



**MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE MEETING  
MINUTES FOR  
Tuesday, October 19, 2010  
2:15 p.m. – Forum (3-130)**

**Student Senators:**

Academic Clubs Senator Li  
At-Large Senator DiPonzio  
At-Large Senator Shaffner  
Athletics Senator Sharp  
Interdisciplinary Studies Senator Wassel-Saxe  
Liberal Arts Senator Ramirez  
Residence Hall Senator Young  
Science, Health & Business Senator Snyder  
Service Clubs Senator Hannah  
Social Clubs Senator Blue  
Technical Education Senator Lucas

**President:**

Jason Childers

**Vice President**

Christopher Hollander

**Speaker/Media Senator**

Mirlin Moorefield

**Deputy Speaker/At-Large Senator**

Jack Hills

**Assistant Deputy Speaker/CAB Senator**

Diamond Simmons

**Campus Center Advisor:**

Elizabeth Stewart - **Absent**

**Faculty Advisor:**

Joseph McCauley

**Campus Center Advisor:**

Rebecca Herzog

**Visitors:** Shirley Batistta-Provost, Office of Student Life & Leadership Development; Eddie Visagie, Student Trustee; Daisy Luma-Haddison, Peer Mentor; Devon Woodward, Res. Life; Robert McCall, Honors Council; Donna Brennan, SA Secretary.

**I. CALL TO ORDER (2:23 p.m.)**

**A. Roll Call**

**Senator Hannah – absent**

**Senator Lucas – absent**

**Senator Ramirez – absent**

**Assistant Deputy Speaker Simmons – late**

**Senator Wassel-Saxe – late**

**B. Speaker Moorefield** called for a motion to amend the agenda to add the approval of the October 5 and October 12 minutes.

Senator Sharp so moved, seconded by Senator DiPonzio

**Discussion:**

**Advisor McCauley** explained that this is not normal procedure and is only being done due to a clerical issue. The only time the agenda should be amended would be for an emergency.

**A vote to amend the agenda was taken.**

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves the motion to add the approval of the October 5, 2010 and October 12, 2010 minutes to the agenda.

**Speaker Moorefield** called for a motion to amend the agenda to add Old Business, the approval of the Honors Council petition for charter.

Senator Snyder so moved, seconded by Senator Shaffner.

**A vote was taken.**

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves the motion to add Old Business, the approval of the Honors Council petition for charter to the agenda.

**Speaker Moorefield** called for a motion to approve the October 5, 2010 Senate meeting minutes. Senator DiPonzio so moved, seconded by Senator Blue.

**Discussion:**

President Childers asked that in the last paragraph in Item II, Sodexo be changed to Student Government.

**A vote was taken.**

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the October 5, 2010 Senate meeting minutes as amended.

**Speaker Moorefield** called for a motion to approve the October 12, 2010 Senate meeting minutes.

Deputy Speaker Hills so moved, seconded by Senator DiPonzio.

**Discussion:**

Senator Li asked that in her report on page 3, in the second to last sentence, ESL should be changed to ESOL.

**A vote was taken.**

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the October 12, 2010 Senate meeting minutes as amended.

## **II. SPEAK TO THE SENATE**

**Eddie Visagie**, Student Trustee, stated that his meeting with Dr. Bartkovich regarding the wireless system on campus went very well. The Monroe Doctrine will be reporting on the meeting. He also reported that a male student approached him in the PARC Office regarding handicap accessibility in building 19. Apparently there is a ramp for wheelchairs but no automatic door opener. Eddie was looking for advice regarding who to contact.

**Advisor McCauley** suggested that he start with Advisor Stewart.

**Vice President Hollander** requested that Eddie ask Campus Environment Coordinator Vincent Palma to work with him on this issue.

**Daisy Luma-Haddison**, Peer Mentor/RA, mentioned that the Peer Mentors and WMCC are co-sponsoring a hula-hoop competition in the Campus Center Atrium on November 15 during College Hour.

## **III. REPORTS**

### **A. Speaker**

#### **Speaker Moorefield...**

- **Community Service Fundraiser** – thank you to Science, Health and Business Senator Jim Snyder, Service Clubs Senator Erick Hannah and Five Guys Burgers and Fries for coordinating this fundraiser. The proceeds will go to CP Rochester.
- **Media Committee** – the recent meeting was led by Promotions Coordinator Luis Perez due to Speaker Moorefield's absence. Projects for the Media event were discussed.
- **WMCC** – he met with members of WMCC to discuss new equipment and/or repair of existing equipment. They would like a new sound desk for creating and editing demos, ads, and PSAs; the current board is unable to be serviced. WMCC wishes to have one desk that has removable individual slide pots for cleaning and maintenance.
- **Resignations** – a resignation letter from Liberal Arts Senator Joshua Ramirez was recently accepted; a resignation letter from Technical Education Senator Rebekah Lucas is pending.

