



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, May 11, 2010
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)**

Student Senators:

At-Large Senator Carey
At-Large Senator C. Hollander
Athletics Senator Pizarro
CAB Senator Young
Liberal Arts Senator Hale
Res. Hall Senator Pritchard
Service Clubs Senator Monroe
Social Clubs Senator J. Hollander

President:

Jason Childers

Vice President:

Tima Marathe - Late

Speaker/ Science, Health & Business Senator

Simon Ruhindi

Deputy Speaker/Media Senator

Douglas "Mirlin" Moorefield

Campus Center Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart-Absent

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

Visitors: Dick Ryther, Student Services; Lee Struble, Public Safety; Dick Stewart, College Civility Committee; Jodi Oriel, Campus Center; Malcolm Cohen, student/Director of Community College Affairs, SUNY Student Assembly; Rodney Blackburn, MC Klub; EJ Landry, Veterans Club; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

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

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of the April 27, 2010 Senate Meeting Minutes

Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to approve the April 27, 2010 Senate Meeting Minutes.

Deputy Speaker Moorefield so moved, seconded by Senator Carey.

Discussion:

Senator C. Hollander stated that in his report on page 4, under SUNY Student Assembly, line 5 should read "...Monroe Community College won a package...".

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the April 27, 2010 minutes as amended.

C. Approval of the May 4, 2010 Senate Meeting Minutes

Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to approve the May 4, 2010 Senate Meeting Minutes.

Senator C. Hollander so moved, seconded by Senator Carey.

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the May 4, 2010 minutes as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Lee Struble, spoke on behalf of the College Civility Committee and Public Safety. Dick Stewart, co-chair of the College Civility Committee was also present. Mr. Struble stated that in February, President Kress contacted him expressing concern about the increasing number of fights on campus. In all of 2009, 5 students were suspended for fighting; this year from January 10 until now, there have been 10 student suspensions for fighting. During the month of February, he did a comprehensive study on what can be done to reduce violence on campus and increase civility. He surveyed all the other Community Colleges and found that they have the same problems. He did a campus tour where he met with student groups and organizations, met with faculty/staff groups, visited classes, and departmental meetings to gather information; he visited other colleges to see what they were doing. As a result, he presented a report to President Kress which contained eight specific recommendations which he felt would get to

the core issue of campus violence and civility. He shared those recommendations with the student government and asked for ideas and suggestions for getting the information out to the college community:

1. Create a mandatory course for all students to encompass civility, student success, hot topics, email, etc.
2. Provide alternative locations to study and to eat
3. Support the College Civility Committee efforts
4. Work on issues with Public Safety staffing
5. Fully armed Public Safety Officers (all officers are now trained as police officers)
6. More education regarding rules, regulations and sanctions
7. Upgrade the closed circuit TV system
8. Increase Public Safety staffing levels; add a Crime Prevention person.

The discussion that took place included: adding more female officers, the cost for upgrading and adding to the CCTV system, officers in the Res. Halls, have a Public Safety representative speak at new student orientations, articles in the Monroe Doctrine, on-air spot on WMCC, more officers at the main entrances to verify student IDs, ID card swipe at every entrance, make sanctions more visible, and get the word out about what happens to those who are punished for their actions. There was also a brief discussion about armed officers on campus.

Vice President Marathe thanked Lee for letting the students participate in the process.

Malcolm Cohen congratulated the winners of the student government election for 2010-2011. He shared a comparison between last year and this year regarding the number of voters: last year 1.895% of the total eligible electorate voted and this year 1.721% of the total eligible electorate voted.

Vice President Marathe stated that there is a need to find ways to increase voter turnout.

Senator Pizarro congratulated the Elections Commission for a great job.

III. REPORTS

A. Committee Reports

➤ **Constitution Committee Report – reported by Senator Monroe**

- The committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution to Charter the MC KLUB

Whereas, under Article III, §6C(g) of the Constitution, the Senate shall “accept or reject the chartering of clubs and organizations,” and

Whereas, the members of the MC KLUB have submitted a petition for charter, and

Whereas, the MC KLUB has met all requirements for chartering set by the Senate and the By-Laws, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Senate approves the draft Constitution as submitted by the MC KLUB members and the Constitution Committee, and further be it

Resolved, that the Senate approves the petition for charter as submitted, and accepts the chartering of the MC KLUB.

On behalf of the Committee, Senator Monroe moved the adoption of the above resolution.

Discussion:

Senator Carey and Senator C. Hollander questioned the voting rights of the club members and the one semester term of office for the club officers. They suggested that Article III, Section 2 and Article IV, Section 2 be amended.

