



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR  
Tuesday, December 1, 2009  
2:15 p.m. – Empire Room (3-209)**

**Student Senators:**

Academic Clubs Senator Rahul Raja  
At-Large Senator Blum  
At-Large Senator Cohen-**Absent**  
Interdisciplinary Senator Blair  
Service Clubs Senator Monroe  
Social Clubs Senator Mac

**President:**

Qasim Ijaz

**Vice President:**

Jason Childers-**Absent**

**Speaker/At-Large Senator**

Ted Carey

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

Simon Ruhindi

**Campus Center Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart

**Faculty Advisor:**

Joseph McCauley

**Visitors:** Rebecca Herzog, Campus Center; Justin Young, Eddie Visagie, Campus Activities Board; Fred Brown, Hoang Chau, Presidential Cabinet; Lisa Armstrong, Student; Donna Brennan, Secretary.

**I. CALL TO ORDER (2:16 p.m.)**

**A. Roll Call**

(See attendance above)

**B. Approval of November 24, 2009 minutes**

**Speaker Carey** called for a motion to approve the minutes for the November 24, 2009 Senate meeting.

**Deputy Speaker Ruhindi** 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 minutes for November 24, 2009 as written.

**C. Approval of September 15, 2009 minutes**

**Speaker Carey** called for a motion to approve the minutes for the September 15, 2009 Senate meeting.

**Senator Blum** so moved, seconded by Senator Raja.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves the minutes for September 15, 2009 as written.

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

**Senator Blair** addressed the Senate with his letter of resignation from the position of Interdisciplinary Studies Senator effective immediately. He then presented the letter to Speaker Carey.

**Lisa Armstrong** spoke on behalf of Patricia Giverson, candidate for the position of Director of Evening/Adult Student Affairs. She encouraged the Senate to approve Patricia as her replacement for the position.

### III. REPORTS

#### A. Speaker

##### Speaker Carey...

- The Red Cross blood drive will take place on Thursday, December 3, in the Forum from 10-4. Donors can sign up on line at [www.mccgivesblood.org](http://www.mccgivesblood.org) or they can sign up at the site the day of the drive. Volunteers are needed to sign donors in. If available and interested in helping, the signup sheet is posted on the Senate office door.

#### B. Deputy Speaker

##### Deputy Speaker Ruhindi

- At the Faculty Senate Meeting on Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup> he discovered that they have put an Interactive Flash of the 2009-2010 Catalog and Student Handbook on the MCC website. There are many things you can do with it besides looking through it. He encouraged everyone to take a look at it.

#### C. President

##### President Ijaz...

- Next week's meeting will be his last as President; he will then begin a new journey. He began his career as a student leader with the Peer Assistance Resource Center. Betty Bovenzi worked hard at turning him into a student leader and it wasn't easy; she was a great inspiration. He learned a lot from her and he has always used those skills to nail down any hurdle he came upon. He then joined the Muslim Students Association and the Global Union International Students Association. Both of those clubs have been a place for him to "feel like home". Through the Muslim Students Association, he was able to bring awareness about real Islam and in Global Union he had lots to do, including arranging a trip to Montreal and International Night. He is very grateful to everyone who helped him each step of the way. The Brighton Campus Student Government Association has been a different experience however. When student life mixes up with politics, you need guidance. Betty and Joe have always been there to guide us and they have done their job very well. Much has been accomplished, but it is just a base; there is a plethora of things still to do. Some improvements have been made and when he comes back to visit next semester, he hopes to see even more. A special thanks to Vice President, and soon to be Mr. President, Jason Childers for his help.

#### D. Senators

##### Senator Blum...

- She reminded everyone about the drugs and alcohol forum on December 9, 2009 from 12-12:50 p.m. in building 8, room 200.

##### Senator Mac...

- On Wednesday, November 18, she attended a Focus Group on Dining Services with students from the Campus Center and the Residence Halls. They suggested some changes to improve MCC's dining service such as: reasonable prices with better quality, Asian food, open late at night for Residence Hall students especially during final exam week, make it easier to get a food waiver, improve customer service, and fresh drinks like bubble tea or smoothies. They expect, after this, MCC students will enjoy a higher-quality dining service.
- On Friday November 20, she attended the Roundtable meeting. A special guest from Campus Events came to the meeting to explain the steps that need to be followed when planning an event. Global Union will have 7 different displays for the Holiday Bash. They will also be traveling to Washington, DC March 18 to March 21; registration for the trip is now open. The American Sign Language Club will have a Silent Dinner on December 11 for about 50 people; this event is free. On December 5, CAB will have Breakfast with Santa from 10am to 12pm. Shirley suggested that all the clubs bring in vendors; this is a good way to raise funds. The club receives 20% of the profits from their vendor. She also reminded the clubs who have an office to post their office hours on the door so everybody knows when someone will be there.

