



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, December 8, 2009
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)**

Student Senators:

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

President:

Qasim Ijaz

Vice President:

Jason Childers

Speaker/At-Large Senator

Ted Carey-Absent

Deputy Speaker/ Science, Health & Business Senator

Simon Ruhindi

Campus Center Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

Visitors: Annette Agness, MCC Association, Inc.; Rebecca Herzog, Campus Center; Justin Young, Campus Activities Board; Hoang Chau, Tima Marathe, Presidential Cabinet; Kailea Colayori, American Sign Language Club; Tony DiFabio, Peer Mentor; Taylor Malin, Peer Advisor; Tyler Smith, Jason Hollander, Ben Edwards, Ron George, Justin Woodhouse, Nick Donato, Bob Day, Bertram Gamory, Mini Baja; Matt Brown, Matthew Hendricks, Shawn Mealey, Noah Pasqua-Godkin, Alyssa Witzel, Tom Priester, FLCC; Donna Brennan, Secretary.

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

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

Senator Cohen motioned to amend the previously adopted minutes from November 24, 2009; page 3, under Questions and Comments, in the conversation between him and President Ijaz, in three instances, the date of January 10, 2010 should be changed to December 10, 2009.

Senator Monroe seconded the motion.

A vote was taken.

The Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the motion to amend the minutes from November 24, 2009.

B. Approval of December 1, 2009 minutes

Acting Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to approve the minutes for the December 1, 2009 Senate meeting.

Senator Cohen so moved, seconded by Senator Raja.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the minutes for December 1, 2009 as written.

C. Approval of September 22, 2009 minutes

Acting Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to approve the minutes for the September 22, 2009 Senate meeting.

Senator Cohen so moved, seconded by Senator Monroe.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the minutes for September 22, 2009 as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Tyler Smith, President and Ben Edwards, Treasurer, representing Mini Baja, thanked the Student Government for their support last year. They presented a picture of the Mini Baja Team with the car they drove at a competition in Wisconsin last year. This year they will be building an entirely new car and will be participating in 2 competitions in the spring.

President Ijaz stated that Mini Baja is the pride of MCC and, on behalf of the Student Government, thanked them for doing something that really gets MCC out there.

Senator Raja congratulated the team for beating RIT who actually came in second place world wide.

III. REPORTS

A. Speaker

Speaker Carey was absent, Acting Speaker Ruhindi read Speaker Carey's report...

- Blood Drive – he thanked everyone who donated at the blood drive; 51 units of whole blood and 28 units of double red were collected. Thank you to Director Huther, Deputy Speaker Ruhindi and Senator Monroe who volunteered signing people in.
- CAB - Congratulations for a very successful Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 5. Over 150 people attended and a lot of food was collected for a local charity. Thank you again to Senator Monroe for helping out at the event.
- Transportation Committee - met on Friday, December 4, with Golden Memories Transportation regarding future shuttle service between campuses. They brought a bus that would be ideal for this. It can seat 38 passengers, 2 wheelchairs and enough room for 20 to stand. It also has TV monitors where announcements could be shown, WiFi service, and a radio. The committee was impressed with what they had to offer. Golden Memories' pricing proposal was substantially less than the proposal from RTS. The committee hopes to make a decision within the next 45 to 60 days and to have the shuttle up and running in September.

B. Senators

Senator Cohen...

- Group 200 - Tuesday, December 1st, he attended the third conversation in Manhattan at the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT). The Group of 200 is assisting in formulating a five year Strategic Plan for the 64 school SUNY network; this was the third of seven meetings which will rotate around the state; each meeting is open to the public. He encourages anyone who is interested, and has the time free, to attend the February meeting which will take place at Upstate Medical. 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, 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. For more news on SUNY in general and the Strategic Plan in specific can be found on GenerationSUNY on Twitter, Facebook, or YouTube.
- The Keynote Speaker at FIT was Thelma Golden, the Executive Director of the Studio Museum in Harlem. The theme for the conversation was Arts & Culture. Her speech was very interesting, and during the question & answer period, she revealed that her museum would grant free admission to SUNY students, as MOMA (the Museum of Modern Art) already does. He had the honors once again of speaking over the lunch break with Chancellor Zimpher and Chairman Goode; he ate lunch with President Stanley of Stony Brook and President Brown of FIT, among others. He addressed the full group three times during the course of the day, the first to ask a question of Ms. Golden during the Q&A session, the second to give a report on his table's discussion over lunch, and the third during the closing comments section. In that last comment, he expressed how he felt that this third conversation was possibly the most important one that would be held during the whole series of seven, as cultures are remembered historically by and because of their art. The Group of 200's next conversation will be in Delhi on Monday, January 11.
- He apologized to everyone for missing his office hours on Wednesday, December 2nd.

Senator Raja...

- Mini Baja - he met with the Mini Baja Club regarding their upcoming events. They want to thank SGA for allowing funding for the trip they made last year for the purpose of competition. They are planning to participate this year and they are making a complete new car.

C. Campus Center Advisor

Campus Center Advisor Stewart thanked the students and advisor from FLCC for attending the meeting. She asked the student leaders to mark their calendars for the Campus Center Winter Leadership Retreat which will take place on Monday, January 11, 2010. Hajii Otto will be the very energetic guest speaker. She asked the Student Government to also mark their calendars for Wednesday, January 20, 2010 for a team development, goal setting, and training day.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve Erin Markum as Director of Financial Affairs

Resolved that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves, using due process, Erin Markum as Director of Financial Affairs for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic year.

Acting Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to approve Erin Markum as Director of Financial Affairs.

Senator Cohen so moved, seconded by Senator Monroe.

Discussion:

Tima Marathe, Director of Student Services in the Presidential Cabinet explained that Erin is currently the Director of Physical Activities. After discussion with President Ijaz and Vice Childers, it was determined that she would be better suited serving the Student Government as Director of Financial Affairs. She will receive training from Fred Brown, former Director of Financial Affairs.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves Erin Markum as Director of Financial Affairs for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic year.

V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Justin Young, CAB Co-Director, speaking on behalf of the Executive Board, thanked the SGA for the help they provided throughout the semester at various CAB events. He also thanked them for helping out at Breakfast with Santa. The turnout of canned goods collected was amazing!

President Ijaz stated that this is his last meeting as President of the Student Government. He will be moving on to Alfred State College. He stated that the Student Government has accomplished a lot this semester. The basis has now been set and it is up to those staying on to follow through. He thanked his Vice President, Jason Childers, the Senators, the Directors in the Presidential Cabinet, the Campus Center, and especially everyone in the college for helping him through everything he has done at MCC. He ended with, "MCC, I love you!"

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Brennan

SA Secretary