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President's Corner

Charlie Clarke, FA President

The contract vote is in and the membership has solidly endorsed this agreement.

(Vote was 309-25) The Negotiating Teams are diligently writing and editing the successor agreement. We hope to have a printed and signed version of the 2008-2012 contract to the faculty prior to the start of the fall semester. When you see Bethany Gizzi, Taine Vinci, Marlene Goho, Anne Perry or Michael Goho, give them a smile and thanks! They have worked long and hard to bring us this contract.

It is now time to turn our attention to the upcoming Faculty Council elections. Each year, eight of the sixteen Council position terms expire. You should review the FA Bylaws (see www.monroecc.edu/go/fa and select FA Bylaws) to understand the responsibilities of each position. Also, feel free to contact me to discuss the position(s) further. The commitment to serve on Faculty Council includes attending Faculty Council meetings (approximately sixteen per year) on alternate Wednesdays from 3-5 p.m., and attendance at the annual NYSUT Community College Conference in the fall. All are encouraged to march in the Labor Day parade, attend the December holiday party and the post graduation festivities. Beyond these common responsibilities and events, each position (e.g.

Schedule for Faculty Council Elections

- **April 11** – Nominations are now open. Written nominations* should be sent to the Faculty Association, Brighton Campus, 7-205. (Please see page 3)
- **April 28** – Membership Meeting at Brighton College Hour in 8-200
- **May 5** – Candidate's statements due to the FA by 9 a.m.
- **May 9** – Candidate's Statements appear in FAN
- **May 14** – Voting at Brighton and at Damon 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Absentee ballots upon request. Mail ballots available for other off-campus sites.

Grievance Chair, Treasurer, etc.) has a different flow of responsibilities. Participation on Faculty Council allows you an opportunity to serve the commonwealth and to acquire a broader and more nuanced understanding of the College.

The FA will hold a general membership meeting during college hour on Monday April 28 to accept

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**Charlie Clarke, President; Taine Vinci, Vice President; Patricia Kress, Secretary;
Christopher Otero-Piersante, Treasurer; Mike Goho, Teaching Director; Tim Tatakis, Teaching Director;
Randy Rezabek, Professional Staff Director; Paul Wheeler, Prof. Staff Director; Patricia Dano, Adjunct Director;
Bethany Gizzi, Grievance Chair; Joseph McCauley, Contract Chair; Ellen Mancuso, Legislative Chair;
Cheryl Mahoney, Benefits Chair; Christine Casalnuovo-Adams, Institutional Chair;
Regina Fabbro, Membership Chair; Kathy Baxter, Damon/Site Director**

further nominations. Written nominations* should be forwarded to the FA office and will be announced at the April 28 meeting. Elections will be held on Wednesday, May 14. Please make the effort to vote as an act of solidarity with and affirmation of your Union.

On a more controversial note, the open hearings and interviews of presidential candidates will continue during the week of April 21. In all probability, the Board of Trustees will make their final decision on which candidate to recommend to the SUNY Board on April 28. I strongly encourage all FA members to continue to attend these open forums and the decisive next Board of Trustees meeting. Your presence is a collective statement of our concern for Monroe Community College and the integrity of faculty governance. Hopefully the Board of Trustees will select the most globally qualified candidate rather than one who has county residence and a deep political affinity for the current county political leaders.

Complementary to the above, the FA will be holding its VOTE-COPE Campaign during the weeks of May 5 through the May 16. Your voluntary contributions support candidates that are committed to public education at the local and state levels. You will soon receive a brochure, solicitation letter and form from the FA Legislative Action Committee (Ellen Mancuso, Chair). Please give serious consideration to contributing a \$1 per 20 pay periods. With all that is happening at the College this year, this is a good time to think about how elected officials impact the College's mission. For example, Monroe County presently provides MCC with the 2nd lowest level of sponsor support in the state. Furthermore, as the most recent events surrounding the Presidential search demonstrate, the County Legislature has appointed some Board of Trustee members who appear to have a stronger commitment to political partisanship than they have to providing MCC with the highest quality leadership and fair fiscal support to sustain MCC's record of excellence. Bipartisan screening and endorsements, complemented by VOTE- COPE funds can make a substantial difference in future local and state elections.

Thanks for all your support around these important issues!

What is VOTE-COPE?

FA to hold VOTE-COPE Drive May 5-16

VOTE-COPE is the **Voice of Teachers in Education/Committee on Political Education**, the *non-partisan* political action arm of the New York State United Teachers and its affiliates. Funded entirely by voluntary contributions from members, VOTE-COPE is used to help union-backed candidates and campaign committees that support education, labor and social justice.

VOTE-COPE helps strengthen political action programs at all levels – national, state and local. To help on the local level, VOTE-COPE provides rebates to participating unions for local political action. By law, the VOTE-COPE funds are kept separate from those of NYSUT. *(Adapted from NYSUT brochure, 2008)*

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Thank you,
John Wadach

NOMINATIONS FOR FACULTY COUNCIL

Nominations are now open for eight (8) positions on the Faculty Council for 2008-2010. Nominations are also open for delegates to the spring, 2009 NYSUT Representative Assembly. Please refer to the FA Bylaws (www.monroecc.edu/go/fa - FA Bylaws) for the responsibilities of the Faculty Council Officers and Chairs.

*You may submit your own name, or with their permission, names of colleagues. PLEASE NOTE: FACULTY COUNCIL meetings are held every other Wednesday from 3-5 p.m. Please be sure you are aware of this time commitment when running for office. Terms commence on July 1, 2008.

Office Position	Nominee(s)	Term of Office
Secretary		2008-2010
Treasurer		2008-2010
Teaching Director		2008-2010
Professional Staff Director		2008-2010
Legislative chair		2008-2010
Contractual Chair		2008-2010
Grievance Chair		2008-2010
Membership Chair		2008-2010
Delegate to the NYSUT Representative Assembly for 2009		2008-2010

Officers with Terms Expiring in 2009

Charlie Clarke	President	2007-2009
Taine Vinci	Vice President	2007-2009
Paul Wheeler	Professional Staff Director	2007-2009
Mike Goho	Teaching Director	2007-2009
Christine Casalnuovo-Adams	Institutional Chair	2007-2009
Patti Dano	Adjunct Chair	2007-2009
Kathy Baxter	Damon/Site Director	2007-2009
Cheryl Mahoney	Benefits Chair	2007-2009