



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, February 5, 2008**

Present:

Senators:

Senator Broyld-Absent
Senator Darrow
Senator Esposito-Late
Senator Lynch
Senator Marino
Senator Robinson
Senator Wingate

President:

Daniel Elliott

Vice President:

Ronald Quider

Speaker:

Matthew Lawson

Deputy Speaker:

Jennifer Bickel

Campus Center Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joe McCauley

Visitors: Tom Priester, Campus Center; Tony DiFabio, Peer Mentor; Candice Beck, Amanda Haessler, Gabe Hawthorne, Anthony Hicks, CASA; Charles Grizzanti, Devon Woodward, Students; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

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

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of January 29, 2008 minutes

Speaker Lawson called for a motion to approve the January 29, 2008 minutes.

Senator Darrow so moved, seconded by Senator Lynch.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the January 29, 2008 minutes as written.

II. REPORTS

A. Speaker's Report

Speaker Lawson...

- ✓ **Presidential Mock Primary** – hundreds of students came out to vote in the mock primary sponsored by the Student Government and Phi Theta Kappa. Republican Senator John McCain and Democratic Senator Barack Obama were the winners of the primary at MCC. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a success.
- ✓ **Super Tuesday** – voters in 22 states, including New York, will go out to the polls to select a Presidential Candidate for the Republican and Democratic Parties. To vote in this primary you must be registered as either a Republican or a Democrat.
- ✓ **Blood Drive** – Thursday, February 7, in the Campus Center Forum from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm sponsored by the Student Government.

B. President's Report

President Elliott...

- ✓ **Presidential Cabinet** - Coordinators Varno, Soderberg, and Kurnath are working on an online Student Government application. They are also working with the clubs and organizations to use funds from the SGA contingency account for programming; they were all very excited about the mock primary; he also thanked PTK for all their help.
- ✓ **Blood Drive Reminder** - Thursday, February 7. He invited everyone to help save lives.
- ✓ **Presidential Search Advisory Committee** - many have asked if a President for MCC has been chosen. The process is only half way through. Interviews have been set up to decide on a few semifinalists. Once the Board of Trustees decides who they wish, the SUNY Administration must approve that decision. He and the others on

the committee will not allow someone who is not dedicated to student success and the co-curricular program here at MCC.

C. Senator Reports

Senator Marino...

- ✓ **Thank you** to the members of the Senate for appointing him to the position of Interdisciplinary Senator. This appointment gives him the opportunity to use the knowledge and experience he has gained to further enhance both the mission and vision of the SGA. He met with Speaker Lawson concerning several initiatives he has developed which are intended to address student concerns and provide the SGA with additional information concerning the MCC student body in order to promote better informed decision-making by the SGA. These initiatives include a possible food service survey, new methodologies for survey design and implementation, and much more. He will pass along more details about progress on these initiatives to the Senate and student body as they become available.

Senator Wingate...

- ✓ **Non-profit Poker Tournament** – he has been working on understanding the legality of hosting such a tournament and is waiting to hear from the District Attorney’s Office before plans move forward.
- ✓ **Iraq War** – he has been working on a project for the week of the 5th anniversary of the Iraq War which will include showing the documentary Shadow Company.

D. Campus Center Advisor

Campus Center Advisor Stewart...

- ✓ **Congratulations and thank you** to everyone who worked on the debate and mock primary; great job; lots of excitement was generated.
- ✓ **C.A.S.A.** (Campus Association for Student Activities) had a meet and greet where they shared some of their plans for the spring semester; she urged everyone to take a moment to meet them and talk with some of them about some of their plans.

E. Faculty Advisor

Faculty Advisor McCauley asked President Elliott if he attended the most recent Board of Trustees meeting and suggested he invite the Student Trustee to a Senate meeting to share what was happening.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve new members to the Presidential Cabinet

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve Owen Arthur as Elections Coordinator, Ryan Drost as InterCampus Liaison, Jacqueline Walker as Ad Hoc Fundraising Director, and Candice Beck as Assistant CASA Coordinator for the remainder of the 2007-2008 academic year.

Speaker Lawson called for a motion to approve the new members to the Presidential Cabinet.

Senator Marino so moved, seconded by Senator Darrow.

Discussion:

President Elliott, regarding the CASA by-law changes and the addition of an Assistant CASA Director and as a precedent for the future, stated that the CASA Director cannot just appoint new positions. Since any new Coordinator/Assistant Coordinator positions need to be approved by the Senate, the CASA Director would make a recommendation to the President of the Student Government who would then present it to the Senate for approval.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves Owen Arthur as Elections Coordinator, Ryan Drost as InterCampus Liaison, Jacqueline Walker as Ad Hoc Fundraising Director, and Candice Beck as Assistant CASA Coordinator for the remainder of the 2007-2008 academic year.

b. Resolution to appoint Senator Wingate to the Library Committee

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the appointment of Senator Alex Wingate to the Library Committee.

Speaker Lawson called for a motion to approve the appointment of Senator Wingate to the Library Committee.

Senator Darrow so moved, seconded by Senator Marino.

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the appointment of Senator Wingate to the Library Committee.

c. Resolution to change Section 8.3.1 of the By-laws

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the proposed changes to the Brighton Campus Student Government Association By-laws section 8.3.1 (see attached).

Speaker Lawson called for a motion to approve the changes to Section 8.3.1 of the By-laws.

Senator Lynch so moved, seconded by Senator Darrow.

Discussion:

Senator Darrow asked if the GPA requirement for Active Members should be the same as the Executive Board members and the Project Managers so they are consistent.

Advisor Stewart explained that with a 2.0 GPA, students may be members of a club or organization, but they cannot hold an office.

President Elliott asked about the changes to the numbering.

Advisor McCauley explained that realigning numbers is a technical correction which can be approved by the Senate at a later time.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves the changes to the Brighton Campus Student Government Association By-laws Section 8.3.1.

d. Resolution to appoint Senator Marino to the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve Senator Michael Marino as a voting member on the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee.

Speaker Lawson called for a motion to approve the appointment of Senator Marino as a voting member on the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee.

Senator Darrow so moved, seconded by Senator Lynch.

Discussion:

Senator Marino stated he is looking forward to the appointment.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the appointment of Senator Marino as a voting member on the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee.

IV. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

President Elliott informed everyone that Lori VanDusen stepped down as Chair of the MCC Board of Trustees for personal reasons and Mr. Guon is the new Chair.

ASACC Conference – President Elliott suggested that a committee be coordinated to research what to advocate at the upcoming Conference. Senator Bickel suggested that the Damon students who will be attending the conference be involved on that committee. Speaker Lawson stated that he will look into getting those attending the conference together. Advisor Stewart mentioned the possibility of having a video conference with the Damon students.

V. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:34 p.m. Speaker Lawson called for a motion to adjourn.

Senator Marino so moved, seconded by Senator Darrow. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Brennan
SA Secretary