



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING MINUTES FOR**  
**Tuesday, May 10, 2011**  
**2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)**

**Student Senators:**

Interdisciplinary Studies Senator Wassel-Saxe  
Liberal Arts Senator Hale  
Media Senator Moore  
Science, Health & Business Senator Snyder  
Social Clubs Senator Yost

**President:**

Jason Childers

**Vice President**

Christopher Hollander

**Speaker/At-Large Senator**

Jack Hills

**Deputy Speaker/At-Large Senator**

Michael Gray

**Campus Center Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart

**Faculty Advisor:**

Joseph McCauley

**Campus Center Advisor:**

Rebecca Herzog

**Visitors:** Dick Ryther, Student Services; Shirley Batistta-Provost, Office of Student Life & Leadership Development; Eddie Visagie, Student Trustee; Kathy Farrell, Larissa Coe, Kevin Keenan, Student Art Organization; Erika Auld, WMCC the Fuse; Veronica Ciaramella, Travel Club; Lisa Armstrong, Kelly Bynes, Megan Scott, Mike Snyder, Presidential Cabinet; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

**I. CALL TO ORDER (2:15 p.m.)**

**A. Roll Call**

Science, Health & Business Senator Snyder - Absent

**B. Approval of the April 26, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes**

Speaker Hills called for a motion to approve the April 26, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes.

Deputy Speaker Gray 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 April 26, 2011 Senate Meeting Minutes as written.

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

Larissa Coe and Kevin Keenan, on behalf of the Student Art Organization, reported on the New York City Art Trip. They passed around a book of photos taken and sketch books each student participant was required to keep; they also talked about the many museums and galleries they visited. They thanked the Student Government for their support.

Veronica Ciaramella, on behalf of the Travel Club, reported on the trip to the Dominican Republic. She stated that this was the first time many of the students experienced international travel, a non-English speaking environment and a different culture. She thanked the Student Government for their support.

Kelly Bynes, SGA Presidential Cabinet Elections Coordinator, reported on the Student Government Elections. She reported the number of votes each candidate received and stated that 1.8% of the MCC student population voted in this election. She also mentioned that she has position acceptances from all of the successful candidates.

Eddie Visagie, Student Trustee, mentioned that this is his last meeting as Student Trustee. In his position as Student Trustee, he learned a lot about politics and it has been a great experience. He also mentioned that Student Trustee Elect, Megan Scott will be only the third female to hold the position.

### III. REPORTS

#### A. Vice President

##### Vice President Hollander...

- **SGA Awards** - the categories and nominations for the awards are:
  - ✓ Best Monroe Doctrine Article
    - “Save our SUNY”-Sam Vito
    - “Peer Mentors and SGA Raise Funds for Cancer Stricken Alumnus” -Kelly Bynes
    - 3D Issue- Matt Ulakovic and Socrates Maura
    - Elections Article –Matt Ulakovic and Socrates Maura
  - ✓ Best WMCC: the Fuse Radio Show
    - That’s What She Said- DJ Hyde
    - Snow Globe- DJ Snow
    - Bomb Squad- Hobie Mendez and Luis Perez
    - Big Ol Double D’s- Keene Hammond & Katie
  - ✓ Most Involved Student “non” Leader
    - Sam Vito
    - Dave Lombardi
    - Nicole Jenkins
    - Julio Sosa
  - ✓ Best Presentation to the Senate before the Event
    - Engineering Leadership Council- Design, Build, Fly
    - Global Union- Boston Trip
  - ✓ Best Presentation to the Senate after the Event
    - Psychology Club- Psychology Convention in Cambridge, MA
    - Global Union- Boston Trip
  - ✓ Best Residence Hall Event
    - Move In Day- All RAs, RDs and everyone in the Res. Life Office
    - Recyclemania- Jon Cahill-Weather
    - Glow Stick Party- Jon Cahill-Weather
    - Evan and Collin’s Super Fun Comedy Show in 3D- Jon Cahill-Weather

The awards will be presented at the May 17<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting; all nominees have been notified. The Senators will vote today; Coordinators will vote at the next cabinet meeting.

- **Spring Fling** - appeared to be a huge success. The SGA Facebook page has received about 50 new friends due to the event. A special thank you is in order for Speaker Jack Hills and CAB member Courtney Mykins for helping out as the Situation and Snooki.

- B. **Office of Student Life & Leadership Development Advisor Stewart** reminded everyone to pick up their Banquet ticket by Friday, May 13. She mentioned that May 17 is the last Senate meeting and asked the Senators to think about wrapping up for the year.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

##### a. Resolution to approve the funding of \$1000 to the Mini Baja Team

*Resolved*, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate consents to the funding of \$1,000.00 to the Mini Baja Team.

Speaker Hills called for a motion to approve the funding of \$1000 to the Mini Baja Team.

On behalf of the Travel/Finance Committee, Senator Hale moved the adoption of the resolution.

Discussion:

Ron George, President and Daniel Sze, Secretary of the Mini Baja Team, talked about the 2011 Illinois Baja Intercollegiate Competition. They explained that the car is 70% complete and they have enlisted financial support from many local companies. Ron explained that many of the MCC students who participate in this project get hired because of their experience with Baja. He also stated that the future officers have already begun training for next year. They thanked the Senate for supporting the Team.

Speaker Hills expressed thanks for their hard work and dedication.

Vice President Hollander stated that he strongly supports funding for the Mini Baja Team and strongly encourages approval from the full Senate.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Senate unanimously approves the funding of \$1000 to the Mini Baja Team.

## **V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Deputy Speaker Gray announced that Friday, May 20, will be transition day for all current, newly elected and potential Senators.

Vice President Hollander announced that there will be a group photo after the Senate Meeting on May 17. He also announced that the college is looking for ushers for the June 4<sup>th</sup> graduation; information can be found in the Student Tribune and students will be paid for participating as users.

Senator Hale announced that he would like to organize a committee to review elections. He would like the Elections Coordinator, all Elections Commissioners and the Advisors involved.

Kelly Bynes, Elections Coordinator, asked that if anyone has any concerns about the Elections that they put them in writing to her.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:50 p.m. Speaker Hills called for a motion to adjourn. Deputy Speaker Gray so moved, seconded by Senator Hale. The motion passed; the Senate meeting was adjourned.

## **VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Brennan  
SA Secretary