



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR  
Tuesday, November 10, 2009  
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)**

**Student Senators:**

Academic Clubs Senator Rahul Raja  
At-Large Senator Blum  
At-Large Senator Cohen  
Interdisciplinary Senator Blair-Absent  
Service Clubs Senator Monroe  
Social Clubs Senator Mac

**President:**

Qasim Ijaz

**Vice President:**

Jason Childers

**Speaker/At-Large Senator**

Ted Carey

**Deputy Speaker/ Science, Health & Business Senator**

Simon Ruhindi

**Campus Center Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart -Absent

**Faculty Advisor:**

Joseph McCauley-Absent

**Visitors:** Richard Ryther, Student Services; Lee Struble, Leah Santirocco, Public Safety; Rebecca Herzog, Campus Center; Katie Markowycz, Travel Club; Justin Young, Campus Activities Board; Tima Marathe, Fred Brown, Presidential Cabinet; Gerard Pritchard, Student; Donna Brennan, Secretary.

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

**A. Roll Call**

(See attendance above)

**B. Approval of October 20, 2009 minutes**

**Speaker Carey** called for a motion to approve the minutes for the October 20, 2009 Senate meeting.

**Deputy Speaker Ruhindi** so moved, seconded by Senator Mac.

**There was no discussion.**

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves the minutes for October 20, 2009.

**II. REPORTS**

**A. Speaker**

**Speaker Carey...**

- ★ Association of College Unions International (ACUI) Regional Conference, November 6-8, was hosted by MCC, RIT and the UofR. Many different workshops were offered and those who attended took advantage of them. Thank you to the Peer Mentors who gave Campus Center and Residence Hall tours. MCC won the trivia competition for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row.
- ★ RTS will be coming to MCC on Monday, November 16, to meet with the school Transportation Committee. This meeting is mainly for the much talked about and anticipated shuttle service between campuses but he will reiterate to them that more scheduled service is needed here until a shuttle becomes a reality. Being a bus rider himself, this semester has seen more crowded buses than in the past.

**Senator Cohen...**

- ★ President's Program for Students was held at FLCC and he made wonderful new friends from both FLCC and GCC. He greatly enjoyed the program, and cannot wait for the next one.

- ★ The second meeting of the Chancellor’s Group of 200 was held in Buffalo on Wednesday, November 4. The mission of the group is to assist in formulating a five year Strategic Plan for the 64 school SUNY network. A total of seven meetings, which will rotate around the state, will be held and are open to the public. The February meeting will be at Upstate Medical and he encourages anyone who is interested, and has the time free, to attend. Dr. Kress, Dr. Goode, and he are the MCC representatives serving on the Group of 200. More information about this Group, and their mission, can be found at [www.suny.edu/strategicplan](http://www.suny.edu/strategicplan). The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, at Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) in Manhattan. On that day, he will be absent from the SGA public meeting and executive session.  
While attending the Group of 200 Conversation, he had the opportunity to converse briefly with Dr. Goode. Dr. Goode thought that more students should be involved with SUNY’s Strategic Plan, and he was very happy that a student representative from Monroe was there. With only 38 students in the group, many SUNY schools have no student representative in the process.  
In their second conversation, they discussed the educational pipeline: “P-16” education from before kindergarten to college graduation. In the small group discussions, his table came to the conclusion that there is a broken educational system in the state, especially at the secondary level, but to some degree at every level, the system focuses more on quantity rather than quality and has too much of an assembly line feel to it. Unfortunately, the other tables reached mutually exclusive conclusions.
- ★ While in Buffalo, he visited Erie Community College, and spoke with their Student Government President, Justin Wisnouskas. Justin is interested in learning more about how other Community Colleges operate, particularly financially, but in other areas as well, including events. He gave Justin contact information for the Senate, Cabinet, CAB, and SEGA at Damon. If anyone speaks with him, please assist him however you can, for he is trying to do the same thing for his students that we are trying to do for ours.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

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

###### a. Resolution to approve the Funding of \$900 to the Campus Ambassadors and the Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Project

*Resolved*, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the funding of \$900 to the Campus Ambassadors and the Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Project.

**Speaker Carey** called for a motion to table the resolution, until further notice.

**Senator Blum** so motioned, seconded by Senator Monroe.

**Discussion:**

**Speaker Carey** stated that the event the funds were going to be used for had to be postponed until a later date.

**A vote was taken.**

**The motion to table passes.**

###### b. Resolution to approve the Funding of \$2,198.00 to the Travel Club

*Resolved*, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the funding of \$2,198 to the Travel Club.

**Speaker Carey** called for a motion to approve funding to the Travel Club.

**Senator Cohen** so motioned, seconded by Senator Raja.

**Discussion:**

**Katie Markowycz**, Secretary for the Travel Club explained that the funding will be used to supplement the Travel Club spring trip to Montego Bay, Jamaica from April 29 – May 2, 2010. They will be staying at an all-inclusive resort to get a first-hand look at the business of operating an all-inclusive resort in one of the top International Travel destinations. Meetings have been held with the club officers, the club advisors and a travel agent in preparation for the trip. The trip is open only to Travel Club and Hospitality Management students and is limited to 20 students and 2 advisors. Reservations will be filled on a first come/ first serve basis.

**Senator Mac** asked if the trip was open to all MCC students and if the students attending would be receiving college credit for the trip.

