



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, May 18, 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 - **Absent**

Speaker/ Science, Health & Business Senator

Simon Ruhindi

Deputy Speaker/Media Senator

Douglas “Mirlin” Moorefield - **Absent**

Campus Center Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

Visitors: Dick Ryther, Student Services; Annette Agness, MCC Association, Inc.; Lee Struble, Public Safety; Malcolm Cohen, student/Director of Community College Affairs, SUNY Student Assembly; Josh Borowiec, student; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

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

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Malcolm Cohen – SUNY Student Assembly update: Julie Gorman will be taking over as Director of Community College Affairs and he will become the Director of Rules for 2010-2011.

III. REPORTS

A. Speaker

Speaker Ruhindi...

- Library the Student Advisory Committee – hosted Library Day on May 19 to promote the “Books That Made a Difference” project from 11am to 3pm.
- Personal Note – “I am still kind of amazed at how fast two years have gone by. I can say I have grown tremendously by just being involved in Student Government and I am so thankful to have done all the things I did, from organizing to helping and learning. I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to have people like Donna, Betty and Joe to help me and guide me through all of this, not just Student Government but with anything I needed help with and also for giving me moral support when I needed it, to feeding me and making me laugh. I can only imagine what will be next for me because, honestly, looking back 8 years ago I would never have thought I would do all the things I have done and get all of the wonderful news coverage I have had. But, I know it will be something spectacular no matter what it is. I also want to thank all the other members of student government; you are not just friends in my book you are more like family.”

B. Deputy Speaker

Deputy Speaker Moorefield was absent; Speaker Ruhindi read his report...

- Monroe Doctrine had their closing party Friday, May 14; they gave each other gifts and showed tons and tons of love and support to each other and to their advisor, Lori Moses.

- WMCC the Fuse had a Hip Hop show for a student's marketing class to raise money for MS in the Campus Center Atrium on Monday, May 17; they had "Fear Pong" during Spring Fling.
- Cabbages and Kings is wrapping up their publication.
- Project Gazebo – Dr. Susan Salvador is trying to help him get the ball rolling; she has had some conversations with Dean Otero from the Damon Campus.
- Senate Interviews – Anyone wishing to serve in the Senate in the fall should submit an application to Donna Brennan.

C. Senators

Acting Deputy Speaker Carey...

- Personal Note – "Another year is just about over. We accomplished a lot during our short time together this year. I am grateful that my main goal, which began in September of 2008, of getting better transportation for students who use public transportation will be a reality beginning in September. Thank you again to everyone who helped make this happen.

Good luck to everyone next year, whether you will be attending MCC, another college or in any endeavor. Thank you to Betty and Joe for being here for us and for being the 2 best advisors any club or organization could ask for. Also, thank you to Donna for everything she does to make our lives not as hectic.

As of right now, I am weighing my options for next year. With the major I switched to being located at Damon, I know in the Spring semester it will be difficult to obtain the 6 credits needed to serve on SGA. If this turns out to be my last SGA meeting I want to say that it has been an honor and pleasure serving the students on the Brighton Campus, serving with everyone in the student government, and thank you to everyone for giving me the opportunity to do so.

Good luck on your finals, see you Friday at the banquet and congratulations to everyone graduating!!!"

Senator Young...

