



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

**Student Senators:**

Academic Clubs Senator Acosta - **Absent**  
At-Large Senator Carey  
CASA Senator Brown  
Media Senator Gordon  
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

**Visitors:** Lee Struble, Public Safety; Keith Bennett, Geosciences Club; Patricia Skinner, John Paul Valentin, Hospitality Club; Tony DiFabio, Peer Mentors; Malcolm Cohen, Presidential Cabinet; Patrick Swanson, OAU; Donna Brennan, Secretary.

**I. CALL TO ORDER (2:17 p.m.)**

**A. Roll Call**

(See attendance above)

**B. Approval of January 27, 2009 minutes**

**Speaker Darrow** called for a motion to approve the minutes for the January 27, 2009 Senate meeting.

**Senator Ruhindi** 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 January 27, 2009 as written.

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

There was no one to speak to the Senate.

**III. REPORTS**

**A. Senators**

**Senator Bauman...**

- Fundraising Committee is working on a euchre tournament, spaghetti dinner, and raising money for the Polar Plunge which takes place on Sunday, February 8.
- Environmental initiatives – he will be meeting with Dave Schottler, Assistant VP of Facilities, to talk about what the students can do to help make MCC sustainable.

**Senator Carey...**

- RTS – he is waiting for RTS to confirm a meeting date.
- NYS Winter Special Olympics - opening ceremonies are this Friday, February 6, at 8:00 p.m. at the ESL Center; competitions will be at Bristol Mountain and the County Fairgrounds all day Saturday. Come cheer on these special athletes.

**Senator Rice...**

- Child Care Center – he and Promotions Coordinator Elli Kuhn will be meeting with Anne Barker, Director of the Child Care Center, to discuss possible fundraising opportunities to benefit the Child Care Center.
- He, President Elliott, and Vice President Robinson met with Interim President Larry Tyree to discuss some issues.

- He is working on an article for the Monroe Doctrine regarding the Proposed Deficit Reduction Plan.

## **B. Campus Center Advisor**

### **Campus Center Advisor Stewart...**

- Program Planning – she asked the senators to meet with her as soon as possible when planning programs to prevent having to regroup.
- Public Safety will be implementing a new procedure beginning February 11; they will begin random checks for student IDs. MCC policy states that all students are required to have their student IDs with them at all times.

**Lee Struble, Director, Public Safety**, stated that many students have asked why the student ID policy was not being enforced. In the February 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Student Tribune he informed the students that on February 11, starting in Buildings 4 & 12; they will start randomly checking for student IDs. If a student does not have an ID they will receive a flyer explaining the policy and how and where they can obtain one. If they encounter a non-student, that person will be asked if they have a legitimate reason for being on campus and, if for behavior reasons, may be asked to leave.

Thirteen Public Safety Officers are being sworn in as Peace Officers. Four already have Peace Officer status and the others will begin over 300 hours of training with a tentative graduation date of September. No one will be armed until the President gives approval and then the armed officers will be outside patrol. The difference between Peace Officer and Public Safety Officer is that the Peace Officers will have the authority to carry weapons and to carry out the duties that a Brighton Police Officer would have been called for.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

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

#### **a. Resolution to approve Malcolm Cohen as Director of Legislative Affairs.**

**Resolved**, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve Malcolm Cohen as Director of Legislative Affairs.

**Senator Darrow** called for a motion to approve Malcolm Cohen as Director of Legislative Affairs.

**Senator Lawson** so moved, seconded by Senator Carey.

#### **Discussion:**

**President Elliott** explained that the role of the Director of Legislative Affairs is to be a liaison between the senate and the cabinet as they are looking to make changes to the constitution and by-laws. They are also looking to do a big lobbying push due to the cuts in education and Malcolm will be an excellent asset for effective lobbying.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves Malcolm Cohen as Director of Legislative Affairs.