**Senator Monroe...**

- Reminder – the American Sign Language Club Silent Dinner is scheduled for December 11 in the Forum. They are currently working on decorations and getting the word out.

**E. Campus Center Advisor**

**Campus Center Advisor Stewart** congratulated Faculty Advisor McCauley on the birth of his new grandson. She also reminded the senators and cabinet directors and anyone else who has an office to take care of their personal possessions. This is the time of year when there is an increase of thefts on campus; SGA has had things taken from their offices. She advised everyone not to leave things sitting out and to keep office doors closed and locked when not occupied.

**F. Faculty Advisor**

**Faculty Advisor McCauley** informed everyone that his grandson Nathan was born on Monday, November 30. He also encouraged everyone to be patient with each other and other people. It is the end of the semester and everyone is stressed out. With the holidays and exams coming up, everyone is under a lot of pressure and stress.

**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 Qasim Ijaz, Erin Markum and Jenny Blum to sit on the Events Committee for the 2009-2010 academic year.

**Speaker Carey** called for a motion to approve Committee Members.

**Deputy Speaker Ruhindi** so moved, seconded by Senator Raja.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves the appointment of Qasim Ijaz, Erin Markum and Jenny Blum to sit on the Events Committee for the 2009-2010 academic year.

**b. Resolution to approve Patricia Giverson as Director of Evening/Adult Student Affairs**

*Resolved* that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves, using due process, Patricia Giverson as Director of Evening/Adult Student Affairs for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic year.

**Speaker Carey** called for a motion to approve Patricia Giverson as Director of Evening/Adult Student Affairs.

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

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves Patricia Giverson as Director of Evening/Adult Student Affairs for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic year.

**c. Resolution to approve Fred Brown as Director of Multicultural Affairs**

*Resolved* that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves, using due process, Fred Brown as Director of Multicultural Affairs for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic year.

**Speaker Carey** called for a motion to approve Fred Brown as Director of Multicultural Affairs.

**Deputy Speaker Ruhindi** so moved, seconded by Senator Mac.

**Discussion:**

**Fred Brown** stated that he is looking forward to what he will be able to do next semester in this new position.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves Fred Brown as Director of Multicultural Affairs for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic year.

## **V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Justin Young, CAB Co-Director mentioned that Breakfast with Santa is on Saturday, December 5 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the Forum. If SGA would like to help with the event they should be there at 9:00 a.m.

Senator Blum asked about the date for the ASL Silent Dinner.

Senator Monroe informed her that it will be held on Friday, December 11, from 6-10 p.m.

President Ijaz presented his letter of resignation to Speaker Carey. His resignation will be effective December 10, 2009 at 10:35:55 a.m.

Hoang Chau, Director of Clubs & Organizations reported on the last Roundtable meeting:

- Global Union Holiday Bash – Wednesday, December 16 in the Campus Center Atrium from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The event is co-sponsored by Capoeira, CAB and Latin Pride.
- Global Union trip to Washington, DC – March 18-21. The cost is \$190 per person; \$80 deposit required.
- American Sign Language – Silent Dinner on December 16 from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. in the Forum
- CAB – Breakfast with Santa – Saturday, December 5 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Forum
- WMCC the Fuse will be interviewing Dr. Kress sometime in January
- Chinese Culture Club – China Night is scheduled for March 6
- Peer Mentors – Drug and Alcohol Forum on Wednesday, December 9 in 8-200 from 12:00 – 12:50 p.m.

At the next Roundtable meeting on Monday, December 7, she will be asking all of the clubs and organizations about their constitutions as requested by Vice President Jason Childers.

President Ijaz mentioned that the interview with Dr. Kress will be an on-air interview. This will be an “Ask Anne Anything” interview. Everyone is welcome to call in with questions. They are hoping to broadcast the interview on the Damon Campus at the same time so the Damon students can also participate with questions.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:39 p.m. Speaker Carey called for a motion to adjourn. Deputy Speaker Ruhindi so moved, seconded by Senator Blum. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

## **VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Brennan  
SA Secretary