



**Monroe Community College Student Government Association
Senate Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, November 4, 2008
2:15 p.m. - Forum (3-130)**

Student Senators:

Academic Clubs Senator Acosta
At-Large Senator Carey
CASA Senator Kuhn
Liberal Arts Senator Halling-**Absent**
Residence Hall Senator Rice
Science, Health & Business Senator Ruhindi
Service Clubs Senator Malin
Social Clubs Senator Bauman

President:

Daniel Elliott

Vice 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-**Absent**

Visitors: Heze Simmons, Vice President, Administrative Services; Craig Learn, WMCC; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER (2:19 p.m.)

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

B. Approval of October 28, 2008 minutes

Speaker Darrow called for a motion to approve the minutes for the October 28, 2008 Senate meeting.

Senator Bauman so moved, seconded by Senator Carey.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the minutes for October 28, 2008.

II. REPORTS

A. Speaker

Speaker Darrow

- ❖ **Presidential Search** – on Monday, November 3, a few student leaders met with the search consultant; it went well.
- ❖ **Rock the Vote committee** - congratulations on another successful event, the Senator Clinton rally.

B. Deputy Speaker

Deputy Speaker Lawson...

- ❖ **Rock the Vote** - the Hillary Clinton Rally which took place on Wednesday, October 29, went well. He thanked everyone who had a role in making it possible. He also reminded everyone to go out and vote and to come to the Election Night Showdown taking place in the Forum.

C. Senators

Senator Acosta...

- ❖ **Catholic Bible study group** - he has been working with the Campus Chaplain passing out leaflets and getting students interested in a bible study group. They are also in the process of collecting resource materials from the Diocese of Connecticut to organize an interfaith lecture series.

Senator Carey...

- ❖ **Rock the Vote** - it was an honor and a privilege to be part of the rally with Senator Clinton.
- ❖ **CASA & WMCC** - the Masquerade Ball was great; special recognition goes to the Student Music Association for the Haunted House attraction; the time and effort they put in to it was evident in the settings and actor portrayals.
- ❖ **RTS** – he met with Rebekah Edgell, President of PTK, about an RTS Sustainability Day to see if PTK would like to participate in it and if they had any suggestions. Rebekah will get feedback from the other PTK officers. He is still waiting for a response regarding an RTS kiosk here at MCC.

Senator Kuhn...

- ❖ **CASA** – up-coming events include: Twilight Saga book series and movie discussion on November 20th; AIDS Awareness Week during the first week in December with activities on 12/1, 12/3, and 12/5.
- ❖ **Reminder** - Get out and vote; make sure you make your choice count!

Senator Malin...

- ❖ **Blood Drive** – he met with Pam Hutton to create new posters promoting the blood drive. The new posters will have room to write all of the important information about the drives.
- ❖ **Hospitality & Travel Clubs** - he attended a joint meeting with the clubs. They will be collecting items for the Troops at Balad military base and the Travel Club is collecting clothing donations for the Open Door Mission.

Senator Rice...

- ❖ **Rock the Vote** - the Political Rally held by the Monroe Doctrine and the Rock the Vote Committee was a tremendous success. Candidates Dan Maffei, Alice Kryzan, and Eric Massa of the Democratic Party attended. The highlight of the event was Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-NY. Among the key points was the need for change in the present political climate and the urgency to vote Senator Barack Obama, D-IL as the next President of the United States.
- ❖ **Fundraising Committee** - is working on the procurement of businesses willing to be a sponsor on a Discount Card. Presently, two sponsors are Starry Nites and the Brighton Campus Bookstore.
- ❖ **RTS and the Transportation Committee** - he is in the process of making inquiries from Residence Hall students regarding the possibility of an RTS shuttle making its way to the Residence Halls on weekends. So far, the feedback from the Res. Hall students is mostly positive.

Senator Bauman...

- ❖ **Fundraising Discount Card** – the discount that the Brighton Campus Bookstore will have on the card will be 25% off all clothing and gifts.

Senator Ruhindi...

- ❖ He is in the process of enlightening the MCC students and faculty on the violence that occurs in our community, how it affects our everyday lives and what we can do to make Rochester a better city. He has been talking and exchanging ideas with Bette Bovenzi, Orientation Coordinator in the Campus Center. He will keep everyone updated on his progress.

D. Campus Center Advisor

Campus Center Advisor Stewart...

- ❖ **Rock the Vote** – she stated how proud she is of everyone's participation in all of the events that have taken place and how SGA has helped and supported other clubs and organizations with what they have been doing; it has been great to see everyone coming together. The Rally was wonderful; the Rock the Vote Committee did a great job; thank you to everyone who was able to be there to help out.
- ❖ **RTS** – she introduced Heze Simmons, Vice President Administrative Services, who was present to discuss RTS issues. **Heze** informed the Senate that this is his first Senate meeting and he is very impressed. Regarding RTS, he mentioned that there is a committee which includes college employees, MCC Association employees, Senator Carey and Advisor Stewart who are evaluating the need for better transportation and less parking issues on both campuses. Part of the evaluation includes discussion of a U-Pass which they are calling an all transportation process for the college. There isn't any space on campus to build another parking lot so they are looking to provide a program that would entice students, faculty and staff to take public transportation. At this time they are not sure if that will be with RTS or if they will put out a request for proposals from other vendors. Whatever it will be, they are trying to make it more aggressive and more efficient in timing. This will be an MCC Association program which they expect to be ready to go by next September, but they will not roll this program out without participation from the student body. When asked about an RTS Kiosk and an RTS Sustainability Day on campus, Heze didn't see a problem with either.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve members to the Fundraising Committee.

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve Michael Rice and John Gordon to the Fundraising Committee.

Speaker Darrow called for a motion to approve Michael Rice and John Gordon to the Fundraising Committee.

Senator Kuhn so moved, seconded by Senator Bauman.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the appointment of Michael Rice and John Gordon to the Fundraising Committee.

V. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Vice President Robinson reminded everyone to pick up their free tickets for the Fall Ball which is being held at the Auditorium Theatre on Friday, November 14. Tickets are available at the Campus Center Service Desk.

Advisor Stewart stressed the importance of reports. Vice President Simmons, today, heard a lot about what the government has been doing and it was all because of the reports that were given. It is important for everyone to hear what the government does.

Speaker Darrow thanked the senators for their reports; he hopes that as the year goes on it will become more natural for everyone to do.

Senator Ruhindi mentioned that he met with the consultant for the presidential search and he felt there were a lot of good questions and good feedback. He also attended his first library committee meeting; he met many new people; they discussed having a library day.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:43 p.m. Speaker Darrow called for a motion to adjourn.
Senator Rice so moved, seconded by Deputy Speaker Lawson.
The Senate meeting was adjourned.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna M. Brennan, SA Secretary