#### **b. The following resolutions were brought to the Senate from the Finance Committee:**

##### **Resolution to approve funds for the Geosciences Club Trip**

**Resolved**, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the use of \$1000 by the Geosciences Club for a trip to Yellowstone National Park

**Senator Bauman** presented the Geosciences Club request for \$1000.00 for a trip to Yellowstone National Park.

**Keith Bennett**, Vice President of the Geosciences Club, explained that the money will help pay for lodging and tours.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association**

**Senate** unanimously approves the use of \$1000 by the Geosciences Club for a trip to Yellowstone National Park.

##### **Resolution to approve funds for the Hospitality Club Trip**

**Resolved**, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the use of \$3010.92 by the Hospitality Club for a trip to the National Restaurant Show in Chicago, Illinois.

**Senator Bauman** explained that the Hospitality Club requested \$4500.00 from the Travel Contingency for a trip to the National Restaurant Show in Chicago. They are requesting \$3010.92 from the Senate Contingency because the difference was given to them from the Travel Contingency Account.

**Patricia Skinner**, President of the Hospitality Club, explained that this is a trade show which is very informative for students who are hoping to operate their own restaurant and many of the newer students are very interested.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves the use of \$3010.92 by the Hospitality Club for a trip to the National Restaurant Show in Chicago, Illinois.

**Resolution to approve funds for the Monroe Doctrine Trip**

**Resolved**, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the use of \$2103.60 by the Monroe Doctrine for a trip to the College Media Advisors National Convention in New York City.

**Senator Bauman** presented the Monroe Doctrine request for \$2103.60 for a trip to the College Media Advisors National Convention in New York City. Speaking on behalf of the Monroe Doctrine, he explained that this is a yearly event and the students are required to attend at least four workshops each day where they will learn techniques to improve their writing skills as well as instruction on how to produce a better paper for the college. They will also hear keynote speakers, including ABC anchor, Charlie Gibson and CBS National Correspondent, Byron Pitts.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves the use of \$2103.60 by the Monroe Doctrine for a trip to the College Media Advisors National Convention in New York City.

**Resolution to approve funds for the Outdoor Activities Unlimited Trip**

**Resolved**, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the use of \$298.50 by the Outdoor Activities Unlimited for a ski trip to Allegany State Park.

**Senator Bauman** presented the Outdoor Activities Unlimited request for \$298.50 for a ski trip to Allegany State Park.

**Patrik Swanson**, representing OAU, explained that the funds will help with the cost of the cabins and ski lift passes.

**A vote was taken.**

**Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate** unanimously approves the use of \$298.50 by the Outdoor Activities Unlimited for a ski trip to Allegany State Park.

**V. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Senator Carey asked Mr. Struble how the student ID policy was going to be enforced because he doesn't feel the smoking policy is being enforced.

Lee stated that the smoking policy has to be a campus wide effort; anyone, faculty, staff and students can politely remind students of the policy. Public Safety Officers have been enforcing the smoking policy and he feels that compliance has been pretty good. If anyone sees a problem with a specific area he suggested they call Public Safety. With over 60 entrances to the campus and the other areas that need to be covered, the Public Safety Officers are doing the best they can. To help with enforcing compliance, they are trying to get more students involved in the Brighton Watch; currently the CJ students do it as part of their internship. He expects that the smoking policy will soon become a SUNY wide ban.

Deputy Speaker Lawson asked Senator Ruhindi if he and the Peer Mentors would be working the news about the current police officer shooting into their anti-violence campaign. Tony DiFabio, Peer Mentor, stated that they will be bringing in three guest speakers. They are trying to get Judge Bellini and two sheriff's deputies. Karen Morris suggested the Brighton Police Chief, who could talk in general about what the police officers have to do to protect him/herself while protecting us. Also talked about was fundraising to give something back to police officers and/or their families who have been hurt in the line of duty.

Senator Malin reminded everyone about the Blood Drive on Thursday, February 5, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Forum.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:45 p.m. Speaker Darrow called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Rice so moved, seconded by Senator Bauman. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna M. Brennan