



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING
MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, April 29, 2008**

Present:

Senators:

Senator Broyle-Absent
Senator Darrow
Senator Esposito
Senator Kuhn
Senator Lynch
Senator Robinson
Senator Wingate
Senator Woodward
Senator Yost

President:

Daniel Elliott

Vice President:

Mark Soderberg

Speaker:

Matthew Lawson

Deputy Speaker:

Jennifer Bickel

Campus Center Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart

Faculty Advisor:

Joe McCauley

Visitors: Dick Ryther, Student Services; Annette Agness, Joe Marchese, MCC Association, Inc.; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

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

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of April 22, 2008 minutes

Speaker Lawson called for a motion to approve the minutes for April 22, 2008.

Senator Kuhn so moved, seconded by Senator Yost.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the minutes for April 22, 2008 as written.

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

There was no one to speak to the Senate.

III. REPORTS

A. Deputy Speaker's Report

Deputy Speaker Bickel...

- ✓ **SUNY Student Assembly Conference** - all of the positions necessary for the next academic year were elected at the Business Meeting. Information concerning upcoming projects conferences: SUNY Compact, a partnership between SUNY, the state, students and major stakeholders that will provide comprehensive and consistent financial support for SUNY; NYPIRG (New York Public Interest Research Group) is New York State's largest student-directed consumer, environmental and government reform organization. NYPIRG's [21 college campus chapters](#) provide much of NYPIRG's energy, resources, and activism. Each campus chapter consists of full-time staff organizers and a large core of student volunteers. Students at NYPIRG chapters work on projects that both support NYPIRG's statewide agenda and focus on local issues, such as higher education, mass transit, as well as environment and energy. Visit WWW.NYPIRG.ORG for more information concerning these issues and more. Also discussed was the potential for a SUNY SA Diversity Conference. Arielle Penn, the voting delegate from the Damon City Campus, and Deputy Speaker Bickel expressed interest in this idea.
- ✓ **Library Committee** - still working on the spring marketing campaign and they are hopeful that everything will be wrapped up within the next couple of weeks. A By-Law change is being proposed to establish LSAC as a full standing committee with its emphasis on the furthering of education via the resources available at MCC and beyond.

B. Vice President's Report

Vice President Soderberg...

- ✓ **SUNY Student Assembly Conference** - the event gave a detailed insight into the background workings that make the SUNY system possible. He attended the Business Meeting as a voting delegate and was also able to attend the Caucus Meeting in which all Community Colleges gathered to discuss issues on campus. At the Business Meeting, he participated in the elections for the next SUNY Executive Board. They also discussed many issues and had open forum discussions. A major issue that was constantly brought up and discussed was tuition. He learned about how New York State Colleges are run and issues that are presented. He also had the opportunity to meet with the current president of SUNY and the future president, both of whom had lots to say. He had a great experience at the Conference and brought back skills and knowledge that wouldn't have been learned elsewhere.

C. Senators

Senator Lynch...

- ✓ **SUNY Student Assembly Conference** – he learned a lot in the professional development workshops.
- ✓ **Reminder** – Wednesday, April 30, is the Uno's scholarship fundraiser.
- ✓ **MCC Board of Trustees** - release of the Presidential selection will be Saturday, May 17 at 9:00 a.m.

Senator Robinson...

- ✓ **SUNY Student Assembly Conference** - she enjoyed meeting other students from various SUNY schools around the state and learning about their student governments. Workshops she attended were Establishing and Maintaining Credibility as a Community Leader as well as Do the Right Thing, and What Does Ethical Leadership Mean to You? Ideas as well as guidelines of how to be an effective leader were discussed in these workshops.
- ✓ **Social Clubs** - several clubs are working on revising their constitutions; this will be very helpful to the clubs returning next year because their constitutions will up to date.

Senator Yost...

- ✓ **Mini Baja Team** - she has been working with NASCAR Technical Institute to find possible sponsorship for the Mini Baja team. She spoke to Trent Brown who will send representatives to the Mini Baja tournaments and events. He will also be sending information on sponsorship, future career opportunities, and schooling for careers in the automotive industry. Trent also mentioned he would like to work on setting up a transfer program between MCC and NASCAR Tech, and possibly UTI.
- ✓ **SGA Elections** - she has been campaigning for Elli Kuhn and the other candidates and has sent information to WMCC the Fuse so they will promote the elections on May 6th and 7th.
- ✓ **Brighton's Clean Sweep** - she participated in the clean sweep on April 26th.
- ✓ **Resignation** - Senator Yost resigned from the position of Service Clubs Senator on the Brighton Campus Student Government Association.

D. Campus Center Advisor

Campus Center Advisor Stewart thanked those who attended the SUNY Student Assembly Conference for the information they brought back and shared. She also thanked everyone who has participated in the Presidential Search and encouraged them /to keep it up because it is not over yet. She also brought to everyone's attention that the Cabbages & Kings new issue is out and encouraged everyone to pick up a copy.

E. Faculty Advisor

Faculty Advisor McCauley participated as an Advisor at the Brighton Clean Sweep and found it to be a positive experience and good to see other members of the MCC community participating at the event.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION ITEM

Recommendation of finalist for MCC Presidential Search.

President Elliott gave an overview of the process followed: there were 15 questions developed to ask of each candidate; they spent an hour with each candidate. With the results of those meetings and also taking into consideration the faculty/staff community forums, the Student Government would agree with Dr. Lawrence Spraggs or Mr. Dennis Kessler being President of Monroe Community College. They feel that Mr. Bill Smith does not meet the criteria set forth by the Board of Trustees.

2. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate Vote)

a. Resolution to support Campus Peace Officers

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate support the proposition to promote the MCC Public Safety Officers to Peace Officer status.

Speaker Lawson called for a motion to approve support of Campus Peace Officers.

Senator Lynch so moved, seconded by Senator Darrow.

Discussion:

Senator Lynch informed the Senate that many schools have already adopted Campus Peace Officers. At the SUNY Conference he had the opportunity to discuss with a student from Broome Community College their move to Peace Officers and they have seen positive results since the change. He also feels it is a good preemptive approach to handling and/or avoiding situations; it would also lead to better solutions and resolve future issues. Senator Lynch supports the proposition.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves support of the proposition to promote the MCC Public Safety Officers to Peace Officer status.

b. Resolution to approve the 2008-2009 Student Association Budget

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the Monroe Community College Association, Inc. Student Association budget for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Speaker Lawson called for a motion to approve the Student Association budget for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Senator Darrow so moved, seconded by Senator Yost.

There was no discussion.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the Monroe Community College Association, Inc. Student Association budget for the 2008-2009 academic year.

IV. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Senator Woodward stated that he also attended the SUNY Student Assembly Conference and learned a lot about how other colleges handle their weekend and night-life issues for their resident hall students.

Advisor McCauley stated that he feels what came out of the Board of Trustees meeting was the fact that the Trustees deferred announcing their Presidential candidate so they would have the opportunity to negotiate with whoever they decide to offer the position to. The difficult issue for everyone right now is not knowing who they are nominating and negotiating with.

Senator Darrow reminded everyone of the two day blood drive on Wednesday, April 30 and Thursday, May 1. Everyone donating will receive 10 free music downloads from ITUNES.

Speaker Lawson announced that SEGA endorsed Dr. Spraggs based on his experience and qualifications.

V. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:38 p.m. Speaker Lawson called for a motion to adjourn.

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

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Brennan
SA Secretary