

MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Utica and Rome, New York

COLLEGE SENATE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 5, 2006, PH 300

Present: F. Armstrong (for D. Larson), D. Ayers-Darling, S. Bice, D. Boyce, A. Broski, T. Capraro, E. Dailey, C. Domser, A. Doughtie, R. Feola, T. Fournier, A. Glidden, K. Hartman, R. Jubenville, B. Judycki, D. Katz, D. McDermott, J. Maio, W. Perrotti, B. Quist, N. Rutishauser, S. Selden, S. Senior, M. Sewall, G. Slade, R. Spetka, D. Willner, and J. Zegarelli.

Excused: D. DiGiorgio, G. Donato, T. Haroon, M. Pearson, and M. Schafer.

Absent: C. Amato, L. Daniels, R. Doolen, P. Malinowski, A. Marchio, R. Thomas.

Guests: J. Andrek, R. Cantor, M. Czarnecki, P. Fox, S. Frisbee, R. Haubert, K. Lynip, R. Pucine, E. Searles, J. Smrtic, and R. Suhr.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:31 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

W. Perrotti moved, and R. Spetka seconded, to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2006, meeting with one addition under New Business, Resolution on Campus Climate. D. Larson asked that the following be added before the sentence "S. Bice moved the question."

D. Larson observed that it takes two parties to settle this contract conflict. If the College Senate, as a governing body representing all employee groups, truly were to make an objective resolution, it would encourage all parties – not just the Board – involved in the current conflict to renew their efforts for a contract settlement.

The motion carried by common consensus.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Perrotti:

-- attended Senate Advisory Committee and Board of Trustees meetings. He addressed the BOT during the public participation segment and presented the Senate's "Resolution on Campus Climate" at that time. Board Chair Vandever indicated that it was also the Board's hope that a fair and equitable contract settlement could be reached in the near future. He was unable to attend the rescheduled November Executive Committee meeting which included a discussion of the Student Opinion Surveys (SOS) which contain some troublesome data. Suggested that the SOS would be an appropriate topic for future Senate consideration.

-- attended a Presidential Search Committee meeting. The search committee reviewed the first collection of preliminary candidates and received feedback and background about them from the consultants. Chairperson Perrotti left the meeting with a much better feel for the process and the networking capabilities and efforts of the consultants. Confidentiality was again stressed particularly and this was highlighted by the fact that all binders from committee members were returned to the consultants after the conclusion of the meeting. A meeting in January is scheduled to consider a revised group of candidates.

-- filled most Senate Committee vacancies. Most committees are at full strength, a notable exception being the Executive Director of the Staff Development Committee. A number of students have volunteered to join a number of committees but some committees are unlikely to have student representation (eg. Collegewide Curriculum Committee).

S. Bice moved, and R. Spetka seconded, to accept the Chairperson's report. The motion carried with none opposed and no abstentions.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OR DESIGNEE

E. Dailey outlined the College's response to the incident at the dance at Utica College in which an MVCC student was hurt. The Crisis Team met and the MVCC students involved have been talked to by Counseling. She also addressed measures that will be taken at the game at MVCC tonight to ensure that a similar incident will not occur. These measures include banning Utica College students from the game, adding extra security, ID checks at the door, and monitoring the parking lots. E. Dailey also mentioned the email about the PA contract settlement that President Schafer sent out, and noted that the athletic fieldhouse was lined out of the budget for this coming year.

REPORT OF STUDENT CONGRESS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Spring 2006 final reports: W. Perrotti noted that reports are still outstanding from three Senate Committees for Spring 2006. He will be sending out a call for the Fall 2006 reports.

Committee memberships: W. Perrotti handed out the final list of Committee memberships for the Senate's information.

"Green Campus" Task Force: N. Rutishauser had nothing to report.

College-Wide Curriculum Committee: S. Frisbee presented a demonstration of the electronic editing system for College Catalog course descriptions that has been developed by the Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Senate meeting schedule: B. Quist proposed that the Senate use a consent agenda for items of an informational nature, such as reports and minutes. The items on this agenda would be read ahead of time and voted on as a group. If discussion is needed on an item, it may be pulled out of the consent agenda. Using a consent agenda may help to keep Senate meetings from running too long. M. Sewall suggested that the President's report should be delivered in person and not as a part of the consent agenda. B. Quist also proposed that the second Tuesday in each month be available for rollover of business if necessary. If business cannot be concluded by 4:30 on the first Tuesday in the month, it will rollover to the second Tuesday. Senators should plan accordingly and keep the second Tuesday in each month reserved. B. Quist suggested that the consent agenda and rollover Tuesday begin with the February 2007 meeting. D. Katz moved, and S. Bice seconded, to accept these proposals. The motion carried with none opposed and no abstentions.

SPECIAL REPORTS

FCCC Resolution on Strengthened Campus-Based Assessment: R. Jubenville reported that the SUNY Board indicated that there would be funding to implement Strengthened Campus-Based

Assessment, but there is no process in place to obtain the funding. R. Jubenville asked the Senate's support for the FCCC's resolution to put such a process to obtain funding in place. D. Katz moved, and D. Willner seconded, to support the resolution. The motion carried with none opposed and one abstention.

FCCC Resolution on the FCCC President as a Member of the SUNY Board of Trustees: R.

Jubenville reported that the SUNY Board sees this as an opening to let faculty in on local boards; however, the FCCC is not asking for that. S. Bice moved, and C. Domser seconded, to support this resolution. The motion carried with none opposed and one abstention.

FCCC Resolution on the Chancellor's Award for Support Personnel: R. Jubenville reported that Genesee Community College has proposed this award, which would include classified staff, committee chairs, and officers. R. Jubenville asked for the Senate's feeling on this, which was favorable.

NEW BUSINESS

Academic credentials of adjuncts: Question was raised as to the credentials of adjuncts teaching credit-bearing college courses. There is no general rule—credentials are based upon what the department head and Dean deem appropriate. P. Fox pointed out that certifications and years of experience may count more in vocational courses than in higher level degrees. She stated that Human Resources has a way to check credentials of potential adjuncts. After further discussion, it was decided to send the matter to the Academic Policies Committee for their consideration.

Recruitment of online instructors: K. Lynip stated that the ad placed in the October 30, 2006, issue of the Utica Observer-Dispatch was intended to recruit a pool of prospective instructors from which department heads could draw. The prerogative for hiring still lies with the department heads. He reported that no responses to the ad were forthcoming. K. Lynip feels that because development of online courses is front-end intensive, instructors should be local even though technology allows for them to be many miles away.

Setting a future academic direction for the College: F. Armstrong presented a memorandum from VP D. Larson on the future direction of academic instruction. It was pointed out that the memorandum made no mention of online courses and does not address the overall academic direction of the College. W. Perrotti will draft a letter to VP Larson asking for a more visionary approach to the subject.

OTHER BUSINESS

W. Perrotti pointed out that this was M. Sewall's last Senate meeting, as he is retiring. He thanked M. Sewall for his service to the College and the Senate and stated that he has been a model for senior faculty. He will be replaced on the College Senate by J. Smrtic.

ADJOURNMENT

M. Sewall moved, and D. Katz seconded, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 by common consensus.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next College Senate meeting will be Tuesday, **February 6, 2007**, at **2:30 p.m.** in PH 300.

The next Senate Advisory Committee meeting will be Monday, January 22, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., room TBA.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Hartman
Senator and Recording Secretary