



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

Student Senators:

At-Large Senator Blum
At-Large Senator Carey
At-Large Senator Cohen
CAB Senator Young
Liberal Arts Senator Gothard
Media Senator Moorefield
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-Absent

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

Visitors: Dick Ryther, Student Services; Shirley Batista-Provost, Trung Nguyen, Campus Center; Tony DiFabio, Peer Mentor; Donna Brennan, Secretary.

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

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of January 26, 2010 minutes

Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to approve the minutes for January 26, 2010.

Senator Monroe so moved, seconded by Senator Cohen.

Discussion:

Senator Cohen asked that Vice President Marathe be listed as absent.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the minutes for January 26, 2010 as amended.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

There was no one to speak to the Senate,

III. REPORTS

A. Vice President

Vice President Marathe...

- Welcome to the new members of the Senate and Cabinet.
- Winter Leadership Retreat – was attended by many student leaders from the Brighton and Damon campuses. The speaker, Chill-Out “Guru” Hajii Otto, presented on everything from stress management, to conflict diffusion, to basic communication skills.
- SGA training day was filled with learning, communicating, training and the video “Meetings, Bloody Meetings”. Thank you to Advisors Stewart and McCauley for the time and effort they put into SGA every day.
- Presidential Cabinet – weekly meetings will be held on Wednesdays at noon. She will deliver bi-weekly reports regarding Cabinet news.

- Events committee projects – a fundraiser for Haiti coming up soon and the ENABLE student health fair scheduled for Wednesday, March 10th, from 9:30-4:30 in the Campus Center Atrium and Forum.

B. Senators

Senator Carey...

- Red Cross blood drive is Thursday, February 4, in the Forum. Appointments can be made at www.mccgivesblood.org. Volunteers are still needed for signing donors in. Thank you to all who have signed up to donate and/or to volunteer.
- Presidential Trivia contest – he will meet with the events committee on Friday, February 5, to present information about the event.
- ASACC Conference, March 20-23 – he has contacted Kelsey Hornbach, appointment scheduler for Congresswoman Louise Slaughter, requesting a meeting with the Congresswoman. She replied that appointments are set up two weeks prior to the date requested; she will keep the request on file; he will send another request around March 7.

Senator Cohen...

- SUNY Student Assembly Executive Committee met at SUNY Canton – Discussed were Governor Paterson's latest round of cuts, part of his 2010-2011 budget proposal, and the Public Higher Education Empowerment and Innovation Act. They had a conference call with Daniel Doktori, Director of Higher Education for Governor Paterson; most of that discussion was regarding the Governor's budget proposal. The budget cut breaks down as follows: the \$90 million cut from last semester becomes permanent, an additional \$136 million worth of cuts to four year institutions, and Community College Base Aid, the state's contribution to the net operating cost of each Community College, would be reduced by \$40 million. The budget proposal also includes some changes to TAP, the Tuition Assistance Program for students with financial need. A second conference call took place with Monica Rimai, Senior Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer of SUNY, to discuss the Public Higher Education Empowerment and Innovation Act; overall, this bill is good for both SUNY and CUNY. The only area of the bill that directly impacts Community Colleges is the fact that the bill would allow DASNY (the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York) to finance and construct residence halls and other facilities at Community Colleges, which it has been prohibited from doing for close to fifty years. One issue in the bill in question is "differential tuition", a policy that would allow different tuition rates to be charged based on the campus attended and/or the program enrolled in, although the base tuition would still be set by the SUNY Board of Trustees. The SUNY SA Executive Committee endorsed the Public Higher Education Empowerment and Innovation Act, except for the differential tuition proposal.
- SUNY Day has been changed to SUNY Month - System Administration is asking delegations from every school, including the Campus President and at least three students to go to Albany at some point and lobby. This is something that would need to be coordinated with President Kress's office, and Cynthia Cooper, Assistant to the President for College, Community, & Government Relations.
- SUNY Palooza, Wednesday, March 24 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. is being organized by SUNY Student Assembly as a day for students all across the state to go to Albany to lobby as SUNY students. They are hoping for participation from as many schools and students as possible.
- SUNY Group 200 – next conversation is Thursday, February 4 at Stony Brook. February 25, the conversation will take place at Upstate Medical; he encourages anyone who is interested, and has the time free, to attend. Remember to visit the website, www.suny.edu/strategicplan, for information about the Group, their mission, or to offer feedback on the Strategic Planning process. More news on SUNY in general can be found by following GenerationSUNY on Twitter, Facebook, or YouTube.

Senator Moorefield...

