



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

**Student Senators:**

At-Large Senator Carey  
Athletics Senator Pizarro  
CAB Senator Young  
Liberal Arts Senator Gothard-**absent**  
Media Senator Moorefield-**absent**  
Residence Hall Senator Pritchard  
Service Clubs Senator Monroe

**President:**

Jason Childers-**absent**

**Vice President:**

Tima Marathe

**Speaker/ Science, Health & Business Senator**

Simon Ruhindi

**Campus Center Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart

**Faculty Advisor:**

Joseph McCauley-**absent**

**Visitors:** Jenny Blum, student; Malcolm Cohen, student; Tao Mac, former student; Richard Ryther, Student Services; Tony Struzik, Food Service Director ; Catherine Higgins, Secretary.

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

**A. Roll Call**

(See attendance above)

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

**SUNY Student Assembly Protest**

Malcolm Cohen handed out a packet of information regarding the SUNY Student Assembly's SUNY Palooza, to be held at 10:00 am, Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> in Albany. They hope to encourage each school to send at least 15 students to participate in this event to protest SUNY Budget cuts made by Governor Paterson.

**Group of 200**

Mr. Cohen stated that the meeting of the Group of 200 scheduled for last week in Syracuse, was cancelled due to the weather. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at SUNY Albany.

**Minute Marks**

Tony Struzik, Food Service Director, spoke to the Senate regarding a new program called Minimize Your Mark in a Monroe Minute, which is a collaboration between Aramark and the Sustainability Committee. They will be passing out surveys to students with questions regarding sustainability and pledge cards that students can hang on trees at both the Brighton and the Damon campuses. There are also posters up throughout the college. 150 people have already responded to the survey. During Earth Week, there will be a follow-up survey available.

**III. REPORTS**

**A. Speaker**

**Speaker Ruhindi...**

Last Tuesday, Senator Ruhindi had the chance to go to Madison Middle School, with other members of the Men of Excellence, to participate in a workshop about the pros and cons of attending college in your hometown. It was a good event and the Faculty was very impressed with all of us. He looks forward to more

events like this. He met with President Kress and Dr. Salvador on the topic of Safety and Civility on Campus. They discussed how to improve it and get the student body actively involved because should be a number one priority for us as student leaders.

## **B. Senators**

### **Senator Carey...**

Senator Carey would like to thank Tony Wagahoff from the bookstore for supplying the cost of books information needed for the ASACC Conference. Jerome St. Croix, Director of Financial Aid, has given the research office the form needed for the conference, and will send it to him when they are finished. On a related note, Senator Moorefield and Senator Carey have been named to the ASACC Student Leadership Team. They are looking forward to their new roles

### **Senator Young...**

Senator Young has been working on making MCC more accessible for people with visual impairments. This past week, the call buttons for the first and sixth floors of Building 8's elevators were corrected. Also, the ATM machines are accessible. This past Friday he had the opportunity to show Associate Vice President of Student Services, Dick Ryther, many of the signage problems and was amazed at the quality of some of them. He would like to thank Mr. Ryther for his time and efforts in helping him throughout this project. Senator Young has been honored to act as the Vice Chair of the Events Committee for this semester. Vice President Marathe has been working hard on the ENABLE Health Fair to be held on Wednesday, March 10th all day in the Campus Center Atrium and Forum. There will be a Presidential Trivia event, which Senator Carey and Senator Young have been working on. This event will take place on Monday, March 15th during College Hour. Senator Young will act as Master of Ceremonies and Senator Carey as the Official Announcer. There will be an Anti-Violence Rally on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Director of Communications, Elli Kuhn and other SGA members are working on final details for this event. The Masquerade Ball is scheduled for Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> in Monroe A & B and is co-sponsored by SGA and CAB. If you wish to assist in any of these events, you may contact Senator Young at [jyoung097@student.monroecc.edu](mailto:jyoung097@student.monroecc.edu).

## **C. Campus Center Advisor**

### **Campus Center Advisor Stewart...**

Advisor Stewart attended a meeting with Dr. Kress, Dr. Salvador, Senators Ruhindi and Marathe and Madasyn Czebiniak, from the Monroe Doctrine. Both Drs. Kress and Salvador are interested in student input to make our campus a more civil and safer place for all of us. If you have any ideas that the college community can do to make this happen, she would be happy to sit down and discuss them. The President and Vice President of the Senate can then bring those suggestions to Dr. Kress.

Advisor Stewart thanked Senator Monroe for acting as a representative to the Food Service Committee, which is working to determine the future of our food service provider. Reviewing the proposals has been intense work.

Advisor Stewart congratulated Senators Carey and Moorefield for their appointment to the ASACC Leadership Team. She encouraged them to coordinate efforts and work out travel arrangements with Damon students.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)**

#### **a. Resolution to approve Committee Members**

**Resolved**, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate consents to the Appointment of Ashley Yost to sit on the Veteran's Affairs Committee for the remainder of the 2009-10 academic school year.

**Speaker Ruhindi** called for a motion to approve Ashley Yost to sit on the Veteran's Affairs Committee for the remainder of the 2009-10 academic school year.

**Senator Carey** so moved, seconded by Senator Monroe.

**Discussion:**

None.

**Speaker Ruhindi** asked for a roll call vote.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Senator Carey, yes; Senator Monroe, yes; Senator Pizarro, yes; Senator Pritchard, yes;  
Senator Young, yes.

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** approves the appointment of Ashley Yost to sit on the Veteran's Affairs Committee for the remainder of the academic school year 2009-10.

**b. Resolution to approve Committee Members**

*Resolved*, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate consents to the Appointment of Ashley Yost to sit on the Events Committee for the remainder of the 2009-10 academic school year.

**Speaker Ruhindi** called for a motion to approve Ashley Yost to sit on the Events Committee for the remainder of the 2009-10 academic school year.

**Senator Young** so moved, seconded by Senator Carey.

**Discussion:**

None.

**Speaker Ruhindi** asked for a roll call vote.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Senator Carey, yes; Senator Monroe, yes; Senator Pizarro, yes; Senator Pritchard, yes;  
Senator Young, yes.

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** approves the appointment of Ashley Yost to sit on the Events Committee for the remainder of the academic school year 2009-10.

## V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Senator Carey stated that the Travel and Finance Committee has approved \$4,500 to the Hospitality Club for its annual Chicago Food Show.

Senator Marathe apologized for not having a report, but stated that she has been spending time working on the Health Fair. She thanked everyone who has been helping with that event and indicated that she will have a full report next week.

Senator Pizarro, the new Athletics Senator, thanked the Senate for this opportunity. He will send out his contact information by e-mail.

Senator Carey asked when the tickets for the Masquerade Ball would be available and Senator Monroe indicated that they are currently available through [Monroecctickets.com](http://Monroecctickets.com) and at the Campus Center Student Service Desk. The cost is \$5.00 for everyone. Posters will be up soon.

Mr. Cohen informed the Senate that if anyone would like digital copies of the SUNY Student Assembly packet, he would be happy to provide them. They are also available through the e-Board.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:50 p.m. Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Carey so moved, seconded by Senator Monroe. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Higgins  
SA Secretary