### **B. Deputy Speaker**

#### **Deputy Speaker Hills...**

- **MCC's Coming Out Day** – this event was a huge success. It drew one of the largest crowds for an event thus far and the message it conveyed was immensely important to those who participated and those who helped plan and coordinate it. All who helped to plan and execute this event deserve a sincere thank you.
- **Luncheon** - President Childers, Vice President Hollander, and he had the opportunity to have lunch with Dr. Kress and Dr Salvador. They spoke about many of the current issues at MCC like traffic and parking, food prices in the cafeteria and the shuttle bus. These may not have necessarily been earth shattering concerns however; those are the little things that go a long way in improving student welfare.
- **Blood Drive** – he participated in the Drive on October 7. It was a big success; the forum was full the entire time with faculty, staff, and students.

### C. Vice President

#### Vice President Hollander...

- **Rock the Vote** – the first rally is planned for Saturday, October 30 starting at 9:00 a.m. in the Forum; they are partnering with the Monroe County Democratic Committee. He encourages all students, faculty, and staff to attend to show that Monroe Community College is a welcoming place. He will not be able to attend the rally, as he will be at the SUNY SA Conference in Binghamton along with 8 of his peers.
- **SUNY Student Assembly** - he is currently looking over the resolutions and showing them to the voting delegates. Rimsha Kahn, Legislative Affairs Coordinator and he are preparing these resolutions to be introduced at next week's senate meeting. There was an informational meeting for the Monroe delegation, if any of the conference attendees were not present at the meeting, please make arraignments with him ASAP to get caught up.

### D. Senators

#### Senator Blue...

- **Social Club Senator** - the one thing he would like to see accomplished with the Social Clubs is Unity. He has contacted the majority of the Social Clubs Presidents and spoke with them about the idea of unifying and they were very enthusiastic about the idea. Nick Ficarra, Outdoor Activities Unlimited President and Richard Clark, Men of Excellence President, have already begun connecting with their fellow clubs in hopes of pooling resources for events. He is working on putting together a list of all Social Club Presidents with their contact information to make connections between these clubs easier.

#### Senator DiPonzio...

- **SGA twitter** account is up and running; user name is: "MCCSGASenate". Please follow us! We will be sharing exciting news on what the Senate is doing!
- **Trash/Recycle Bins** - Vincent Palma, the Campus Environment Coordinator, contacted him regarding working together on getting more garbage cans/recycle bins in the Marketplace. He has noticed lately that for some reason students are having a hard time getting their trash from the tables to the trashcans / recycle bins. He and Vincent are formulating ideas on how to solve this issue; if anyone has suggestions please contact one of them ([ddiponzio002@student.monroecc.edu](mailto:ddiponzio002@student.monroecc.edu); [vpalma@student.monroecc.edu](mailto:vpalma@student.monroecc.edu) ).

#### Senator Snyder...

- **Fundraiser** – he, Eric Hannah, other Senators, CAB and the Advisors have been working on coordinating the STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION / FIVE GUYS FUNDRAISER EVENT which will take place on Sunday, October 24 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Five Guys Burgers and Fries, 1100 Jefferson Road. Stop by the Student Government Office (3-127) to pick up a flyer to present at time of purchase. This fundraiser will benefit C.P. Rochester Holiday Project.

#### Senator Young...

- **M.C.C. Housing and Residence Life Office** - Resident Assistant applications will be made available in late October or early November.
- **R.A. All Commons meeting** – he will attend the meeting on October 20 and will ask about programming ideas.
- **Leadership Retreat** – thank you to the organizers for the excellent weekend; he learned valuable things and is introducing them into his daily life.
- **SGA Five Guys Fundraiser** – the promotions sheets have been circulating around the Residence Halls; he will be handing out fliers on an ongoing basis before the event on the October 24<sup>th</sup>.

## IV. OLD BUSINESS

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

#### a. Resolution to approve the Charter and Constitution of the Honors Council

**Resolved**, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the Constitution as submitted by the Honors Council members, and further be it

**Resolved**, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate accepts the petition for charter as submitted, and approve the chartering of the Honors Council.

**Speaker Moorefield** called for a motion to charter the Honors Council.

Senator Li so moved, seconded by Senator Sharp

**Discussion:**

**Senator Li** explained the changes that were made to the original constitution.

**Vice President Hollander** stated that he, Senator Li, Coordinator Khan and Kelly Bynes worked with the members of the Honors Council on the changes.

