



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, February 15, 2011
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)**

Student Senators:

At-Large Senator Abdi
Interdisciplinary Studies Senator Wassel-Saxe
Liberal Arts Senator Hale-**Absent**
Media Senator Moore
Science, Health & Business Senator Snyder-**Absent**
Social Clubs Senator Yost

President:

Jason Childers

Vice President

Christopher Hollander

Speaker/At-Large Senator

Jack Hills

Deputy Speaker/At-Large Senator

Michael Gray, II

Campus Center Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

Campus Center Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog

Visitors: Julie White, DCC Student Services; Lee Struble, Public Safety; Taine Vinci, Counseling & Advising; Shirley Batistta-Provost, Office of Student Life & Leadership Development; Kathy Farrell, Larissa Coe, Nicky Hoodlet, Tony LaMohe, Student Art Organization; Delia Acosta, Zondrea Capps, Harry Joseph Bower II, Jessica Boothman, Psychology Club; Eddie Visagie, Student Trustee; Kelly Bynes, Presidential Cabinet; Donna Brennan, Secretary.

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

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of February 8, 2011 Senate Meeting minutes.

Speaker Hills called for a motion to approve the February 8, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes.

Senator Wassel-Saxe so moved, seconded by Senator Yost.

Discussion:

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the February 8, 2011 Senate meeting minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Julie White, Associate Director of Student Services at DCC, speaking as the facilitator of the Enrollment Management Committee informed the Senate that the committee is looking at all of the student services on campus and particularly how we admit and enroll students in classes. The committee is discussing having deadlines for students for applications and course registration. Currently students can apply and register through the first week of classes. They have found that this has both obstacles for those students' success and also makes the student services areas very challenging. If anyone would like to offer input she can be contacted at jwhite@monroecc.edu. She also mentioned that if the proposal is accepted by the Executive Leadership Team and the President they will hope to partner with the Student Government in getting the word out; this will create a significant cultural change.

Speaker Hills stated that he agrees that establishing a deadline is necessary.

Eddie Visagie, Student Trustee, stated that he will report on the last Board of Trustees Meeting after break. He mentioned that he and Vice President Hollander along with Advisor Stewart and Cynthia Cooper are working on a petition for students to sign about the budget cuts. They will be asking other student governments to help with getting the word out and getting the petition signed. They hope to have the petitions done by the time they go to Albany. After break he will also report on how they will go about getting the petitions out.

III. REPORTS

A. Vice President

Vice President Hollander...

- **SUNY Student Assembly** - the SUNY Student Assembly Spring Conference will be held in Syracuse from April 8-11. Monroe will be able to send a total of 4 voting delegates. The Speaker of the Senate and the President are guaranteed a vote at conference; other members who attend will have the opportunity to attend various workshops. This conference theme is "Sustainability in Leadership." He met with Dr. Salvador and Mr. Ryther to discuss the Community College Bill of Rights. They expressed some concerns which he will take to the committee when they meet at Herkimer Community College. Hopefully, the Bill of Rights will be available for the Assembly to vote on in April.
- **Club Constitution Committee** met twice this year. They reviewed a constitution for the MCC Celtic Society and agreed to allow the constitution to go to the next stage.
- He closed by saying that he feels this Student Government Association has turned a new page. There is new excitement within the group which means many things should be accomplished this semester.

Senator Yost...

- **Projects** she would like to complete this semester:
 - Snow Plowing – she knows that Facilities tries to plow as often and as well as possible. However, she feels that the roads and parking lots are not plowed well enough for those who arrive between 6:30 and 7:00 in the morning. She will be contacting Facilities to work with them to provide a safer and more adequate plowing system for students, faculty and staff.
 - "Flow of traffic" signs – she will work with Facilities and Public Safety to add flow of traffic signs to the roads and parking lots. She is looking specifically at N-Lot in addition to the existing "One Way" and "Do Not Enter" signs there should be two added; a "Do Not Enter" and "One Way" sign at the entrance of N Lot to provide more visual aid to show that the entrance is not an exit.
- **Committees** – she will be participating on the Club Constitution Committee and the Faculty Academic Policies Committee

- B. Office of Student Life & Leadership Development Advisor Stewart** announced that the Club & Organization Award packets are now available; the deadline for submission is April 11. She mentioned that some changes have been made so she they should be read very carefully. She encouraged everyone to apply for at least one of the awards.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. **Resolution to approve the funding of \$3,660.35 to the Psychology Club**

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate consents to the funding of \$3,660.35 to the Psychology Club.

This resolution came from committee: Senator Yost read the resolution.

