

MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Utica and Rome, New York

COLLEGE SENATE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 7, 2010, IT 225

Present: L. Charbonneau, M. Chauvin, N. Chrisman, S. Cummings, D. Elseth, S. Frisbee, E. Hantsch, D. Horton, D. Hydellund, P. Katchmar, D. Katz, A. Light, D. McDermott, M. McHarris, C. Miller, J. Palmer, M. Parry, R. Pucine, B. Quist, J. Roberts, G. Searles, D. Skibitski, J. Smrtic, M. Sorrentino, R. Thomas, J. Wilcox, J. Yager, W. Zogby, and President R. VanWagoner.

Students: None.

Excused/Absent: T. Barber, D. Boyce, K. Capuana, S. Dar, J. DeWeerth, E. Griffith, C. Plescia, M. Radlowski, D. Nekritz, R. Spetka, M. Vogt, and C. Way.

Guests: J. Bullis, R. Cantor, J. Dewan, A. Doughtie, K. Evans-Dame, R. Feola, K. Hartman, R. Jubenville, D. Kelly, and M. Snyder.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

M. Chauvin moved, and N. Chrisman seconded, to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2010, meeting. The motion carried by common consensus.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

D. Katz attended the Board of Trustees meeting on November 15th and gave a 15-minute report on the Senate. He reported that enrollment is up 5.77% FTE and 2.37% headcount. He signed the Gates Foundation document as per the Senate directive voted on in the October meeting.

D. Katz also met with President VanWagoner and LaToya Richardson to begin the process of establishing a user friendly, active, and informative public presence on the College's new web site. It will include Senate committees and their charters, minutes, agendas, meeting dates, and reports.

D. Katz contacted Anne Popeo, the College Nurse, about the issue of empty first aid kits. Anne said to let her know if you need one stocked or if you need a kit and presently don't have one. She reminds everyone to let the nurse know of any accidents on campus immediately.

D. Katz also reported that he spoke to Mike McHarris about the construction noise in the Academic Building. Mike said that through the 16th there should be little noise, and that the other four bathrooms in AB will be worked on over the Christmas break.

STUDENT CONGRESS REPORT

None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President VanWagoner reported that the Gates Foundation application has been submitted. The naming of the AP lab in honor of Sam Drogo has been placed on the agenda for the December Board of Trustees meeting. The Board of Trustees plans to meet with the Senate Advisory Committee, the Cabinet, the six Student Congress officers, and the five Strategic Planning Committee panel members to review the annual plan for the coming year. Parking recommendations as submitted by the Senate Task Force were considered. President Van Wagoner thanked Mary Jane Parry and the rest of the task force for responding so promptly to the problem. He reviewed each of their recommendations, and indicated which will and will not be implemented immediately. Birnie Bus Service might do a shuttle bus between Rome and Utica on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a reasonable price. Centro was too expensive, but would provide free bus passes. Relocation of the trailers to provide more parking cannot be done at this time, as they need proper grounding in order not to flood. They will probably not be moved until the fall semester. The availability of the dorm lot, which has plenty of open spots, can be advertised more. Security will be out early on snowy mornings to guide parking, and, in the case of heavy snows, the city or county will be asked to haul away snow. About 186 parking spaces will be added as a result of the Task Force's recommendations. Question was raised about the number of parking spots the new gymnasium would have; answer: about 150.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice President Feola reported that the pool would be shut down on December 10th and work will begin on the 13th. Bidding will open on the 22nd for construction in the gym, with construction taking place from February to August, affecting the entire building. There were over 50 applicants for peace officers on campus. The three finalists chosen were submitted to the Board of Trustees to be appointed. They will not carry weapons. Oneida County designates them Senior Safety Officers and they will wear different uniforms to distinguish them from the other security officers. They will have the same training as police. VP Feola also reported that there has been a 1.1% decrease in TAP. He thanked retiree Mike Chauvin for all his work at the College.

FACULTY COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES REPORT

B. Quist had no news to report. The next FCCC meeting will be in January.

OLD BUSINESS

Campus flyers posting policy -- Matt Snyder reported that there has not been any kind of enforceable policy in the past. Generally people take down items that look old or are inappropriate. Sandy Cummings reported that the students do have a process they must go through in order to hang flyers on campus. Ron Cantor added that in Rome they have created designated bulletin boards for certain things. All items on these bulletin boards must be stamped as to when they must be taken down. Work study students go through the bulletin boards once a week to take down any outdated flyers. B. Quist suggested that we provide more bulletin boards. S. Cummings indicated that some bulletin boards in her building were taken down either because they weren't being used or because they were too cluttered. D. McDermott felt that the facilities department is supposed to take flyers down. D. Thomas moved, and G. Searles seconded, to drop the topic because the situation is fine as it is. The motion carried with none opposed and one abstention.

Textbook cost controls -- G. Searles felt that Earl Myatt and Jerry Pecorello should be present for the discussion of this topic. M. Chauvin felt that cutting down textbook costs for students would involve changes in faculty textbook ordering and using the same textbook for more than one year. R. Thomas felt that all faculty try to keep textbook costs in mind. B. Quist reported that the FCCC is looking at this

statewide. C. Miller felt that this is an issue that should be dealt with in the individual Centers. J. Bullis suggested an institute workshop for faculty on alternatives to textbooks.

NEW BUSINESS

Security cameras -- The Safety and Security Committee recommends that the College purchase an integrated system of security cameras rather than continue with the piecemeal system currently in place. The Committee would like the Senate's support in expediting this purchase. They would like an upgrade to all 12 of the outdoor cameras and 16 of the indoor cameras, with the addition of one camera. The upgrade would include better resolution of the pictures. Question was raised as to why these cameras are needed, and whether their presence is a violation of privacy and/or an indicator that the campus is a dangerous place. R. Feola replied that the cameras currently are in place in areas that have had incidents, and can act as a deterrent. J. Bullis added that the College does not have enough safety officers to cover every place all the time, so cameras can fill in. J. Yager added that about eight years ago a security company advised the College on where to place the outdoor cameras. R. Thomas moved to call the question; J. Yager seconded. A vote was taken, with 10 opposed and 26 in favor; the motion carried. R. Thomas then moved to support the Safety and Security Committee's request. M. Chauvin seconded. The motion carried, with 23 in favor, 2 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

Off-campus phone access for students -- It was suggested that, because not everyone has a cell phone, a phone for public use be installed in every building. R. Feola replied that the phone company pulled the phones out of the buildings because they were not being used enough to make it financially worth it to them. R. Cantor added that in Rome one phone, with a 3 minute time limit, is made available in student services for student use. S. Frisbee moved to forward the issue to Denise DiGiorgio as something the Senate feels is a concern. C. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried with none opposed and no abstentions.

OTHER BUSINESS

P. Katchmar asked that, on the next Senate agenda, the issues of the content management of the College web site and the issue of students using computer labs for gaming and social networking, be addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

D. Elseth moved, and D. Skubitski seconded, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. by common consensus.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Senate Advisory Committee meeting is Tuesday, January 25, 2011, at 3:30 p.m. in PH 304. The next Senate meeting will be **Tuesday, February 1, 2011, at 2:30 p.m. in IT 225.**

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Hartman
Recording Secretary