- Monroe Doctrine - Editor-In-Chief Madasyn Czebiniak is looking for more news, including reports, future events, trips, and activities. The MD has open positions; interested parties can visit the office at room 3-134, in the Campus Center, or call them at 292-2540.
- Cabbages & Kings - Editor-In-Chief Elizabeth Loudermilk informed him that articles for the literary magazine will be accepted until Monday, February 8; the theme is "Social Critique". Guidelines for submissions can be found on the website at: <http://web.monroec.edu/cabbageskings/submissions>. Their

meetings are held on Wednesdays, 12-1pm, in room 3-131. Visit their new website at <http://www.cabbagesandkingslitmag.org/>.

- WMCC the Fuse General Manager, Tom Quinn, informed him of some upcoming events:
 - Activity Day - Wednesday, Feb. 3 – they will be broadcasting in the Campus Center Atrium and actively recruiting new members and DJs.
 - Go Red Day Friday - Friday, Feb. 5 - Raising Awareness for Heart Disease in Women - proceeds will benefit Haiti Earthquake Survivors.
 - Sex Jeopardy with Planned Parenthood – Friday, February 12 - Free Condoms - February 10th, 11th, and 12th.
- Ask Anne – Wednesday, March 10 during College Hour - Rooms will be set up at the Damon Campus and Brighton Campus; callers can ask President Anne Kress anything. WMCC will also cover President Anne Kress' Inauguration on April 10. They will be approaching the Senate in the future to request funds for equipment they will need before the President's Inauguration.
- Senator Moorefield's contact Information - dmoorefield001@student.monroecc.edu; he will establish a regular office hour soon.

Senator Pritchard...

- Residence Hall Senator – flyers with his contact information have been posted in each residence hall.
- Events Committee – he will be assisting with the anti-violence program taking place in April as well as the Blood Drive and Activity Day.

Senator Young...

- Campus Activities Board (CAB) Senator – he will be meeting regularly with CAB Director Eddie Visagie so that he can keep the SGA up to date with CAB events.
- Braille Signage Project – he continues to make progress with making MCC more accessible for people with disabilities and specifically students who are visually impaired. He is working with Facilities and Mr. Ryther to fix the Braille Signage on the Brighton Campus.
- Presidential Trivia Event – will be held on Monday, February 22, from 12:00 – 1:00pm in the Campus Center Atrium. Prizes will be awarded to first and second place teams. He will be Master of Ceremonies.

C. Committee Reports

➤ Rules Committee - reported by Senator Cohen

- New Template Club Constitution to replace the current Model Constitution has been completed and is being brought before the Senate for approval.
- New Template Resolution to Charter Clubs has been developed and is being brought before the Senate for approval.
- By-Law changes - the committee recommends adding a sentence to By-Law 2.1.1 and another sentence to By-Law 2.2.1 requiring the submission of an editable electronic version of a proposed constitution by any club/organization looking to be chartered or to amend an existing constitution.
- The Committee therefore recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution to approve the Template Club Constitution

Whereas, it would be helpful to have a constitution that can be used as a template, and given as an example to those wishing to form clubs, and

Whereas, such a template constitution should require as little modification as possible to use as a functioning club constitution, and

Whereas, due to various circumstances, the template constitution currently in circulation is no longer viable as a constitution, and needs extensive work before it can be used as a functioning club constitution, and

Whereas, the Rules Committee has proposed and approved a new template club constitution designed to replace the one currently in circulation, thereby providing better guidance for those seeking to write or amend a constitution and expediting the ratification process for those who choose to use it, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Senate approves the Template Club Constitution as submitted by the Rules Committee, and further be it

Resolved, that the Chair of the Rules Committee is charged with submitting physical and digital editions of the approved template to the Campus Center Advisor, Faculty Advisor, Student Association Secretary, and Assistant Director of the Campus Center for Clubs and Organizations no later than one week from the approval of this resolution, and further be it

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association's Campus Center Advisor, Faculty Advisor, Student Association Secretary and the Assistant Director of the Campus Center for Clubs and Organizations are charged with destroying all copies of the old template constitution, now considered null, void, and invalid for all time, and further be it

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association's Campus Center Advisor, Faculty Advisor, Student Association Secretary and the Assistant Director of the Campus Center for Clubs and Organizations are charged with preserving the new template club constitution as approved by the Senate and submitted to them by the Chair of the Rules Committee, and distributing said template to all future students wishing to form clubs or organizations or modify existing Club or Organization Constitutions, until and unless the Senate provides otherwise by an official act of the Senate, so that the template may be used in perpetuity by the current and future students of Monroe Community College.

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

Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to table the above resolution until some concerns can be addressed.

Senator Carey so moved, seconded by Senator Young.

Discussion:

Senator Cohen stated that the language being questioned was in the first draft sent out in early January and not modified in the second draft. He does not understand the reason to delay the approval.

Speaker Ruhindi explained that there are other concerns which have been expressed by other people.

Advisor McCauley stated that there was discussion at pre-agenda where people expressed concern regarding some of the language and there are also other statements in the resolution that need to be addressed.