Discussion:

Jessica Boothman, speaking on behalf of the Psychology Club, explained that the funds will be used for an educational conference in Boston. The main focus of the conference is memory implantation but there will be other topics the students can choose from. Jessica mentioned that 11 students and one advisor will be attending; the trip is open to current officers and active members.

Speaker Hills asked if they would be willing to come back to the Senate after the conference to talk about what they learned. **Jessica** stated that they will do that.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the funding of \$3,660.35 to the Psychology Club.

b. Resolution to approve the funding of \$1,412.00 to the Student Art Organization

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate consents to the funding of \$1,412.00 to the Student Art Organization.

This resolution came from committee: Deputy Speaker Gray read the resolution.

Discussion:

Larissa Coe and Nicky Hoodlet, speaking on behalf of the Student Art Organization, explained that the funding will be used for a 3-day trip to New York City. The trip is open to all students, not just Art majors. The trip fulfills a one credit hour general elective – ART 175. Forty students can go on the trip and each student will be required to pay \$250.00 towards the cost of the trip. They will be visiting major art museums and some of the smaller art galleries.

Speaker Hills asked if they would be willing to come back to the Senate after the conference to talk about what they learned. **Larissa** agreed to do that.

Deputy Speaker Gray mentioned concern about how active the club is since no one from the club has attended the Roundtable meeting since last semester. He explained that Roundtable is mandatory for every chartered club. He stated that they need substance to know if the club is active. He asked what they will do to reassure him that the club has been active and that all students will know about the availability of going on the trip.

Larissa mentioned that they have fliers that have been put up around campus and people coming into the Mercer Gallery are asking about it. She explained that the Student Art Organization is just a bunch of artists getting together to appreciate the work that they do. They have an artist of the month wall in Building 12.

Deputy Speaker Gray mentioned that they should work with Operations to get their fliers up and he hopes to see a representative at the Roundtable meeting tomorrow.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Senator Abdi – abstain; Senator Moore – abstain; Senator Wassel-Saxe – abstain; Senator Yost – abstain; Deputy Speaker Gray – abstain.

Shirley Batistta-Provost stated that the Finance Committee approved this request to come forward to the Senate. This is an annual trip which is always well attended. The students are paying out of pocket for a good portion of the expense.

Kathy Farrell, club advisor, stated that the funds they are asking for will be used to cover the cost of transportation around New York City.

Senator Yost explained that the request is for only 2% of the total cost of the trip; they are basically asking for \$30.00 per student to be used for transportation.

Deputy Speaker Gray asked if they did any fundraising for the trip.

Larissa stated that they did some fundraising at the Sankofa event.

Vice President Hollander, as a member of the Finance Committee, motioned to bring the resolution back for another vote.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves the funding of \$1,412.00 to the Student Art Organization as follows: 3 – yea; 1 – abstain; 1 – nay.

c. Resolution for Committee Appointments

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate consents to the committee appointments for the remainder of the 2010-2011 academic year.

Speaker Hills called for a motion to approve committee appointments.

Senator Abdi so moved, seconded by Senator Yost.

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the appointments of Ashley Yost to the Club Constitution Committee and

the Faculty Senate Academic Policies Committee, Michael Snyder to the Events Committee, and Vice President Hollander to the Food Service Committee for the remainder of the 2010 – 2011 academic year.

d. Resolution to approve the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Elections Packet and the Student Trustee Elections Packet

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves the Elections Packets for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Speaker Hills called for a motion to approve the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Elections Packet and the Student Trustee Elections Packet.

Senator Wassel-Saxe so moved, seconded by Deputy Speaker Gray.

Discussion:

Senator Yost stated that she drafted a contract between the candidates, their agents and WMCC the Fuse because there is very little regulating how they can use the Fuse for their promotions. She would like to have it included in the workshops.

Advisor Stewart mentioned that the Elections Commission obtains information from the candidates for the Monroe Doctrine issue. Maybe something like that could be considered for the Fuse. If it is the Elections Commission giving them the information that would give everyone the same exposure.

Vice President Hollander asked if this would also apply to the Student Trustee because the Fuse has more presence at Brighton than it does at Damon.

Senator Yost stated that it was meant for the Brighton Campus Student Government positions.

Advisor McCauley recommended that the packets go forward as is and it would be up to Kelly to decide if that information should be covered in the workshops. He stated that to go forward with a contract like that could result in bigger issues.

Advisor Stewart stated that once the rules are approved Kelly cannot make additional rules at the workshops; WMCC can be talked about in the workshops but it cannot be added to the rules.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Elections Packet and the Student Trustee Elections Packet as written.

V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

There were no questions or comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:56 p.m. Speaker Hills called for a motion to adjourn. Deputy Speaker Gray so moved, seconded by Senator Yost. The motion passed; the Senate meeting was adjourned.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Brennan
SA Secretary