



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, December 14, 2010
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)**

Student Senators:

Academic Clubs Senator Li
At-Large Senator Shaffner
At-Large Senator Abdi
Athletics Senator Sharp
Interdisciplinary Studies Senator Wassel-Saxe
Liberal Arts Senator Hale
Science, Health & Business Senator Snyder
Social Clubs Senator Blue
Technical Education Senator Psomiadis

President:

Jason Childers

Vice President

Christopher Hollander

Speaker/Media Senator

Mirlin Moorefield

Deputy Speaker/At-Large Senator

Jack Hills

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; Kelly Bynes & Michael Gray, Presidential Cabinet; Grant Gangi, Chinese Culture Club; Donna Brennan, Secretary.

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

A. Roll Call

Senator Psomiadis – Absent
Senator Shaffner – Absent
Assistant Deputy Speaker Simmons - Absent

B. Approval of September 28, 2010 Senate Meeting minutes.

Senator Moorefield called for a motion to approve the September 28, 2010 Senate Meeting Minutes.
Senator Snyder 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 September 28, 2010 Senate meeting minutes as written.

C. Approval of November 23, 2010 Senate Meeting minutes.

Senator Moorefield called for a motion to approve the November 23, 2010 Senate Meeting Minutes.
Senator Li so moved, seconded by Senator Wassel-Saxe.
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 23, 2010 Senate meeting minutes as written.

D. Approval of December 7, 2010 Senate Meeting minutes.

Senator Moorefield called for a motion to approve the December 7, 2010 Senate Meeting Minutes.
Senator Sharp so moved, seconded by Senator Li.
There was no discussion.
A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the December 14, 2010 Senate meeting minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

There was no one to speak to the Senate.

III. REPORTS

A. President

President Childers...

- **Student E-Mail Committee** is working on getting more students to use their MCC e-mail to read and communicate with the faculty and staff. Many students don't realize that the majority of departments are cutting down on how much paper they use, including in their mailings. Also, several professors will only accept e-mail from an MCC account from their students. They are looking into ways of getting the idea across to students, including more clubs getting MCC e-mail addresses.
- **Rochester Intercollegiate Council (RIC)** met at MCC on Sunday, December 12. Representatives from SUNY Geneseo, Genesee Community College, RIT, U of R and SEGA attended. Discussion included the highs and lows happening on their respective campuses and upcoming events; Intercampus Liaison Michael Gray was approved as Vice Chair of RIC. The next meeting will be held at SUNY Geneseo on January 16, 2011.

B. Vice President

Vice President Hollander

- **Faculty Senate and Professor Evaluations** – he is currently keeping a list of Professors who are not stepping out of the classroom while evaluations are being completed. He asks that any Senator or student who is aware of this happening to send names to him. These findings will be reported to the Faculty Senate by his designee to the Faculty Senate.
- **SUNY Student Assembly** – the January 15, 2011 meeting of the SUNY SA Executive meeting will take place at MCC. If any Senators or Coordinators would like to attend let him know by January 4.
- **Spring Programming** – everyone's office hours for the Spring Semester will be needed by the SGA Training on January 19. Volunteers will be needed for the first two weeks of classes to assist in handing out hot chocolate to the students who walk to overflow parking and to the Residence Halls. Everything for the T-shirt auction will also be finalized at that time.

C. Office of Student Life & Leadership Development Advisor Stewart wished everyone good luck on their finals and Happy Holidays.

Reminders: Winter Retreat – January 10, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Monroe A & B; SGA Training – January 19, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Forum.

D. Faculty Advisor McCauley encouraged everyone to study hard for their finals and Happy Holidays.

E. Office of Student Life & Leadership Development Advisor Herzog encouraged everyone to study hard for their finals and Happy Holidays.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to Approve the Funding of \$3,020.00 to the Chinese Culture Club

Resolved, that the Senate consents to funding the Chinese Culture Club in the amount of \$3,020.00.

This resolution came from the Travel/Finance Committee; no motion needed.

Senator Snyder read the resolution.

Discussion:

Grant Gangi, Chinese Culture Club Secretary, explained that the money will be used for an event called "Splendor of China". The event will promote Chinese Culture through traditional music, dance, art and more. MCC students, faculty and staff will be free but there will be an admission fee for the community. He stated that attendance last year was 250 but they expect attendance to be 500 plus this year.

Deputy Speaker Hills expressed concern that the request is for \$3000 for 2 hours and asked for past experiences with the event.

Grant explained that in previous years the event was free and many more people attended. Last year was the first year a fee was charged but they also started later in the planning of the event. This year they have more time to

work on the performances, planning and promotions. The program this year is similar to the programs in the past.

Senator Snyder asked if an admission fee would lower the cost from the Senate funds.

Advisor Stewart stated that the money they would make from charging for attendance cannot be used because student life fees are being used. Money from ticket fees goes into the general revenue account for the MCC Association which helps to balance the budget at the end of the year.

Vice President Hollander expressed concern because funds were approved for the event last year but no one from the club came back to the Senate to share the results.

Speaker Moorefield asked Grant to make sure that someone from the club come back to the Senate after the event this year to report the results.

Senator Li explained that the fees seem higher because this year they are hiring the performers.

Speaker Moorefield and Senator Blue expressed concern about being able to increase attendance this year if the event was going to be the same as last year especially since attendance last year dropped when an admission fee was charged.

Grant explained that last year they didn't advertise as well as they could have so there many people who might have come were not aware of the event. That is why they are planning to start advertising earlier and to use more venues for advertising this year.

Advisor Stewart commented that in the past when no admission fee was charged they filled the theatre so the admission fee may have been more of a deterrent than anything else.

Vice President Hollander recommended tabling the resolution until the question about an admission fee can be answered.

Senator Sharp stated that it will be important that the students know they are free as long as they have proof that they are students; that might encourage them to attend the event and to bring their family and friends.

Deputy Speaker Hills suggested that the request be re-addressed at a later time. He likes the idea and thinks it is a great opportunity but some of the issues need to be clarified. He also suggested that the club continue to work on promotions and planning and come back to the Senate after the winter recess.

A vote was taken.

The resolution to approve funds in the amount of \$3020 to the Chinese Culture Club fails.

b. Resolution to Approve the Funding of \$2,608.00 to the Hospitality Club

Resolved, that the Senate consents to funding the Hospitality club in the amount of \$2,608.00.

This resolution came from the Travel/Finance Committee; no motion needed.

Senator Blue read the resolution.

Discussion:

Senator Hale moved to table the resolution until after break so a representative from the Hospitality Club could be present to answer questions. Senator Wassel-Saxe seconded the motion.

A vote was taken.

The motion to table passes.

c. Resolution to Approve Appointments to Various Committees

Resolved, that the Senate consents to appointments to sit on the said Committees for the 2010-2011 academic school year.

Speaker Moorefield called for a motion to approve appointments to various committees.

Senator Hale 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 appointments to committees: Kelly Bynes, Andrew Dresang and Luis Perez to the Food Service Committee; Jenna Psomiadis to the Media Committee for the 2010-2011 academic school year.

V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Senator Hollander announced that he will not be in for his office hour on Wednesday, December 15.

Senator Sharp announced that MCC won the Pete Pavia Basketball Tournament and he thanks Advisor Stewart and Senators Blue and Wassel-Saxe for helping him get the information out.

Speaker Moorefield announced that this is his last public meeting. He will be resigning at the end of the semester to concentrate on his academics and to get involved with WMCC.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:49 p.m. Speaker Moorefield called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Sharp so moved, seconded by Senator Hale. The motion passed; the Senate meeting was adjourned.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Brennan
SA Secretary