



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, July 20, 2010
2:15 p.m. – Senate Office (3-127)**

Student Senators:

At-Large Senator Coviello
At-Large Senator Shaffner

President:

Jason Childers

Vice President

Christopher Hollander

Speaker/Media Senator

Mirlin Moorefield

Acting Deputy Speaker/At-Large Senator

Jack Hills

Campus Center Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

Campus Center Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog

Visitors: Dick Ryther, Student Services; Lee Struble, Public Safety; Maureen Wheelden, Jennifer Lischer, Sodexo; Malcolm Cohen, SUNY Student Assembly; Rimsha Khan, Presidential Cabinet; Katherine Meyer, Erin Markum, Diamond Simmons, Students; Antoine Reeves, SEGA; Maria LoCastro, Matthew Ulakovic, Monroe Doctrine; Donna Brennan, Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:20 p.m.)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Maria LoCastro, Monroe Doctrine Editor-in-Chief, stated her intentions to be a member of the Media Committee for the fall semester.

Matthew Ulakovic, Monroe Doctrine Managing Editor, stated his intentions to be a member of the Media Committee for the fall semester.

Maureen Wheelden, Sodexo General Manager, introduced herself and stated that she hopes they can partner with the SGA on events.

III. REPORTS

A. Speaker

Speaker Moorefield...

- **Orientation** – he has participated in several New Student Orientations, setting up and sitting at the SGA table and talking to the new students. He is working on getting a display board and revising printed materials for the SGA tables at orientation and other events.
- **Welcome** – he introduced two new At-Large Senators, Maria Shaffner and Mark Coviello.
- **Gay Pride Parade** – due to transportation issues he was unable to attend as planned.
- **SGA Storage Room** - two sets of lockers have been traded to the Peer Mentors, they have been replaced with book cases. He continues to look for ways to store some of the bulky items, including shoes from the Anti-Violence Program.

- **SGA Shirts** – he asks all SGA members to provide him with their shirt sizes ASAP so that official polo shirts, which will be worn to all Public Senate Meetings and Conferences can be ordered. He is also working with the bookstore to order the Tye-Dye Monroe CC shirt in larger sizes, up to 4x.
- **Thank you** to the Senators for selecting him as Speaker of the Senate, “I look forward to serving the Student Body in every way I can. I will do everything in my power to serve the student body. I will make great efforts to prompt the Senate to get out in front of the Student Body on a regular basis and find out what their concerns are. I will establish ties that will give us a voice in the decision making process. I will do everything I can for the Senate so that we are equally represented in SGA and that our needs and concerns are always represented and heard. I will do all I can to ensure good relations with the Cabinet and within our own ranks. It is my belief that together, we can make great things happen. Our goal this year should be to have SGA selected as Organization of the Year.”

B. Vice President

Vice President Hollander...

- **Rochester Pride Parade** - thank you to everyone who attended this event on July 17th. There were about 20-30 students at the lineup and another 10-15 were picked up along the route. A special thank you is needed to Andrew Dresang, Wancarlos Pábon-Sanchez, and Betty Stewart.
- **SUNY Student Assembly** – he has participated in a few conference calls. Nothing which would affect the Community College level has been done. They have reviewed the modified PHEEIA bill and will be remaining silent until some of their concerns can be addressed. The conference in October will be held in Binghamton from October 29th through 31st. The conference packets are expected to be out within a month.

C. Senators

Senator Coviello...

- **New Senator-At-Large** – he stated that being involved in the SGA will be an opportunity to return his gratitude to the MCC community by listening to ideas, thoughts and concerns, participating in events, welcoming and meeting many people and representing the best interests of all. He is passionate about communicating well with diverse individuals and continually seeks opportunities to enrich his world through the wisdom of others. He is honored to be a student at MCC and a member of the SGA and looks forward to the year ahead, meeting great people and sharing great experiences.

Senator Shaffner...

- **New Senator-At-Large** – she joined the SGA to become involved in the environment where she will be spending the majority of her time. This will enable her to get to know things about MCC and the values of the people she will interact with. She is looking for peer mentors and in turn knows that she can mentor others by her willingness to be involved in a leadership role. She looks forward to the year ahead; one of her goals this year is to remain positive and seek out help and advice when she is feeling unsure of her abilities.

