



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, March 18, 2008**

Present:

Senators:

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

President:

Daniel Elliott

Vice President:

Ronald Quider

Speaker:

Matthew Lawson-Absent

Deputy Speaker:

Jennifer Bickel

Campus Center Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joe McCauley-Absent

Visitors: Dick Ryther, Student Services; Annette Agness, MCC Association, Inc.; Ron Wood, Tracy Pakusch, Cabbages & Kings; Rob Bodley, Kate Nicoll, Student Music Association; Mark Soderberg, Presidential Cabinet; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:22 p.m.)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of March 11, 2008 minutes

Acting Speaker Bickel called for a motion to approve the March 11, 2008 minutes.

Senator Lynch so moved, seconded by Senator Yost.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the March 11, 2008 minutes as written.

II. REPORTS

A. Senator Reports

Senator Darrow...

- ✓ ASACC Conference in Washington DC was a great experience and a lot of fun. They learned how to take their message to the US Congress.
- ✓ Bathroom Graffiti – it was brought to his attention that obscene messages are written in the men's bathroom on the fourth floor of the Library. He asked if there was a way to get rid of these messages and if anything can be done to prevent this from happening.

Senator Lynch...

- ✓ Res. Halls – he and Senator Woodward have finalized the funding for a Pizza & Movie night which will be co-sponsored by the Cinema Society and the SGA. The SGA will be working on the pizza side of the event while the Cinema Society will be working with the copyright laws in order to tie in movies with the event.
- ✓ President Flynn Scholarship – he and Shanon Gibson have been planning ways to ensure a large turnout at the March 27th and April 30th scholarship fundraiser at Uno's in Henrietta, Victor and Webster. Take-out orders count towards the fundraiser; they will be contacting faculty and administration to see if they would be interested in placing departmental lunch orders on the days of the fundraiser. They are also working on getting electronic copies of the vouchers posted on the Student Tribune as well as in the Monroe Doctrine.

Senator Robinson...

- ✓ Finance Committee – the committee met and successfully created the budgets for the upcoming 08-09 school year! She and Senator Broyle created a letter to the clubs, which they distributed at the Roundtable meeting on March 12, informing them of the rules and regulations for requesting money. As a side note to the clubs, Roundtable is mandatory!! Unfortunately, some clubs have not been showing up repeatedly and this can become a huge problem for them down the road!

Senator Woodward...

- ✓ Res. Halls – paperwork is being completed for the Pizza & Movie night being sponsored by the SGA and the Cinema Society.
- ✓ Board of Trustees Meeting – he has been urging his classmates and the RAs to attend the Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, March 24.

B. Campus Center Advisor

Campus Center Advisor Stewart informed the Senate that she received an email from Cynthia Cooper regarding a DOT Brighton Cleanup. She would like to get a crew together for Saturday, April 26 to clean up the area that the SGA has adopted. With a joint effort, a lot of progress could be made in 1 ½ - 2 hours. She asked for a volunteer to coordinate this effort.

Board of Trustees meeting on March 24 – it is very important to be there. She asked everyone who can to be there at 3:00 and/or 5:00 pm. Any questions or concerns can be directed to President Elliott who has done a great job representing the students in this issue.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Re-call vote for the resolution to approve the release of funds to Cabbages & Kings

Acting Speaker Bickel called for a motion to re-call the vote for the resolution to release funds to Cabbages & Kings.

Senator Lynch so moved, seconded by Senator Yost.

Discussion:

Ron Wood, Associate Editor of Cabbages & Kings, read a letter addressed to the Senate and signed by the Editor and the Associate Editor apologizing for the conduct of their members, particularly their Secretary, during the Senate meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 and on Thursday, March 13, 2008. On Friday, March 14, the Secretary tendered her letter of resignation which was accepted by the President and faculty advisors. Ron also apologized for any misunderstanding regarding the funding issue and the amount of books they have in their office.

Senator Esposito stated that in the meeting minutes from the March 11 Senate meeting it was stated that all of the copies of the 06-07 issue had been distributed; yet, members of the SGA were able to obtain copies after that meeting.

Ron explained that at that time they had less than 10 copies of the 06-07 books in the office. They usually have a couple of copies around the office to use as a reference. When they realized that the SGA might have some concern with that, they distributed those books. The only 06-07 books they have in the office now are the members/officers personal copies. In this past school year they have distributed an additional 1000 plus books from previous years and with the 06-07 edition that totals over 2500 books. The extra money they are requesting will allow them to print an additional 500 books for a total of 2000 books. They believe they have the ability to distribute that many books.

Senator Woodward expressed concern over the number of books Cabbages & Kings had on their table at the WMCC function on Thursday, March 13.

Ron explained they were displaying the 05-06 books at the table. He also stated that at the Senate meeting last week he mentioned that they had a couple of boxes books in the office. They now have significantly less and are stepping up their efforts so they will be in full compliance. The books go when they put them out; the books seen around the Campus Center are constantly being replaced. He stated they do have books from the past 3-4 years previous to the 06-07 book. They have more than fulfilled the kind of circulation it would take to distribute the amount of books they could print with a better proposal than what they are proposing now.

Senator Lynch asked how much of this year's budget they have actually used.

