



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

Student Senators:

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

President:

Jason Childers

Speaker/At-Large Senator

Ted Carey

Deputy Speaker/ Science, Health & Business Senator

Simon Ruhindi-Absent

Campus Center Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

Visitors: Annette Agness, MCC Association, Inc.; Craig Proctor, Rebecca Herzog, Trung Nguyen, Campus Center; Richard Clark, George Green, Men of Excellence; Timothy Putmon, Gospel Choir; Kailea Colayori, American Sign Language Club; Eddie Visagie, CAB; Fred Brown, Hoang Chau, John Huther, Gerard Pritchard, Tima Marathe, Amanda Merkel, SGA; Qasim Ijaz, Student; Jean Mastowski, Alumnus; Donna Brennan, Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:16 p.m.)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of December 8, 2009 minutes

Speaker Carey called for a motion to approve the minutes for the December 8, 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 8, 2009 as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Kailea Colayori, President of the American Sign Language Club, thanked the Senate for approving funds for the Silent Dinner. The Dinner was a great success.

Qasim Ijaz wished everyone a happy holidays and good luck on their finals.

III. REPORTS

A. Senators

Senator Mac...

➤ Personal Health & Safety Committee Meeting, December 3 report:

- ✓ H1N1 – through December 3, 168 symptoms had been reported. 5% of the college students have received the vaccine, there is still vaccine available.
- ✓ Fire Alarm upgraded - speakers have been added for fire alert and all phones on campus should have the fire alert. Please report to Public Safety any phone that has not been upgraded with the fire alert.
- ✓ Elevators – there is an issue with the buttons, written in Braille, in some of the elevators they lack words or letters.

- ✓ Policies - they discussed creating policies for chewing tobacco usage and bringing pets into campus buildings.
- ✓ Travel Contingency Committee met on December 4 - a request from Campus Ambassadors for \$200 for a Winter Retreat in Bliss, NY was approved.
- ✓ Roundtable meeting on December 7 – Director Marathe informed clubs about a survey asking clubs for their opinions about their constitutions; she informed them that if their constitution has been changed it will need to be approved by the Senate. Open SGA positions were announced. It was suggested that the clubs introduce themselves at the Orientations. Clubs were reminded to clean their offices before break and to pick up their Welcome Back package after break.

Senator Monroe...

- ASL Silent Dinner held on Friday, December 11 was a total success. The Club, especially President Kailea Colayori, did an amazing job planning every detail and running the event.
- SGA Blood Drive – she helped out at the drive on December 3 and was surprised at how many people came to donate. She was also happy to see her fellow students come out to help the cause.
- Breakfast with Santa – she had a lot of fun helping at the event and congratulates CAB for an amazing event.

B. Campus Center Advisor

Campus Center Advisor Stewart wished everyone good luck on their finals. She also thanked Qasim for his service to the students.

C. Faculty Advisor

Faculty Advisor McCauley strongly suggested that everyone study for their finals and wished them luck. He also thanked Qasim for his service to the students.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve Tima Marathe as Vice President of the Brighton Campus Student Government Association

Resolved, that the Senate confirm President Childers’ nomination of Tina Marathe to the position of Vice President of the Brighton Campus Student Government Association for the 2009-2010 academic school year.

Speaker Carey called for a motion to approve Tima Marathe as Vice President of the Brighton Campus Student Government Association.

Senator Cohen so moved, seconded by Acting Deputy Speaker Monroe.

Discussion:

President Ijaz stated that Tima was a great help to him at the beginning of the semester when she was the only member of the Cabinet. She has worked very hard in her position as Director of Student Services. She will be a great Vice President.

Jean Mastowski, MCC Alumnus, stated that she is just getting to know Tima and she feels that her ability to communicate and her dedication to the Student Government as a whole, will help her to be a good leader.

Tima thanked the Student Government for giving her the opportunity and for being nominated. She looks forward to working with Jason. Her job primarily is to help Jason but she will be there for all the government members for whatever the need is. She looks forward to working with everyone in the Government and in the college community.

Senator Cohen stated that Tima will make an excellent Vice President. He met Tima when she was approved at the end of the spring 09 semester and feels she made major progress. However, her appointment requires a 2/3rds confirmation so he motioned for a roll-call vote.

A roll-call vote was taken:

Deputy Speaker Ruhindi – Absent, Senator Blum - Yes, Senator Cohen – Yes, Senator Mac – Yes, Senator Monroe – Yes, Senator Raja – Yes.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves Tima Marathe as Vice President of the Brighton Campus Student Government Association for the 2009-2010 academic school year.

V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Speaker Carey informed the Senate that it has always been his main goal to do whatever is best for students, not only in Student Government but here at MCC. He had decided to resign from Student Government because of some stuff that had been happening. However, he is not resigning from Student Government; he is stepping down from his position as Speaker. He stated that it is sad when personal feelings and one's own agenda gets in the way of professionalism; he also stated that he is not the only one who feels that way, the President, Vice President and Deputy Speaker feel that way too. If he was to resign fully from Student Government, he feels he would be doing a disservice to the students of MCC; that is who he works for and he does not put any other organization ahead of the students. He informed President Childers that there are three clubs that have been waiting to be chartered this semester; now they have to wait until next semester to be chartered. He hopes that next semester something will get done so that when a club wants to be chartered it happens within 2-3 weeks, not 3-4 months. His stepping down as Speaker will take effect the last day of the fall semester.

Senator Blum, reporting on behalf of the Peer Mentors, stated that over 120 people attended the Drug and Alcohol Forum on December 9. The Forum was sponsored by the Peer Mentors, the Student Government, and Res. Life and she was disappointed that only one person from each sponsoring organization was there to help with the event.

Senator Mac read her letter of resignation which takes effect on Saturday, January 2, 2010. She is transferring to RIT to further her education.

Amanda Merkel, Director of Electoral Affairs, mentioned that she is starting up the Rock the Vote Committee for next semester. She asks those on the committee to please email her or see her; she is looking to get ideas, input and feedback from those with past experience.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Brennan
SA Secretary