



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR  
Tuesday, October 6, 2009  
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)**

**Student Senators:**

Academic Clubs Senator Raja  
At-Large Senator Blum  
At-Large Senator Cohen  
CAB Senator Wysote  
Interdisciplinary Studies Senator Blair  
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 - **Absent**

**Campus Center Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart

**Faculty Advisor:**

Joseph McCauley

**Visitors:** Dick Ryther, Student Services; Jean Mastowski, Alumnus; Tima Marathe, Fred Brown, Presidential Cabinet; Arielle Penn, David Penn, SEGA; Justin Young, CAB; Donna Brennan, Secretary.

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

- A. Roll Call** - Roll Call was taken by Acting Deputy Speaker Monroe.  
(See attendance above)

**II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

There was no one to speak to the senate.

**III. REPORTS**

**A. Speaker**

**Speaker Carey...**

- ✓ Leadership Retreat - met and formed bonds with many student leaders from both campuses. Thank you to the administration from Damon and Brighton for attending the retreat Friday night, especially Dr. Kress and Dr. Salvador. Dr. Salvador will be attending a future Senate meeting to speak to the Senate about her trip to China. Aramark did a fantastic job with the dinners.
- ✓ Blood Drive Results - 73 people signed in, 59 whole blood units and 11 double red were collected; 47 pints of whole blood and 11 double red were productive. Thank you to all who donated and volunteered at the drive. Our next drive is Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- ✓ Adopt-A-Highway - Saturday, October 10, weather permitting, the highway clean-up will take place. Anyone interested in helping please be at the back loop by 10a.m.; clean-up will be done by 1:00 p.m. The Student Association of Dental Hygienists will be helping at the clean-up.

**B. President**

**President Ijaz...**

- ✓ Leadership Retreat - all student leaders who attended had phenomenal opportunities; they learned leadership skills and met with Dr. Kress after dinner.
- ✓ Director of Physical Activities remains open; he encouraged applications.
- ✓ WMCC the Fuse, SEGA, & SGA met to initiate the process for live WMCC stream at the Damon City Campus.

- ✓ Director Wirth has started working on Interfaith Chapel. I'm confident that we will have a place for students who practice their religions.
- ✓ Veteran's affairs committee has been established; Director Huther will chair this committee to address issues that our veterans face.

### C. Senators

#### Senator Blum...

- ✓ Suggestion Boxes – she met with Advisor Stewart to discuss the steps to be taken. Approval was given to use the 3 boxes from the SGA storage room; 2 more will be ordered. A draft for the suggestion box questionnaires has been developed; Leah Santirocco and Joyce Medwin from Public Safety, Tony Struzik from Aramark, and Shelitha Dickerson from Housing & Residence Life have been emailed for permission and support of this project. She is hoping that the boxes will be up by the end of October.

#### Senator Cohen...

- ✓ Auto Club's Constitution is complete and the charter was approved last week. He is now working on Constitutions for the Radiology Club and Men's Volleyball Club.
- ✓ As I mentioned last week, I attended the SEGA meeting at Damon on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup>. I enjoyed my time there, and was interested to see how they run their meetings. I look forward to working with them this year.

#### Senator Mac...

- ✓ She helped CAB with the Caroline Rhea event
- ✓ Finance Committee – met with Shirley; they received training regarding their responsibilities as members of the Committee and on the process of providing fund for clubs. They also learned how to evaluate a funding request so the Student Life Fees are not used on something unreasonable. The OAU funding request for \$3,500 for a trip to Lake Placid was approved.
- ✓ Blood Drive – she helped for more than 3 hours.
- ✓ Leadership Retreat – made; learned a lot of new things which will be helpful for her leadership role; thanks to the faculty for creating this event.

#### Senator Raja...

- ✓ Homecoming – he had the opportunity to volunteer for the event on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> and to meet the famous comedian Caroline Rhea. Thank you to CAB for including him in the event volunteering and congratulations to all who worked for the homecoming event – it was a great success.
- ✓ Leadership Retreat - Leadership Retreat was a great experience; it was very fun as well as very informative. The lessons from the Retreat will be very helpful in his career and personal life. He met many new people and made some friends which helped him learn more about culture and increased his confidence level. Thank you to everyone who organized this.
- ✓ Finance Committee – at the first committee meeting, Shirley discussed the responsibility of the committee and presented training on how the Finance committee works and what their duties are. The committee approved travel fund for OAU.

### D. Campus Center Advisor

**Campus Center Advisor Stewart** thanked everyone who attended the retreat and encouraged everyone to keep the FISH! Philosophy going and to teach it to those who were not there.

### E. Faculty Advisor

**Faculty Advisor McCauley** stated that FISH! is a great program and recommended that everyone remember the lessons learned from that. He informed everyone that Christopher Inya's mom passed away over the weekend. Christopher was a past faculty advisor to the Student Government. He suggested that it would be a nice gesture for the SGA to send a card.

## IV. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Speaker Carey informed everyone that Deputy Speaker Ruhindi's father passed away over the weekend and asked everyone to keep Simon and his family in their prayers.

He also welcomed Arielle Penn, President of SEGA and David Penn, SEGA Wellness Coordinator and thanked them for attending.

Vice President Childers stated that the Leadership Retreat was a great weekend; he met many new student leaders. He also welcomed Arielle and David. He mentioned that Director Armstrong will be meeting with Annette Agness, Director of the MCC Association, Inc., to discuss evening hours for the Child Care Center.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:30 p.m. Speaker Carey called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Cohen so motioned, seconded by Senator Blum. The Senate meeting was adjourned.

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Brennan  
SA Secretary