**Senator Monroe** asked about educational activities they will be participating in.

**President Ijaz** asked if there was any other criteria for signing up for the trip.

**Katie** stated that the students would not be receiving college credit for the trip. It is open only to Travel Club and Hospitality Management students to give them the opportunity to see what all-inclusive resorts are all about and to experience a part of the industry they have an interest in and are studying. They will be touring the kitchen to see what happens behind the scenes in regards to meal preparation and they will be experiencing the front desk operations of the hotel. The only other criterion for going on the trip is that the students must check with all of their professors to make sure it is ok to miss their classes.

**Senator Cohen** asked what would happen if the first 20 students to sign up were not Travel Club or Hospitality students and what if 2 extra students signed up. He also pointed out that the promotional materials that were submitted with the request for funds did not state that the trip was only open to Travel Club and Hospitality students.

**Katie** informed him that the information for the trip was given to just Travel Club and Hospitality Management students and she could not answer the question about what would happen if other students signed up and if 2 extra students signed up.

**Senator Cohen** stated that some questions were not answered and motioned to table the request for a week to give time for answers to be acquired.

**Speaker Carey** mentioned that the Travel Club has a time constraint and last year the SGA ended up with money left in the account for trips.

**Speaker Carey** called for a second to the motion to table the resolution. **Senator Raja** seconded the motion.

**Discussion:**

**President Ijaz** stated that the questions that were not answered did not seem critical to whether or not the trip would be successful. If the resolution is tabled until next week, that will give time to have the questions answered, but deadlines may be affected. He does not endorse the motion to table the resolution.

**A roll call vote to approve the motion to table the resolution for one week was taken:**

**Yeas** – Senator Cohen and Senator Raja

**Nays** - Deputy Speaker Ruhindi, Senator Blum, Senator Mac, Senator Monroe

**Absent** – Senator Blair

**The motion to table fails.**

**A roll call vote to approve the resolution was taken:**

**Yeas** – Deputy Speaker Ruhindi, Senator Blum, Senator Monroe, Senator Raja

**Nays** – Senator Mac

**Abstentions** – Senator Cohen

**Absent** – Senator Blair

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** approves the funding of \$2,198.00 to the Travel Club.

**c. Resolution to approve Committee Members**

*Whereas*, the President has nominated the following Directors to sit on the following Committees:

Erin Markum on the Finance Committee/Travel Contingency Committee;

Erin Markum, on the Personal Health and Safety Committee;

Sara Idris, and Amanda Merkel on the College Sustainability Committee;

Eddie Visagie and Mazen Elrayes, in the Grievance Hearings Pool;

Tima Marathe, and Amanda Merkel on the Rules Committee;

Lisa Armstrong, Fred Brown, Amanda Merkel, and Erin Markum on the Rock the Vote Committee;

Jason Childers, Elli Kuhn, Tima Marathe, Fred Brown, and Justin Young on the Events Committee,

be it

*Resolved*, that the Senate consents to the appointment of the above names to sit on the said Committees for the 2009-2010 academic year.

**Speaker Carey** called for a motion to approve Committee Members.

**Senator Blum** so motioned, seconded by Senator Monroe.

**There was no discussion.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves the appointment of the above names to sit on the said Committees for the 2009-2010 academic year.

**V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Tima Marathe, Director of Student Services on the Presidential Cabinet, in regards to the committee members, asked to have Jason Wilson, Director of Campus Environment, added to the Personal Health and Safety Committee. She and Jason work very closely on issues related to that committee and it would make it easier to work together if he was also a member of the committee. President Ijaz stated that he will write a resolution for the next Senate Pre-Agenda to have Jason added to the Personal Health and Safety Committee.

Justin Young, Co-Director for CAB, mentioned upcoming CAB events:

Wednesday, November 11, 2009, “Live Group Sex Therapy” will take place in 8-200 from noon to 1:00 p.m. The event is free.

Monday, November 16, CAB will participate in FUSE Stock – they will be doing Candy Casino.

Tuesday, November 17, Mitch Albom will be here at 7:30 in the Gym; \$3.00 for faculty/staff & students, \$15.00 for the general public. He asked everyone to invite everyone they know to attend.

Senator Cohen mentioned that he attended the “Ask Anne Anything” session that was held at MCC; he asked her about budget issues and the poor county funding to MCC. President Kress expressed optimism that the county would increase their share of funding.

President Ijaz in response to Senator Cohen’s comments mentioned that County Executive Brooks was at the Damon City Campus for a program with the Men of Excellence Club and he asked her that same question. She informed him that next year there will be a 1 million dollar increase in the MCC budget which will take the county funding from 13% to 17%.

President Ijaz asked those present from Public Safety if it would be possible to put a couple of officers on patrol in Parking Lots E & F because of the increase of pedestrian traffic to and from the Res. Halls and the way people drive through those lots. He has been approached by many students about this issue.

Director Struble stated that anytime anyone has a concern like that to email him. Those are the kinds of things they go over in briefing and they can possibly start issuing tickets.

Assistant Director Leah Santirocco stated that they were hoping that the new layout of the parking lots would slow people down. Unfortunately, there are a lot of pedestrians making their own paths through those lots and not using the walkways. She asked that the students be encouraged to use the walkways.

Director Struble mentioned that they ran statistics on motor vehicle accidents for the same time period as last year. There have been the same number of accidents but more of them have been in the parking lots.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Brennan  
SA Secretary