



MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING MINUTES FOR
Tuesday, April 5, 2011
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)

Student Senators:

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

President:

Jason Childers

Vice President

Christopher Hollander-**Absent**

Speaker/At-Large Senator

Jack Hills

Deputy Speaker/At-Large Senator

Michael Gray-**Late**

Campus Center Advisor:

Elizabeth Stewart-**Absent**

Faculty Advisor:

Joseph McCauley

Campus Center Advisor:

Rebecca Herzog-**Absent**

Visitors: Ed Parrone, Carl Hewings, Parrone Engineering; Heze Simmons, Administrative Services; Dick Ryther, Student Services; Annette Agness, MCC Association; Jennifer Hill, Michele Finn, Jill McPhee; James Murphy, Biology Dept.; Justin Woodhouse, Savion Washington, Christopher Steele, Justin Staskiewicz, Steve Powers, Alex Vozzy, Brendan Flosenzier, Engineering Leadership Council; Lisa Armstrong, Megan Scott, Presidential Cabinet; Travis Scott, Scott Blue, Students; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

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

A. Roll Call

(See attendance above)

II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE

Heze Simmons and Ed Parrone presented an update on the redevelopment of the campus entrance. The redevelopment includes:

1. Reconstruction of the existing front entrance: will allow for handicap accessibility, lower levels will be open, upper level will be a deck/congregation area. There will be more landscaping in the front; they have named it the “Campus Green”.
2. Construction of a visitors parking lot and an administrative parking lot: current administrative parking will be eliminated; same number of spaces may be provided in a card actuated lot off Lot A-B. The new visitor parking lot will accessed off of E. Henrietta Road and will be gate actuated at the loop road; parking in this lot will be free but the ticket received at the gate will need to be validated by the department visited in order to leave.
3. Wayfinding Signage: this would be located at either the E. Henrietta Rd. center entrance or northern entrance; this would provide a map of the campus which would make it easier to find locations. They are also looking at coordinating signage throughout the campus.
4. Roundabout at the Brighton Henrietta Town Line Road entrance: most of the traffic onto campus comes in at the Brighton Henrietta Town Line Road entrance (700 vehicles per hour). This would create safer access in that area.
5. Bus Loop: 700 – 1000 students per day ride the RTS bus to campus; 66 buses from 5 different routes come to campus each day. The proposal calls for reconfiguring Lots K & H at the southern most entrance off of E. Henrietta Road. This would be a straight through road for the buses with a gate actuated entrance; stop signs would be added at this location on the loop road. An existing island with trees near building 9 would be removed and replaced with parking. The study shows that only 2 parking spots would be lost in this reconfiguration. If needed, shelters could be provided for waiting students.

Drop-off/Pick-up areas – they are looking to disperse the students to different locations for drop-off and pick-up. They will be providing a “cell lot” in Lot M1; this would provide an area for people who are picking up students to wait until the student calls them for pick-up.

The approximate cost for the project is \$2.5 million; RGRTA is applying for a federal grant for the bus loop improvement; Monroe County has this project on its schedule in its capital plan; they are hoping to begin the project in January of 2012.

Discussion included:

- ✓ Increasing parking on campus: they have looked at parking garages, the cost of garages, and other spots on campus; RGRTA is looking at developing more routes; they have discussed Park & Ride lots with a shuttle service to campus; they are hoping to disperse more students to the new downtown campus.
- ✓ Timeframe for completion: if they begin in January of 2012 the project could be completed close to the fall semester; there should be little interruption of traffic and parking during the construction.
- ✓ Money being used for the project: Heze stated that the funds being spent on the loop development are capital dollars not operational dollars.

III. REPORTS

A. Speaker

Speaker Hills...

- ✓ Sodexo - he is working on establishing some sort of Sodexo sponsored compost here at MCC; something that could take much of the unused food and be utilized for something positive for our community and sustainable for our college.
- ✓ Athletics - he spoke with Athletic Director Skip Bailey about filling in as the temporary Athletics Senator. He looks forward to working with him and the athletics department. At the MCC Association Board of Directors meeting he was excited to hear about the future possibilities of a new baseball field.
- ✓ Child Care Center’s “Beach Day” was a great time and experience. A special thanks is due to Deputy Speaker Gray for the organization and successful implementation of the event.
- ✓ Finance Committee – he recognized the members of the committee for an outstanding job with overcoming many obstacles and with conducting themselves in a way that is in keeping with the high traditions of the SGA and MCC. In particular, Vice President Hollander, who helped to develop sound financial criteria which helped fund many of the clubs and organizations worthy endeavors.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS (Items requiring a Senate vote)

a. Resolution to approve the funding of \$1500.00 to the Engineering Leadership Council

Resolved that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate consents to the funding of \$1500.00 to the Engineering Leadership Council.

Speaker Hills called for a motion to approve the funding of \$1500.00 to the Engineering Leadership Council.

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

Discussion:

Justin Staskiewicz, Engineering Leadership Council President, explained the Design/Build/Fly Competition which three engineering students will be participating in. He explained the six month process they went through to build the plane. They also stated that it is an international competition and MCC is the only Community College participating.

Senator Snyder commended the team for the proposal they put together and for their presentation; he asked the team to come back to the Senate to share the results.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the funding of \$1500.00 to the Engineering Leadership Council.

b. Resolution to revoke charters.

Resolved, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate revoke the charters from the following clubs: Blackbird Entertainment, Campus Crusade for Christ, Creative Crew, Massage Therapy, Latin Pride, One Campus Challenge, and Peace & Justice.

Speaker Hills called for a motion to revoke the charters of the above listed clubs.

Senator Yost so moved, seconded by Senator Hale.

Discussion:

Senator Yost explained that at the last Roundtable meeting she gave the clubs one last opportunity to step up.

A vote was taken.

Be it resolved, the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the resolution to revoke the charters from the following clubs: Blackbird Entertainment, Campus Crusade for Christ, Creative Crew, Massage Therapy, Latin Pride, One Campus Challenge, and Peace & Justice.

V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Shirley Batista-Provost reminded everyone that the Club/Organization award packets are due on Monday, April 11 by 5:00 p.m. No submissions will be accepted after that date.

Deputy Speaker Gray reminded everyone that the 2-day Blood Drive will be taking place on Wednesday & Thursday, April 6 & 7.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 3:26 p.m. Speaker Hills called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Snyder so moved, seconded by Senator Hale. The motion passed; the Senate meeting was adjourned.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Brennan
SA Secretary