Senator Cohen addressed Advisor McCauley's concerns.

Senator Carey moved to call the question to table the resolution, seconded by Senator Young.

A vote was taken.

The motion to call the question passed.

Senator Carey requested a roll-call vote for the motion to table the resolution.

A roll-call vote was taken as follows:

Senator Blum, yes; Senator Carey, yes; Senator Cohen, no; Senator Gothard, yes; Senator Monroe, Abstain; Senator Moorefield, no; Senator Pritchard, yes; Senator Young, yes.

The motion to table the resolution until further notice passed.

- The Committee also recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution to approve the TEMPLATE Resolution to Charter Clubs

Whereas, it would be helpful to have a single resolution that can be consistently used to charter clubs now and in the future, and

Whereas, such a template resolution has been proposed and approved by the Rules Committee, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Senate approves the template Resolution to Charter Clubs as submitted by the Rules Committee, and further be it

Resolved, that the Chair of the Rules Committee is charged with submitting physical and digital editions of the approved template to the Campus Center Advisor, Faculty Advisor, and Student Association Secretary no later than one week from the approval of this resolution, and further be it

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association's Campus Center Advisor, Faculty Advisor, and Student Association Secretary are charged with preserving the template resolution as approved by the Senate and submitted to them by Senator Cohen, and distributing said

template to all future SGA members until and unless the Senate provides otherwise by an official act of the Senate, so that the template may be used in perpetuity by future student governments of Monroe Community College.

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

Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to table the above resolution until concerns can be addressed.

Acting Deputy Speaker Blum so moved, seconded by Senator Carey.

Discussion:

Speaker Ruhindi explained that a motion to table was requested until some concerns can be addressed.

Senator Monroe asked if there were concerns to be addressed for all of the Rules Committee resolutions. **Speaker Ruhindi** confirmed.

Senator Monroe motioned to table all of the Rules Committee Resolutions, seconded by Senator Gothard.

A roll-call vote was taken as follows:

Senator Blum, yes; Senator Carey, yes; Senator Cohen, no; Senator Gothard, yes; Senator Monroe, yes; Senator Moorefield, yes; Senator Pritchard, yes; Senator Young, yes.

The motion to table all of the Rules Committee resolutions, until further notice, passed.

D. Faculty Advisor

Faculty Advisor McCauley stated that May 18 is the date of the last senate meeting of the spring semester.

He strongly suggested that the government be prepared for that meeting and to also, and more importantly, be prepared to make things that need to be accomplished by the end of the semester happen.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve Sarah Russo as Director of Physical Activities

Resolved, that the Senate consents to the appointment of Sarah Russo to the position of Director of Physical Activities in the Presidential Cabinet for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic school year.

Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to approve Sarah Russo as Director of Physical Activities.

Senator Carey so moved, seconded by Senator Gothard.

Discussion:

Vice President Marathe, speaking on Sarah's behalf, stated that Sarah has a history in athletics and she is interested in working with the Athletics' staff and students.

Senator Moorefield also put in a good word for Sarah.

A vote was taken.

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

Association Senate approves Sarah Russo as Director of Physical Activities in the Presidential Cabinet for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic school year.

b. Resolution to approve Rimsha Khan as Director of Inter-Campus Relations

Resolved, that the Senate consents to the appointment of Rimsha Khan to the position of Director of Inter-Campus Relations in the Presidential Cabinet for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic school year.

Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to approve Rimsha Khan as Director of Inter-Campus Relations.

Senator Carey so moved, seconded by Senator Monroe.

Discussion:

Senator Monroe spoke in favor of approving Rimsha stating that she has regularly been attending and participating in the Rules Committee meetings.

A vote was taken.

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

Association Senate approves Rimsha Khan as Director of Inter-Campus Relations in the Presidential Cabinet for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic school year.

c. **Resolution to approve Committee Members**

Resolved, that the Senate consents to the appointment of Luis Perez, Sarah Gothard, Anthony Proietti, and Jessica Monroe to sit on the Events Committee for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic school year.

Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to approve Committee Members.

Senator Young so moved, seconded by Senator Carey.

Discussion:

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves the appointment of Luis Perez, Sarah Gothard, Anthony Proietti, and Jessica Monroe to sit on the Events Committee for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic school year.

V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Faculty Advisor McCauley suggested that a coordinator, who should work closely with Cynthia Cooper, be selected for the SUNY lobbying trip; to increase student participation, multiple purposes for the lobbying trip should also be considered. He also suggested participation in Ask Anne due to what might be happening with tuition if there is a decrease in state aid.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:00 p.m. Speaker Ruhindi called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Cohen so moved, seconded by Senator Carey. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Brennan

Donna Brennan
SA Secretary