D. Advisors

Campus Center Advisor Stewart...

- **Gay Pride Parade** – congratulations to Chris Hollander for the job he did organizing the MCC group; thank you to all who attended.
- **Leadership Training** – the next training date is July 22 from 9am – 5pm in the Forum. See Donna A. as soon as possible to attend.
- **Leadership Retreat** – scheduled for October 1-3 at Camp Stella Maris. This is a weekend of team building and skills building; it is not mandatory but attendance is very highly encouraged.

Campus Center Advisor Herzog...

- She introduced herself and stated that she is the Program Coordinator in the Campus Center, SGA Co-Advisor with Betty and Joe and Advisor to CAB.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve Katherine Meyer as Communications Coordinator

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve, using due process, Katherine Meyer as the Communications Coordinator for the 2010-2011 Academic Year. **Speaker Moorefield** called for a motion to approve Katherine Meyer as Communications Coordinator. **Senator Hills** so moved, seconded by Senator Coviello.

Discussion:

Katie introduced herself and stated that she is a Communications major and mentioned some of her experience.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves Katherine Meyer as Communications Coordinator for the 2010-2011 Academic Year.

b. Resolution to approve Erin Markum as Physical Activities Coordinator

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve, using due process, Erin Markum as the Physical Activities Coordinator for the 2010-2011 Academic Year. **Speaker Moorefield** called for a motion to approve Erin Markum as Physical Activities Coordinator. **Senator Coviello** so moved, seconded by Senator Hills.

Discussion:

Erin introduced herself and stated that this is her second year at MCC and she is here to get her Associates Degree. She will then transfer to RIT to for her Master's Degree. She is in the Presidential Cabinet because she likes to get things done. It is her way of communicating with others and putting together the opinions and ideas of the student body.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves Erin Markum as Physical Activities Coordinator for the 2010-2011 Academic Year.

c. Resolution to approve appointments to the Media Committee

Resolved, that the Senate consents to the appointment of Douglas Moorefield, as Committee Chair, and Maria Locastro, Katherine Meyer, and Matt Ulakovic to the Media Committee for the 2010-2011 Academic Year.

Speaker Moorefield called for a motion to approve appointments to the Media Committee.

Senator Shaffner so moved, seconded by Senator Coviello.

Discussion:

Rimsha Khan, Legislative Affairs Coordinator in the Presidential Cabinet, read by-law 11.3.5 sections J & K which describe some of the duties of the Media Senator. She stated that she feels this committee is not necessary for the Student Government.

Speaker Moorefield stated that the Media Committee was established to bring together members of the media to work on common goals, to promote their organizations and their trades, and to share that with the student body. By coming together they felt that they would be more effective in promoting events, activities and with bringing in outside media groups. When they first started meeting, Cabbages & Kings was not very active so they brainstormed ideas and worked with Cabbages & Kings to help them become more active in campus life. This is an ad hoc committee not a standing committee. The committee is starting out with some new members this year and there are members from other clubs who are also interested in becoming involved. This committee is a campus wide committee, not just an SGA committee. The President of SEGA has also expressed interest in becoming involved in the Media Committee.

Advisor Stewart mentioned that there was some good feedback last semester about the Media Committee and it can help the Media Senator and the Communications Coordinator do their jobs.

Senator Hills asked Rimsha what her main objection with the Media Committee was.

Rimsha stated that there is already a Media Senator in the by-laws and there are also Roundtable meetings where information can be passed.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the appointment of Douglas Moorefield, as Committee Chair, and Maria Locastro, Katherine Meyer, and Matt Ulakovic to the Media Committee for the 2010-2011 Academic Year.

V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Vice President Hollander congratulated the new senators for making it through their first public meeting. He also congratulated the new Coordinators and the Chairperson and members of the Media Committee. Thank you to everyone who attended this meeting.

Dick Ryther, Associate Director Student Services, introduced Jennifer Lischer, Retail Manager for Sodexo.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:48 p.m. Speaker Moorefield called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Coviello so moved, seconded by Senator Shaffner. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Brennan