

MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Utica and Rome, New York

COLLEGE SENATE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 1, 2009, IT 225

Present: T. Barber, D. Bogan, D. Boyce, A. Broski, K. Capuana, N. Chrisman, J. DeWeerth, D. Elseth, S. Frisbee, K. Hartman, D. Katz, D. McDermott, J. Maio, C. Miller, R. Musante, J. Palmer, M. Parry, S. Perry-Zasa, R. Pucine, B. Quist, M. Reilly, T. Schink, E. Searles, S. Senior, J. Smrtic, R. Thomas, D. Willner, J. Yager, and President R. VanWagoner.

Students: Y. Joseph, D. Nekritz, and M. Vogt.

Absent/Excused: S. Garee, S. Getchell, D. Hoffman, D. Ianno, B. Judycki, M. Radlowski, S. Selden, D. Skibitski, R. Spetka, C. Svoboda, C. Way, and J. Zegarelli.

Guests: R. Cantor, T. Capraro, A. Doughtie, B. Evans, D. Kelly, T. Kubica, K. Overrocker, and W. Perrotti.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

K. Capuana moved, and M. Vogt seconded, to approve the minutes of the November 3 meeting. The motion carried by common consensus.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

D. Katz welcomed new student representative Derek Nekritz. D. Katz then reported some interesting highlights of the Board of Trustees meeting that he attended. Applications to MVCC for fall 2010 were up 51% over last year at this time, and the college is up 10.3% in enrollment over last year at this time. The college is also up 7.1% in registrations for the spring 2010 semester over last year at this time. D. Katz further reported that the college is up 37 new donors on the combined United Way/MVCC Access fund. He also announced that there will be college-wide open forums in early February to discuss the master plan. Lastly, he talked about the Senate's charter reform due to the academic realignment, and asked that K. Hartman take on the task of amending the Senate Bylaws to reflect these changes in Senate membership. He hopes that the new committee charters will be ready for the March meeting.

STUDENT CONGRESS REPORT

M. Vogt reported that she met with VP DiGiorgio to discuss the proposed smoking policy, and that the student representative to the Board brought it before them for discussion. She also announced that the Student Congress has had two leadership retreats.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

R. VanWagoner reported that he has been visiting local school superintendents in an effort to make articulation agreements with all of them. He hopes to complete these visits by March, with currently 19 yet to go. In March all the local school superintendents will then meet at MVCC for lunch. He also stated that, with regards to transfer articulation agreements, MVCC will work out our own rather than wait for SUNY to create one that works. The top three colleges that our students transfer to are SUNY IT, Utica College, and SUNY Oneonta. So far Utica College has been very receptive to this, and SUNY

Oneonta has not. The only formal articulation agreement MVCC currently has with SUNY Oneonta is with the education program. President VanWagoner will meet with SUNY IT tomorrow.

R. VanWagoner announced the creation of a Grants Council chaired by R. Cantor, which will look at the college's grant priorities and align them with the strategic plan. They plan to apply for another grant for \$1 million over 5 years for student support services.

R. Van Wagoner asked that faculty and staff give him feedback on the new years of service recognition awards program, which was the subject of this week's blog. He asked that people reply to his blog entry or email him or Patty Fox or Bob Jubenville.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

J. DeWeerth reported for the Vice President of Student Services that a recent report states that structured college pathways between high schools and colleges make the difference for students. She then reported on the various programs that MVCC has in place: Dual Credit, College Connection, Magnet Bridge, STEP, and Upward Bound. For each program she invited high school students currently involved in these programs to comment on their experiences. Dual Credit has 950 to 1000 students each year who participate. College Connection has about 100 students per year who take classes at MVCC paid with county funds. Magnet Bridge currently involves 20 seniors at Procter High School who take courses at MVCC in their senior year, the credits from which count toward MVCC graduation or transfer. STEP is a state-funded program encouraging students in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields. Once these students are in college, they move up to the CSTEP program. Upward Bound is a grant-funded program in its third year. It started with about 60 ninth graders.

J. DeWeerth also reported that a new academic intervention program has been established at MVCC. Every student will now be reviewed for adherence to MVCC's academic standards, which are aligned to federal and state guidelines for financial aid. This fall close to 1000 students will not meet college standards at the end of the year 2009. These students will be receiving a letter advising them to report to one of 10 intervention workshops which will be held on January 11 and 12, 2010. These workshops will include self-assessments and action plans. These workshops will be followed up by a week of workshops on time management, study skills, and other useful skills that will help them to get back on track academically. Before classes start there will be a pizza party to celebrate completion of the intervention program. Once students have taken these workshops, they will be on academic probation for one semester. The goal is to get them to succeed, not to be kicked out.

FCCC REPORT

E. Searles had nothing pressing to report.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Facilities Committee: D. Kelly reported that a study via emails and surveys on good and bad features of MVCC's classrooms and whether features are conducive to learning or not, was conducted, and a report generated from this data was issued in the spring/early summer of 2009. This report will be posted in the public folder. Comments are listed building by building and room by room. The Facilities Committee is now looking at short- and long-term improvements.

Libraries: K. Hartman gave a presentation on a new service available since the summer at the Libraries: LibGuides. LibGuides are wikis that are easy to maintain, and have replaced the "Quick Reference Guides" and "Sites by Subject" used up to this point. A link to them has been provided on the Libraries'

web page, or one may go directly to <http://www.mvcc.libguides.com/> LibGuides have been compiled and designed by the librarians for both student and faculty/staff use, and can be created for specific subjects or topics as needed. K. Hartman particularly pointed out the LibGuide Education (College): <http://www.mvcc.libguides.com/content.php?pid=63219> , which contains lists of books on “Hot Topics in College Education” as well as web sites of use and interest to faculty and staff.

NEW BUSINESS

Replacement of Rome Senator: D. Bogan, who has been the Senator representing the Rome campus, now works on the Utica campus. D. Katz asked Senate approval to accept D. Bogan’s resignation and to appoint a new Senator in her place. M. Parry moved, and C. Miller seconded, to accept. The motion carried with none opposed and no abstentions. D. Katz thanked D. Bogan for her graciousness and service to the Senate.

Disciplinary Appeals Board procedural amendment: J. Maio requested approval of a procedural amendment whereby a chair can call on a recent past member of the Board in the event that a current Board member cannot serve. J. Maio stated that this situation does not happen on a regular basis, but the Board wanted to ensure swift justice for students. T. Barber moved, and D. McDermott seconded, to approve. The motion carried with none opposed and no abstentions. W. Perrotti suggested that this be put in writing somewhere lest it be forgotten.

Staff teaching during work days: This issue has been brought before the Senate, but D. Katz has been advised by members of the Professional Association and AMVA that it would be very difficult to discuss without venturing into contractual territory, which matters the Senate may not deal with.

OTHER BUSINESS

Awarding emeritus status: R. Thomas stated that back in spring 2006 procedures were written up for awarding emeritus status, and they were brought before the Senate for approval. He asked what happened to this. D. Willner remembered a group that included Eileen Dailey working on this. R. Cantor felt that some of this has been acted on, and will ask the Cabinet to investigate. D. Katz and K. Hartman will search past Senate minutes for information.

ADJOURNMENT

D. McDermott moved, and K. Capuana seconded, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:00.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next College Senate meeting will be **Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at 2:30 p.m.** in **IT 225**.

The next Senate Advisory Committee meeting will be Monday, January 25th, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. in PH 391.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Hartman
Senator and Recording Secretary