

**MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**Utica and Rome, New York**

**COLLEGE SENATE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, November 1, 2005, PH 300**

**Present:** S. Bice, T. Capraro, E. Dailey, D. DiGiorgio, R. Feola, K. Hartman, W. Hysell, D. Katz, B. Kurtz, D. Larson, D. McDermott, J. Maio, M. Pearson, W. Perrotti, B. Quist, N. Rutishauser, B. Scantlebury, M. Schafer, S. Selden, S. Senior, M. Sewall, G. Slade, R. Spetka, R. Stempien and J. Zegarelli.

**Excused:** A. Broski, N. Caputo, J. Farrell, G. Donato, A. Glidden, N. Kotary, W. Lewis, and P. Malinowski.

**Absent:** K. Mokry.

**Guests:** R. Cantor, N. Chrisman, R. Jubenville, J. Kimball, C. Plescia, M. Radlowski, N. Rosero, and E. Searles.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:37 p.m. Before business began, Ron Cantor introduced "Captain United", who was urging contributions to the United Way fund.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Dan Larson moved, and Jim Maio seconded, to approve the minutes of the October 4 meeting. The motion carried by common consensus.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chairperson Bice:

- attended Executive Committee meetings; Vice Chair Bill Perrotti attended one in her place;
- attended the October meeting of the Board of Trustees;
- met with the Senate Advisory Committee;
- met with Chairperson Carolyn West Pace of the International Initiatives Committee regarding the election results and appointments;
- received proposals from the Academic Policies Committee regarding +/- grading, reading competency/comprehension, modification of the transfer credit statement, and clarification of the dual credit statement; however, due to having received them too late for inclusion in this month's agenda, they will be considered at the December Senate meeting;
- scheduled the first meeting of the Promotion Reviews Task Force for Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room (PH 300);
- invited Dr. Larson and Dr. Jubenville to discuss two topics of interest – Strengthened Campus-Based Assessment Survey and the Academic Bill of Rights;
- scheduled the Senate-Sponsored Open Forum on Distance and Online Learning for Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 p.m. in CC 116, and sent an announcement of it to all users and all students;

- reported that she has written an article for Communitas and sent emails about contributing to the Faculty and Staff Memorial Fund Drive; however, so far contributions have been dismally few.

Barbara Scantlebury moved, and Gloria Slade seconded, to accept the Chairperson's report. The motion carried by common consensus.

### **REPORT BY PRESIDENT SCHAFFER OR DESIGNEE**

President Schaffer showed a PowerPoint presentation [available in the College Senate Public Folder, subfolder College Senate Minutes] on the progress of the SUNY IT and MVCC cooperation. He stressed that SUNY IT is very different from MVCC, operating in a very different way under a very different acting President. For example, the SUNY President is not involving his Faculty Council in this process; while MVCC is committed to no layoffs in the process, SUNY IT may not be able to commit to this due to their current financial distress. In President Schaffer's presentation, he named the people from SUNY IT who have been appointed to the Task Forces, as follows:

Academic Program Task Force: Rosemary Mullick, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs

Athletics Task Force: Kevin Grimmer, Athletic Director

College-Wide Curriculum Committee Task Force: Rosemary Mullick

Continuing and Professional Education Task Force: Deborah Tyksinski, Director, Sponsored Research and Continuing Professional Education

Distance Learning Task Force: Richard Havranek

Informational Technology Task Force: Bruce Reichel, Vice President for Administration

Institutional Advancement and Development Task Force: Dan Murphy, Vice President For Resource Development; Pam Matt, Director of Development

Library/Learning Resources Task Force: Dan Schabert, Director, Library and Instructional Resources

Records and Registration-Registrar Task Force: Diane Palen, Registrar

Residence Life Task Force: John Borner, Director of Campus Life; Scott Nonemaker, Director of College Housing

Student Life Task Force: John Borner; Scott Nonemaker

These people will appoint others from their institution as they see necessary. All the Task Forces should be ready to give some kind of report by December 15<sup>th</sup>. President Schaffer stated that he told SUNY IT that if they plan to offer freshman and sophomore courses as a part of the cooperative effort, MVCC will stop all talks and disband the Task Forces. SUNY IT has not made a decision yet as to whether to continue the current four-year programs.