**A vote was taken.**

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves the Honors Council amended Constitution and petition for charter.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

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

#### a. Resolution to approve the Rock the Vote Committee

**Resolved**, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approve the appointment of Devon Woodward to the Rock the Vote Committee for the remainder of the 2010-11 Academic Year.

**Speaker Moorefield** called for a motion to approve the Rock the Vote Committee.

Senator Young so moved, seconded by Senator Shaffner.

**Discussion:**

**Assistant Deputy Speaker Simmons** offered a friendly amendment to add Jemi Patel to the committee.

**Vice President Hollander** called for a Point of Order stating that Senator Young, as the Senator bringing forth the resolution must agree to the friendly amendment.

**Senator Young** approved the friendly amendment.

**Advisor McCauley** stated that this again is modifying the agenda which is not the normal thing and should not be done; that defeats the purpose of having an agenda. He urged the Senators to postpone it until next week. It should go on the agenda; people should have the chance to meet Jemi if they do not know her before asking for a vote.

**President Childers** stated that he endorses Advisor McCauley's recommendation.

**A roll call vote to approve the friendly amendment was taken as follows:**

Deputy Speaker Hills, Nay; Assistant Deputy Speaker Simmons, Yea; Senator Blue, Nay; Senator DiPonzio, Nay; Senator Hannah, Absent; Senator Li, Yea; Senator Lucas, Absent; Senator Shaffner, Yea; Senator Sharp, Nay; Senator Snyder, Nay; Senator Wassel-Saxe, Nay; Senator Young, Nay.

**The motion to approve the friendly amendment fails.**

**Discussion on the original resolution:**

**Vice President Hollander**, as chair of the Rock the Vote Committee, stated that he highly recommends Devon Woodward for the Committee; Devon has been a key component in the Resident Halls voter registration drive and has been continuously helping the committee.

**Devon** stated that he was Student Trustee last year, has held positions in the Student Government and would like to help Rock the Vote because he is very interested in getting students out to vote.

**A vote was taken.**

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the appointment of Devon Woodward to the Rock the Vote Committee for the remainder of the 2010-2011 Academic Year.

#### b. Resolution to approve the funding of \$106.25 to the AWARE Club

**Resolved**, that the Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate approves the funding of \$106.25 to the AWARE Club.

**Speaker Moorefield** called for a motion to approve the funding of \$106.25 to the AWARE Club.

Senator Snyder so moved, seconded by Senator Blue.

**Discussion:**

**Senator Blue**, as Social Clubs Senator, was asked to speak on behalf of the AWARE Club. He spoke to Patty Giverson who stated that as Adult/Evening Student Coordinator, she would like to connect with the returning

students and incorporate them into student leadership and help them feel that they are a part of our MCC community. He asks that the SGA approve the request and that the Senate get back to every aspect of MCC.

**A vote was taken.**

Be it resolved, the Monroe Community College Brighton Campus Student Government Association Senate unanimously approves the funding of \$106.25 to the AWARE Club.

**VI. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

**Shirley Batistta-Provost** asked if the Senate knows what the money they just approved was for. She stated that there is a Senate Contingency form that the clubs fill out explaining what the money is for and how it will be used.

**Speaker Moorefield** stated that the Senate had a discussion about the request during an Executive Session. **Senator Snyder** thanked Shirley for bringing up that point.

**Vice President Hollander** reminded everyone about the Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Project Walk for Water on Saturday, October 23. The Club/Organization that raises the most money will win food for a meeting. He encouraged the SGA to sponsor him and/or participate.

**Assistant Deputy Speaker Simmons** stated that she and Anthony Tann were approached by a student who suggested that SGA bring in Motocross bicycles. They are looking into bringing them here as a fundraiser for the Golisano Children's Hospital.

**Speaker Moorefield** thanked Senator Snyder for organizing the Five Guys fundraiser. He encouraged all Senators to grab a handful of flyers to hand out.

**Senator Snyder** mentioned that the flyers are not required when ordering but they would help the cashier know which meals are for the fundraiser.

**Assistant Deputy Speaker Simmons** mentioned that Jennie Pratts from the American Red Cross reported that more than 80 people turned out to donate at the Blood Drive on October 7; 61 were actually eligible to donate and 17 were new donors. She thanked all who donated and mentioned that this was the most successful Blood Drive at MCC.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:04 p.m. Speaker Moorefield called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Blue so moved, seconded by Deputy Speaker Hills.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Brennan  
SA Secretary