Ron explained they used their travel budget of \$3400 for a conference in New York City; \$83 of the promotional budget which went to printing flyers and posters; less than \$100 was used to purchase office supplies. Their publications budget currently has \$5000 which is reserved only for that purpose and the travel budget has \$270 which will be used to supplement the amount of books they can print this year. Out of the money that is reflected in their actual budget proposal, \$300 will be used for food for their multi-college release event on May 1, and the rest of the money will go to print more books. With the money they would be able to print 500 more books with more pages than last year; more colored pages, and a wider page size. In November they added a Graphic Arts Coordinator whose job is to take in visual arts submissions and to design the book in

a professional fashion that is also stylish and very current. They have also developed a new review system for submissions. The biggest reason for more pages would be to allow for more students to submit their work. There will be 8 more color pages this year for color art work and an additional 16 black & white pages for print which means another 7 or 8 students in literary arts and another 4 or 5 visual artists will be able to have their work published this year. Between 30 & 40 submissions will be accepted this year as opposed to last year when they could only accept 20-25.

Senator Wingate mentioned that he spoke to a number of students about the Cabbages & Kings publication. He found that many students knew about the book but were not interested in it. Out of about 38 students only 1 student actually had read through a couple of issues. He asked if there was really a need for more books if only 1 out of 38 actually reads the book.

Ron stated that they believe that the more books they have the more people will be able to pick it up and take a look at it. They understand that out of the entire student body there are a significant number of students who do not read literature in their spare time and who are not interested in visual arts. They are reaching out to make Cabbages & Kings more accessible in a way that never has happened before. They are talking to writing and art professors and students. They currently have over 200 people on their mailing list who receive updates on what they are doing every week, more people are attending their meetings than in the past, and more students are interested in officer positions for the upcoming year.

Acting Speaker Bickel called for a vote and explained that a vote of yes is a vote to unallocate the \$3000 that was approved at the last Senate meeting; a vote of no is a vote in favor of allocating the \$3000.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association, with a roll-call vote of 5 to 3, approves the recall of the \$3000 previously approved for release to Cabbages & Kings.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. **Resolution to approve the release of funds in the amount of \$1,000 to the Student Music Association**

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the release of funds in the amount of \$1,000 to the Student Music Association.

Acting Speaker Bickel called for a motion to approve the release of funds to the Student Music Association. Senator Kuhn so moved, seconded by Senator Robinson.

Discussion:

Rob Bodley, President of the Student Music Association, explained that their original request was for \$2000. He asked that the Senate approve \$1500 so more students would be able to join in on the viewing of Wicked at the RBTL. He purchased 20 tickets when they went on sale and they currently have 20 people committed to attending; they would like to open this opportunity to the whole college. The cost of each ticket is \$61.50 for a total of \$1230 for 20 tickets.

Senator Wingate asked if the money they are requesting would go to subsidizing the price of the ticket to the students and how much each ticket would be.

Rob explained that the students will be paying a portion of the ticket and the price to the student depends on how many students sign up. Right now with the 20 tickets that have been purchased the cost to the student will be \$20-25 and he would like to reserve at least 10 more tickets.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves the release of funds in the amount of \$1000 to the Student Music Association.

b. **Resolution to approve the release of funds in the amount of \$500 to the Biology Club.**

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the release of funds in the amount of \$500 to the Biology Club.

Acting Speaker Bickel called for a motion to approve the release of funds to the Biology Club. Senator Yost so moved, seconded by Senator Esposito.

Discussion:

Senator Robinson, in the absence of club representation, explained that the request is to help them fund a trip to Boston. The Biology Club is taking \$650 out of their agency account and the students attending will be contributing \$334. They are contributing more than they are asking for which is what the Finance Committee looks for.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves the resolution to release funds in the amount of \$500 to the Biology Club.

c. **Resolution to approve the release of funds in the amount of \$3,500 to the Global Union**

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the release of funds in the amount of \$3,500 to the Global Union.

Acting Speaker Bickel called for a motion to approve the release of funds to the Global Union.

Senator Esposito so moved, seconded by Senator Yost.

Discussion:

Senator Robinson, in the absence of club representation, explained that the request is to help them fund a trip to Washington, DC. They are requesting the funds from the Senate account because the travel account is depleted.

President Elliott explained that he believes their budget was increased last year so they would not have to come back to the Senate to ask for funds. He requested a motion to table.

Advisor Stewart stated that since there is a question about the amount of money left in the Senate account and because the Senators did not have a chance to see the request before this meeting, she is concerned about the Senators approving \$3500 without enough information.

Senator Lynch stated that if there is no club representation at a meeting when a club is requesting money from the Senate he cannot see voting in their favor. He feels that if a club really wants something that bad and is passionate about it they should have club representation at the meeting.

Senator Darrow made a motion to table the resolution, seconded by Senator Yost.

A vote to table the resolution was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves the motion to table the resolution to release funds to the Global Union.

IV. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Mr. Ryther, in response to Senator Darrow's report regarding graffiti, explained that an individual was arrested last week for doing damage at MCC, at Geneseo, and throughout the community. This individual was charged with a Class D Felony and will be made to make restitution for the cost incurred for covering up the graffiti. He asked that if anyone sees graffiti around campus they notify Public Safety. Public Safety takes pictures and notifies Facilities to cover up the graffiti as quickly as possible. This is taken very seriously and if they catch those doing the graffiti they will be arrested and suspended from school. He believes there will be an article in the Monroe Doctrine about this.

Vice President Quider stated that as of March 19, 2008 he will be stepping down as Vice President. When he ran for office he promised the students and himself that if he could no longer complete his position details he would step down. He would be lying to the students of MCC, his fellow Senators and himself if he continued to pretend he could handle the position. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as Vice President.

V. ADJOURNMENT

At 3:05 p.m. Acting Speaker Bickel called for a motion to adjourn.

Senator Yost so moved, seconded by Senator Robinson. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Brennan
SA Secretary