

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

**COLLEGE SENATE MEETING MINUTES**  
Tuesday, September 5, 2017, IT 225

College Senate web page: <http://www.mvcc.edu/senate/senate-home>

**Present:** D. Ayers-Darling, J. Baumann, L. Charbonneau, S. Dar, S. Frisbee, S. Fryman, D. Gibbons, A. Haines, R. Huyck, P. Katchmar, S. Kenyon, M. Kelly, P. Lotto, S. McGovern, M. McHarris, C. Miller, B. Molinaro, S. Myalik, A. Radlowski, J. Rahn, J. Roberts, R. Santos, B. Scantlebury, G. Searles, N. Snyder, R. Spetka, R. VanWagoner

**Student Senators:** E. Ross, J. Rothrock

**Absent/Excused:** K. Carhart, M. Henningsen, D. Hyldelund, B. Jubenville, D. McDermott, T. Palumbo, T. Thomas, T. Weimer, J. Wilcox

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m.

**REVIEW & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

J. Baumann moved and B. Scantlebury seconded to approve the minutes of the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion carried, with 1 abstention.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

A. Haines remarked that this year the Senate will be reviewing its bylaws, and asked that any Senators interested in working on the review contact him via email. A folder titled "Senate" has been created on the M: Drive, and all meeting materials will now also be stored in that folder, in addition to being sent via email with each meeting's agenda. Students do not have access to the folder.

**STUDENT CONGRESS REPORT**

J. Rothrock announced that Club Day is September 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-1:00 in the ACC SnackBar. All clubs are required to attend, and it is recommended that each club or organization have an interactive display. Ten member lists are due to ACC 208 no later than 4:00pm on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, a back-to-school barbeque will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> in the quad. The first Student Congress meeting is at 3:00pm on September 7<sup>th</sup> in IT 225.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President VanWagoner reported that he will be attending a County Capital Project meeting to submit capital requests for 2018. However, a large pledge for renovations to the outdoor athletic field has been made, so the Foundation has been looking forward five years, and will present a "Five Year Preview" to the County at the meeting. Recently, the College requested \$11 million from the Regional Economic Development Council for renovations to the Science & Technology building, but was only awarded \$1.8 million. We will request \$5 million from the county up front, with a matched \$5 million from the state, to make up the difference, with a plan to repay the county for the up-front cost over the course of five years (hence, the Five Year Preview). In the meantime, the College will move forward by investigating architectural redesigns to the building.

Upcoming projects include moving forward with Signage & Wayfinding, updating the telecommunications and wifi infrastructure, and tending to flooding in the basement of ACC. Future projects include asbestos removal and refurbishing AB over the course of four years (2019–22), as well as a parking lot in 2020.

Lastly, SUNY is more strictly regulating the requirement that community colleges bill tuition per student for dual credit, and the College is working on a solution that will be budget neutral by February. For additional information on the arming of Public Safety, updates to the Learning Commons, and other recent changes at the College, please refer to the president's College Update email.

### **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

M. Eannace shared that classes are at a 76% fill-rate for the semester, compared to 74.8% from last year. The number of sections being offered is 1,530, which is a decrease from last year's 1,590. This year, 33.3% of classes are being taught by adjuncts, compared to 37.8% of classes last year. As of the end of last week, 140 students on the Excelsior scholarship were registered for classes at MVCC.

M. Eannace also shared a brief history of Guided Pathways, which began with Tom Bailey's book, *Redesigning America's Community Colleges*. Copies of the book are available in the Utica library, Rome library, and M. Eannace's office for those interested in learning more. A top ten FAQ titled *Guided Pathways Demystified* is also available at <https://www.irsc.edu/uploadedFiles/FacultyStaff/Pathways-Demystified.pdf>.

MVCC applied for, and was accepted into, Guided Pathways 2.0. Monroe Community College, which participated in the original pilot of Guided Pathways, will be working with us in this endeavor. Jessica Wilkie, who is the Schools Implementation Lead at MCC, held three well-attended sessions on Guided Pathways this past week, and several members of the College have shown interest in working on the project. The first Pathways Institute will take place in November, after which we will have a better sense of how the project will unfold at MVCC.

Lastly, M. Eannace shared an update on the progress of the Faculty/Staff Lounge, which is nearing completion. Some additional furniture, including bookshelves, is still needed, and M. Eannace will request some additional supplies, such as dry-erase markers, to be stocked in the lounge.

### **FACULTY COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES REPORT**

J. Roberts reported that the SUNY Charter Schools Institute has drafted a proposal to permit charter schools to determine their own standards for teacher certification. The primary concern from education faculty is about consistency problems between charter and public schools, especially for students who go between the schools. A public comment period about the resolution ends September 11<sup>th</sup>, and those interested in commenting can email [charters@suny.edu](mailto:charters@suny.edu) directly, or contact J. Roberts, who will relate concerns to FCCC.

### **FACULTY CAUCUS REPORT**

C. Miller reported that all Faculty Caucus minutes are now available at <https://www.mvcc.edu/senate/faculty-caucus/minutes>. Additionally, all faculty Senators have been sent an email with a reminder about the meeting dates and times. This semester, Faculty Caucus will meet at 2:30 in PH 300 on the following Tuesdays: Sept 19<sup>th</sup>, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, and Dec 12<sup>th</sup>. J. Baumann and B. Scantlebury have agreed to serve with C. Miller on an advisory group for the Faculty Caucus, and A. Radlowski will continue to take minutes. C. Miller is working on the September agenda, which will include Guided Pathways and Information Technology. Those with additional agenda items should contact C. Miller.

C. Miller also attended the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Conference in May. An Alabama community college dean spoke about how their institution uses "stackable"

microcredentials, and that there has been an increase in students earning an Associate's Degree, due to students continuing after they've earned a microcredential. C. Miller will share this information with APSC.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **VALUES COMMITTEE TRANSITION TO A COUNCIL**

The Values Committee would like to take more action to integrate their work on the values throughout the College, but has found it difficult to do so through the Senate processes. In order to be a little more agile, the committee is requesting to be transitioned to a council. The council would focus less on policy recommendations and more on integrating the College's values throughout the College. C. Miller moved to transition the Values Committee to a council (R. Spetka second), and the motion carried (19 approve, 0 oppose, 2 abstain).

#### **AMVA PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE**

Due to changes in the promotions process negotiated in the AMVA contract, the Promotion Review Committee for Administrators is requesting to change to a Promotion Appeals Committee for Administrators instead. The inspiration for the change was partially because of the varied responsibilities and roles of AMVA members. The unique and important contributions of some members were not always highlighted or understood in the peer review process. Now, instead, the agreement between the union and HR is that promotions will be determined by the supervisor, and those denied promotion can appeal that decision through the Promotion Appeals Committee for Administrators. With the specification of "including job descriptions" to the first statement under "Does," B. Molinaro moved to approve the charter and name changes of the committee (R. Santos second). The motion carried (17 approve, 0 oppose, 5 abstain).

### **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM SENATE MEMBERS**

There was a brief discussion about how the College is paid for students on the Excelsior Scholarship. Tuition cannot be raised for students on that scholarship.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

J. Baumann moved and C. Miller seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:47 p.m. The meeting was adjourned by common consensus.

### **NEXT MEETINGS**

The next meeting of the College Senate will be **Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. in IT 225.**

The next meeting of the Senate Advisory Committee will be Monday, September 25, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. in PH 304.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anna Radlowski