- CAB – the last CAB event, making stress balls, will be held in the Campus Center Atrium on Wednesday, May 19, from 12:00 – 1:00pm.
- Personal Note – "It has definitely been my pleasure to serve in this position for this entire semester. Also, as you all know it has been my major goal all year long to make Monroe Community College as accessible as possible. I would like to say that I had three goals to achieve in this overall process. The first was working on fixing the first and sixth floor call buttons in building 8. Through the help of Associate Vice President of Student Services Dick Ryther, this finally was accomplished on February 24, 2010. My second goal was putting in place a policy which says the signs must be checked by someone who knows Braille before they are allowed to go up. This process has slowly started, but shall soon be put into place. Finally, my third goal was getting assistive technology put on MCC computers for people with visual impairments so they have all the opportunities of being able to use the technology. This has been accomplished with the assistance of Dr. Jeff Bartkovich, Vice President of Educational Technologies Services. Thanks to his and Ted Ciambor's help we will soon have assistive technology necessary for visually impaired students to be successful. Within all of these goals I have been working with Annette Agness, Director of the MCC Association Inc. to help make the ATM machines accessible for individuals with visual impairments. I would like to also say now that I have done all I can for visual impaired students; I have moved on to students who are hearing impaired and will do everything I can to ensure MCC is accessible for them as well. In closing I would like to say that even though I'm graduating at the end of this semester, I shall continue on in my role as the Voluntary Consultant for Accessibility and shall visit Student Government when I can. Finally, I would like to personally thank all who have helped me with overall projects and who I haven't mentioned in this report. Your assistance has been greatly appreciated. Thank you for giving me the wonderful opportunity of serving the student body of Monroe Community College this year."

D. Campus Center Advisor

Campus Center Advisor Stewart...

- Thank you to all the members of the Student Government for your contributions this year.
- It has been a privilege working with everyone and Simon, Ted and Justin – it will be difficult seeing them go.
- June 24, 2010 the Child Care Center will be re-dedicated as the Richard M. Guon Child Care Center.

- Health Insurance – next year there will be a \$120 mandatory health insurance fee for students registered for 9 or more credit hours or equivalent and students in all clinical courses; international student fee will be \$125. This is for 1 calendar year of coverage; it covers doctor office visits, has a prescription plan, mental health benefit and lab diagnostics. Financial Aid will cover the fee. If a student already has an insurance plan, this will cover co-pays.

E. Faculty Advisor

Faculty Advisor McCauley...

- He encouraged the students to reflect on their time in Student Government and to ask themselves the following questions: what did I do, could I have done it better, and could I have worked with the other people in the group better. He suggested that they look at where they could have improved and how they could have resolved things more positively; continual improvement is part of the process of life.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Senator Monroe motioned to remove from the table, the approval of the MCC BASIC Club constitution; Senator C. Hollander seconded the motion.

Senator Monroe read the 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.

Discussion:

Josh Borowiec, President of the club, stated that he has been with the club for a while and it is a very positive and strong environment. He is excited to see it active on the MCC campus; BASIC also has a presence at RIT, Geneseo and U of R.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association

Senate unanimously approves the MCC BASIC Club constitution.

VI. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Senator C. Hollander congratulated CAB and the Campus Center staff for a successful Spring Fling. He also thanked the students he worked with this past year; congratulations graduates; those returning next year please consider applying for a position on the Student Government.

Senator Pizarro thanked those who helped him with the Student Government event at Spring Fling.

Senator J. Hollander stated that even though it rained a little Spring Fling was a fun time.

Senator Pritchard thanked everyone he worked with in the Student Government. Congratulations graduates and those returning next year, good luck.

Senator Young stated that he started this year as Co-Director of CAB and is ending it as CAB Senator. This was a transition year for CAB, congratulations to the CAB E-Board and Advisor Rebecca Herzog. Thank you also to Betty, Joe and Donna. Good luck to all fellow graduates and to all those returning to MCC.

Senator Carey mentioned that he will be attending the ASACC Leadership Training Conference in June; he is applying for the position of President on the Leadership Team. He and Senator Moorefield will work together on the ASACC Leadership Team next year.

Malcolm Cohen thanked MCC as a whole; MCC provides an opportunity for people who cannot otherwise get an education for various reasons. He thanked the members of the Student Government for their service; Student Government plays an important role on campus and makes a huge impact on the lives of all of the students. Good luck to everyone next year wherever your endeavors take you.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:44 p.m. Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to adjourn. Acting Deputy Speaker Carey so moved, seconded by Senator Pizarro. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Brennan
SA Secretary