### **STUDENT CONGRESS REPORT**

None.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Sue Bice announced the elected and appointed members of the International Initiatives

Committee, as follows:

Faculty: Elected: Gabriel Melendez, 3 year term; Carolyn West Pace, 3 year term;  
Shawn Liang, 2 year term; Richard Lamasney, 1 year term

Appointed: William McGowan, 3 year term; David Morrill, 2 year term

Non-faculty: Elected: Celia Domser, 3 year term; Rosemary Spetka, 2 year term;  
Marianne Buttenschon, 1 year term

Appointed: Maimun Khan, 3 year term; Dan Ianno, 2 year term

Sue asked for a motion to approve the appointed faculty (Bill McGowan and David Morrill) and to destroy the ballots. Dave Katz moved, and Tom Capraro seconded. The motion carried with none opposed and no abstentions.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

General Education Committee: Strengthened Campus-Based Assessment resolution:

Bill Perrotti presented the resolution protesting Strengthened Campus-Based Assessment drafted by himself, Dave Katz, and Dick Thomas. Bill Perrotti moved to accept the resolution, and Mike Sewall seconded. Mark Radlowski, a member of the General Education Committee, said that SUNY has extended the deadline for the decision on whether to use rubrics or standardized tests for the assessment until mid-February 2006. The Faculty Council of Community Colleges overall endorses the use of rubrics. Tom Capraro felt that the Senate should vote on using rubrics or tests, and not send a resolution, because objecting strongly will make it confrontational, and in a few years SUNY will probably drop this and move on to something else, as has happened in the past. He also said that the Senate should not dismiss the evaluative work of the General Education Committee. Bill Perrotti felt that MVCC should tell the top-down management that it doesn't benefit the institution, because nothing will change if nothing is said. Dave Katz said that state-required assessment has reached the point where it interferes with instruction. Chairperson Bice asked if this resolution will make SUNY look harder at us; President Schafer said it might, and that he felt it was not a campus-based but a system-based assessment. Dr. Larson noted that the movement to assess in SUNY started twenty years ago, and that it is something that every instructor does as a part of the accountability process. He felt the resolution addressed more than the Strengthened Campus-Based Assessment. Chairperson Bice called for a vote, and the motion carried, with 12 in favor, 8 opposed, and 2 abstentions. Dr. Larson recommended that a record of the vote be attached to the resolution. Chairperson Bice said that the resolution would now be sent to the MV Board of Trustees for their information and to the Provost.

Academic Bill of Rights: Dr. Jubenville distributed an update on the status of the Academic Bill of Rights, about which resolutions have been made by every major body involved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Assessment Reporting Task Force Campus Survey: Dr. Larson distributed, for the Senate's Information, copies of the Assessment Reporting Task Force campus survey, which was designed to determine how useful SUNY-required assessment thus far used has been. All

faculty were given this survey to fill out and return to Dr. Larson, who must report his findings to SUNY by November 7. He then went over each question on the survey and summarized the responses he had received thus far. The answer to most questions has been “minimally”. He stated that feedback from SUNY on assessment hasn’t been substantive; perhaps all they care about is that we do it, not what the results are. The survey indicates to SUNY that MVCC is not benefiting from assessment, which backs up what the resolution on Strengthened Campus-Based Assessment says.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Larson moved, and Krista Hartman seconded, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned by common consensus at 4:16 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETINGS**

The next College Senate meeting will be **Tuesday, December 6, 2005, at 2:30 p.m.** in PH 300. The next College Senate Advisory Committee meeting will be TBA.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Hartman  
Senator and Recording Secretary