

MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Utica and Rome, New York

COLLEGE SENATE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 4, 2006, RA108 (Rome campus)

Present: A. Broski, T. Capraro, N. Caputo, E. Dailey, G. Donato, R. Feola, A. Glidden, K. Hartman, D. Katz, B. Kurtz, D. Larson, J. Maio, D. McDermott, W. Perrotti, B. Quist, N. Rutishauser, S. Selden, M. Sewall, R. Spetka, and R. Thomas.

Excused: S. Bice, D. DiGiorgio, W. Lewis, B. Scantlebury, M. Schafer, R. Stempien, and N. Kotary.

Absent: J. Farrell, W. Hysell, P. Malinowski, K. Mokry, S. Senior, G. Slade, and J. Zegarelli.

Guests: J. Brown, R. Cantor, P. Fox, R. Jubenville, A. Lattuca, K. Lynip, M. Radlowski, N. Rosero, E. Searles, D. Willner.

CALL TO ORDER

Bill Perrotti, acting Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Rosemary Spetka moved, and Dick Thomas seconded, to accept the minutes of the March 7, 2006, meeting. The motion carried by common consensus.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Bill reported that he attended the Executive Committee meeting, and noted that they are interested in enrollment in the various programs on campus.

REPORT BY PRESIDENT SCHAFFER OR DESIGNEE

None.

REPORT BY STUDENT CONGRESS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Promotions Review Committee for Administrators: Bill Perrotti reported that he needs to get the Promotions Review Committee for Administrators going to come up with a timeline.

Ad hoc Nominations and Elections Committee: Bill reported that the Nominations and Elections Committee has met. Nominations will be out soon for Committee positions. Ballot boxes will be located in the libraries.

OLD BUSINESS

Academic Calendar: Angelo Lattuca presented the College-Wide Calendar Committee's

proposed 2007-2008 15 + 0 academic calendar, with one week break per semester. Tom Capraro moved, and Nancy Caputo seconded, to accept the calendar with one correction in the Spring 2008 (“Last day to withdraw” should read “15 week courses”, not 16). After discussion, especially concerning having classes the day before Thanksgiving, Mike Sewall moved, and Tom Capraro seconded, to call the question. The motion to approve the calendar with one correction carried, with all in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

Promotions Review Task Force: Bill indicated that the task force needs to work on the timeline first, as that is the easiest part of their charge. Creation of a review process for promotion decisions positive and negative can be dealt with later.

Continuing Appointments Task Force: The task force met this week and elected Christine Miller as Chair. Rich Stempien sent a report which Bill forgot to bring.

Dual Credit: This topic is still on hold; however, Bob Jubenville presented a resolution from the Faculty Council of Community Colleges regarding dual credit, concerning the fact that there is no consistent approach within SUNY for offering these courses, and urging the creation of a task force to address this problem.

NEW BUSINESS

Emeritus status procedures: Dr. Larson reported that the present policy for Emeritus status is that a person is nominated by his or her supervisor or department head, who submits it to the appropriated Vice President, who submits it to the President, who submits it to the Board. Discussion of the dictionary definition of “emeritus” ensued, and it was pointed out that Hall of Fame status is not the same as Emeritus. Don Willner reported that, upon inquiry, he found that there is no consistent process for awarding Emeritus status. There seems to be one standard for faculty and administrators and another for trustees. Don recommended that the Senate look into the creation of an Emeritus status award process. Dr. Larson moved, and Jim Maio seconded, that the Senate establish a task force to craft such procedures. The motion carried, with none opposed and no abstentions. Eileen Dailey, Dick Thomas, and David Katz volunteered to serve on the task force. Bill will find one or two others to also serve. Jerry Brown requested that the task force consider all job categories in their Emeritus review.

Distinguished Faculty rank: The SUNY Board is now opening two awards to community colleges: Distinguished Teaching Professor and Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence in Faculty Service. Bob Jubenville reported that the Faculty Council of Community Colleges worked very hard to get this because SUNY felt that there were no distinguished faculty in community colleges. Mike Sewall moved, and Andrew Glidden seconded, to form a committee/task force to establish criteria and create procedures for nominating candidates. The motion carried, with none opposed and no abstentions. Patty Fox, Mike Sewall, and Beverly Quist volunteered to serve on this.

College competencies revision: Mark Radlowski and Norayne Rosero presented a

proposal for new and revised wording of the College Competencies language now on page 8 of the College Catalogue, including the addition of a fifth competency, to read:

Identify and locate information from a variety of sources and understand the related legal and ethical issues. Students will:

- a. use traditional and contemporary information technology
- b. identify, access, and appropriately use authoritative sources of information.

What is being proposed is already being assessed. Nancy Caputo moved, and Rosemary Spetka seconded, to approve the proposal. The motion carried, with none opposed and no abstentions.

OTHER BUSINESS

Beverly Quist suggested that the Senate send a card and/or flowers to Sue Bice for her recovery. Bill said he would get a card to pass around.

ADJOURNMENT

Rosemary Spetka moved, and Mike Sewall seconded, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned by common consensus at 4:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting of the old Senate will be: Tuesday, May 2, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. in PH300.

The first meeting of the new Senate will be: Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. in PH300.

The next Senate Advisory Committee meeting will be TBA.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Hartman
Senator and Recording Secretary