advisor Stewart** reported that on March 6, 2008 from 12:00 – 12:50 p.m., the New York State Department of Transportation will hold a project update for the East Henrietta Road Construction project. They are inviting Senate members to attend. They will be talking about goals and schedules, alternate routes and will be giving highway safety tips. This project will be ramping up in April and May.
- ✓ **Governor Elliot Spitzer** will be speaking on the SUNY Endowment from the New York State Lottery on March 5, 2008, in the College Union Ballroom at SUNY Geneseo at 10:45 a.m. The public is invited and President Elliott will be speaking.
- ✓ **The Leadership Workshops** offered by the Campus Center are accessible on-line. If you go to the Campus Center link and click on Leadership Institute, you will find a list of available workshops. She encouraged everyone to consider attending them. They are open to all students.

G. Faculty Advisor

Faculty Advisor McCauley...

- ✓ **Faculty Advisor McCauley** reminded everyone that the underlying reason for participating in the Board of Trustees' meeting is to have the opportunity to leave a real legacy, and to get the best qualified academic administrator to lead MCC. It should be someone who can continue along the path forged by President Flynn and Dr. Spina in making MCC both a nationally and internationally recognized institution.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve the release of funds to the Hospitality Club in the amount of \$528.

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the release of funds in the amount of \$528. to the Hospitality Club.

Speaker Lawson called for a motion to approve.

Senator Lynch so moved, seconded by Senator Darrow.

Discussion:

Kayla McCrossen from the Hospitality Club explained that they are requesting these funds for their annual trip to the National Restaurant Association Show, which will be held in Chicago. She indicated that without the funds requested, hospitality students would not be able to afford to go on this trip. The club originally asked for \$4,000, and she asked why they were only considered for \$528.

James Dean from the Hospitality Club stated that it is very important for these students to have an opportunity to go on this trip, and also asked why they were only considered for such a small amount. Senator Robinson explained that the bulk of the monies asked for were given to them by the Finance Committee and the remainder is being approved out of the SGA Contingency Fund.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association unanimously approves the resolution to release the funds to the Hospitality Club in the amount of \$528.

ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

b. Resolution to approve the release of funds to WMCC The Fuse in the amount of \$800.

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the release of funds in the amount of \$800. to WMCC The Fuse.

Speaker Lawson indicated that this motion will be postponed until after the next Finance Committee meeting, in order for them to discuss this first.

IV. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

President Elliott stated that he will be speaking at the SUNY Endowment event at SUNY Geneseo, due to the fact that President Flynn cannot attend. Money from the sale of Mega-Millions goes to SUNY schools, and he is hoping to push for community colleges to get a share of the monies that they deserve.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

Senator Woodward so moved, seconded by Senator Darrow. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Higgins
Secretary