



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR  
Tuesday, April 28, 2009  
2:15 p.m. – Terrace Lounge**

**Student Senators:**

Academic Clubs Senator Acosta  
At-Large Senator Carey  
CASA Senator Brown  
Residence Hall Senator Rice  
Science, Health & Business Senator Ruhindi  
Service Clubs Senator Malin

**President:**

Sarah Robinson

**Speaker/At-Large Senator**

Stephen Darrow

**Deputy Speaker/At-Large Senator**

Matt Lawson

**Campus Center Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart

**Faculty Advisor:**

Joseph McCauley

**Visitors:** Lee Struble, Public Safety; Annette Agness and Joe Marchese, MCC Association, Inc.; Jacob Tierney, Monroe Doctrine; Jean Mastowski, Holocaust, Genocide & Human Rights Project; Amy Battaglia and Malcolm Cohen, Presidential Cabinet; Donna Brennan, Secretary.

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

**A. Roll Call**

(See attendance above)

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

**Joe Marchese**, Finance Manager, MCC Association Inc., presented the Monroe Community College Association, Inc. 2009/2010 Summary of Budget Draft. He explained that the Student Association Student Life Fee will remain as with no increase; this will be the second year with no increase. He mentioned lines in the budget where there will be an increase and pointed out that the Diversity Series will have a separate budget and funding for the ASACC Conference has been built into the budget. He hopes the Senate will put the budget on the agenda for approval at the next senate meeting. If anyone has any questions feel free to contact him.

**Senator Brown** asked if the Diversity Series budget was connected to the Diversity Coordinator position in the Presidential Cabinet; Joe stated that it is not.

**Senator Rice and Senator Carey** pointed out a couple of discrepancies and Joe stated that he will make sure those get corrected.

**III. REPORTS**

**A. Speaker**

**Speaker Darrow...**

- Mentioned there are only about 3 weeks left; the project he sent out to the Senators, during break, is due by Friday, May 8. Let's finish off strong!

**B. Senators**

**Senator Acosta...**

- The Catholic Bible study group had its last meeting for the semester; they discussed exploring interfaith opportunities for the fall. The group will reconvene in the fall and they are hoping for a larger interfaith dialogue on campus.
- He is working with Tima Marathe, Director of Student Services in the Presidential Cabinet, on suggestions and possible improvements for the Counseling Service Center and they hope their suggestions will be implemented in the fall.

**Senator Carey...**

- SUNY SA Conference, April 17-19 - among the highlights were voting for executive board members and new by laws in the SA Constitution; Malcolm Cohen and he were elected as community college executive committee members.
- MCC Transportation Committee held a meeting which focused on shuttle service for MCC. No bids from any private transportation company have been received so RGRTA, the parent company of RTS, is negotiating with MCC for the rights to the shuttle service. Without giving any cost estimates, they are looking to have shuttle service Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 5:30pm to the Damon Campus and the surrounding areas. They would also like a universal bus pass for students to use anytime on any bus if they desire to purchase one. Within the next two weeks, he and some of the committee members will be meeting with Chuck Switzer from RGRTA for further discussions. The RTS kiosk has been approved and it should be on campus soon; for the Damon Campus, RTS is moving their information booth from Midtown to the Sibley Building.
- Congratulations to Dr. Kress on being named the next President of MCC; thank you to the Search Committee and the Board of Trustees for their hard work during this search and for choosing an excellent candidate.

**Senator Ruhindi...**

- The Books That Make a Difference Project has come together and the feedback from students was very good. The display which will be in the main entrance of the Library should be up later this week or next week.
- He was happy that he was able to be a part of the interviewing process for the next MCC President and is looking forward to next year and all it has to offer.

**IV. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Advisor McCauley complimented Matt Lawson, Ted Carey, Malcolm Cohen and Tanya (from DCC) who were voting representatives at the SUNY Student Assembly Conference for their hard work. Devin Lynch, Sarah Robinson and Mike Rice also worked very hard and participated in a number of different things. They all represented MCC very well at the State level.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:35 p.m. Speaker Darrow called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Lawson so moved, seconded by Senator Rice. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Brennan