Senator Carey offered the following friendly amendment: Article III, Section 2A – add, “Active members who attend 50% of the practices/meetings shall have the right to vote; Article IV, Section 2 – replace the current statement with, “The term of office for all elected officials shall be one full academic year beginning the day after commencement and ending the day of commencement the following year”; Article 4 – Stylist: add – “Shall have the right to vote”.

Advisor McCauley suggested that the constitution be approved subject to the changes to be made. Once the changes are made the final approval would take effect.

Senator C. Hollander seconded the friendly amendment.

Rodney Blackburn, President of MC Klub agreed to the changes.

A vote to approve the constitution subject to the above changes being made was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the MC Klub Constitution subject to the above changes being made.

- The committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution to Charter the MCC BASIC Club

Whereas, under Article III, §6C(g) of the Constitution, the Senate shall “accept or reject the chartering of clubs and organizations,” and

Whereas, the members of the MCC BASIC Club have submitted a petition for charter, and

Whereas, the MCC BASIC Club has met all requirements for chartering set by the Senate and the By-Laws, therefore be it *Resolved*, that the Senate approves the draft Constitution as submitted by the MCC BASIC Club’s members and the Constitution Committee, and further be it

Resolved, that the Senate approves the petition for charter as submitted, and accepts the chartering of the MCC BASIC Club.

On behalf of the Committee, Senator Monroe moved the adoption of the above resolution.

Discussion:

Senator Carey made a motion to table the resolution due to no representation from the club, Senator J. Hollander seconded the motion.

A vote was taken.

The motion to table is approved.

- The committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution to Charter the Campus Connections Club

Whereas, under Article III, §6C(g) of the Constitution, the Senate shall “accept or reject the chartering of clubs and organizations,” and

Whereas, the members of the Campus Connections Club have submitted a petition for charter, and

Whereas, the Campus Connections Club has met all requirements for chartering set by the Senate and the By-Laws, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Senate approves the draft Constitution as submitted by the Campus Connections Club’s members and the Constitution Committee, and further be it

Resolved, that the Senate approves the petition for charter as submitted, and accepts the chartering of the Campus Connections Club.

On behalf of the Committee, Senator Monroe moved the adoption of the above resolution.

Discussion:

Senator Carey made a motion to table the resolution due to no representation from the club, Senator J. Hollander seconded the motion.

A vote was taken.

The motion to table is approved.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve Committee Members to the Constitution Committee

Resolved, that the Senate consents to the appointment of Tima Marathe to sit on the Constitution Committee for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic year.

Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to approve committee members to the Constitution Committee.

Senator Carey so moved, seconded by Senator Hale.

Discussion:

Vice President Marathe stated that she has been working with the committee all year and being officially named to the committee will enable her to help the committee clear up some of the backlog before the end of the year.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the appointment of Tima Marathe to sit on the Constitution Committee for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic year.

b. Resolution to approve Committee Members to the Media Committee

Resolved, that the Senate consents to the appointment of Corinne Land to sit on the Media Committee for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic year.

Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to approve committee members to the Media Committee.

Senator C. Hollander 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 appointment of Corinne Land to sit on the Media Committee for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic year.

c. Resolution to approve the extension of Sara Idris' term as Director of Legislative Affairs

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves, using due process, the extension of Sara Idris' term as the Director of Legislative Affairs for the month of July 2010.

Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to approve the extension of Sara Idris' term as Director of Legislative Affairs for the month of July 2010.

Senator Monroe moved to table the resolution, seconded by Senator Carey.

A vote was taken.

The motion to table is approved.

V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

President Childers announced that the MCC Woman's Lacrosse Team, which includes Director of Electoral Affairs Amanda Merkel, won the National Junior College Championship.

Malcolm Cohen stated that Section 2 of the SGA By-laws states that clubs requesting charter must send representatives; Senator Carey's motion to table those resolutions was well within order. He also stated that this year's Senate chartered the Auto Club with a representative style instead of direct style; meaning, their members do not vote on every single issue, their members vote on the officers then the officers actually run the club. This year's Senate also chartered the Comic Creator Club that specifically chose to have terms one semester in length. So, these two issues have been preceded.

Senator Young mentioned that Spring Fling was rescheduled to Tuesday, May 18 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. CAB is also having a stressball event in the Campus Center Atrium on Wednesday, May 19.

Senator C. Hollander stated that MCC will have representation in the Rochester Gay Pride Parade next year.

Senator Pritchard stated that he spoke to Shelitha Dickerson, Director of Housing & Res. Life, about installation of a coin machine in the laundry. She informed him that it is being worked on. He also spoke to her about the new food service coming to campus and looking in to weekend and evening food options for the Res. Halls.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 3:32 p.m. Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Hale so moved, seconded by Senator Carey. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Brennan
SA Secretary