

MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Utica and Rome, New York

COLLEGE SENATE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 3, 2018, IT 225

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

Present: C. Albrecht, J. Baumann, K. Carhart, S. Dar, S. Frisbee, S. Fryman, D. Gibbons, A. Haines, R. Huyck, B. Jubenville, P. Katchmar, S. Kenyon, M. Kelly, D. McDermott, C. Miller, B. Molinaro, S. Myalik, A. Radlowski, R. Santos, B. Scantlebury, G. Searles, R. Spetka, T. Thomas, and R. VanWagoner

Student Senators: J. Rothrock, Kupr, T. Rackmyer, Z. Stachelski

Absent/Excused: L. Charbonneau, A. Hazen, M. Henningsen, D. Hyldelund, P. Lotto, S. McGovern, M. McHarris, T. Palumbo, J. Rahn, and J. Wilcox

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

D. Gibbons moved (Z. Stachelski second) to approve the minutes of the March 6th meeting, with some revisions. The motion carried (22, 0, 1).

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

A. Haines reported that the call for nominations to Senate committees went out a week ago. Those interested in serving should contact either A. Haines or A. Radlowski before this Friday. Nominations for Senate Advisory, Senate Chair, and Senate Vice Chair are also being accepted. J. Rahn has reached his term limit for Vice Chair.

A. Haines will also make the updated bylaws available, and will ask for approval of them at the next Senate meeting. The second meeting in May has not yet been scheduled, but it will likely be Monday, May 14th.

STUDENT CONGRESS REPORT

T. Rackmyer reported that while Student Congress funds are still in the red, they are expecting several thousand back from clubs that haven't spent their money.

J. Rothrock reported that students have been notified if they were suspended due to nonattendance, with several returning and being reinstated. All club members are also expected to complete a form with their advisor before they schedule for the Fall 2018 semester.

There will be a volunteer opportunity with the Red Cross on April 28th, and two upcoming award ceremonies.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President VanWagoner reported on the budget. The State increased aid per student by \$100/FTE, resulting in an overall cut of \$168,000 due to enrollment loss. Although not successful, there was some traction gained in Albany with a push for a new funding model, and based on suggestions from some legislators, conversations will begin sooner next year. The College is also hoping to identify scholarship money to offer

dual credit courses to students at no cost, and College enrollment is expected to drop 1%. This leaves a \$2.3 million budget gap to close. The College is avoiding a freeze across the board, and is looking for alternate ways to close the gap, such as investigating borrowing 5 retirement slots from the PA for the spring.

President VanWagoner also gave an update on the website. A vendor has been selected, and we are waiting on a proposal. The website may, optimistically, be completed by the end of the calendar year.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Lori Suddick, from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC), spoke as our coach for Guided Pathways. She has been meeting with groups from across the campus, and explained that her role is to listen for emergent themes and offer suggestions. Being an ATD school will help with our Guided Pathways work, although it may feel long and slow, but student success work is complex and takes time. Although the first phase of Guided Pathways is focused on curriculum, ultimately the goal is to design a holistic student experience across all areas of the College. Creating partnerships between student affairs and learning & academic affairs will be critical.

A Q&A followed. Some responses include:

- Every organization spends time discussing what they will use as the definition of student success. Guided Pathways, through the AACC, defines success through completion of credentials. One of the goals is to reduce time (and hence, cost) for students by reducing the amount of time students spend in developmental education.
- One step toward going full scale is identifying “islands of success” and testing best practices in one area before bringing to scale. Some techniques NWTC employed were multiple measures for course placement and Starfish.
- Communication is important, yet generally a challenge in most institutions. Identifying venues to have conversations and give updates, as well as how frequently to give those updates, can be difficult.

FACULTY CAUCUS REPORT

C. Miller reported on the February and March Caucus meetings. In February, concerns about the Rome & Utica campuses were addressed. Concerns about Screening Committees were also discussed, as well as the CWCC Audit Forms. A. Smajic spoke at the March meeting to update the Caucus on current marketing initiatives. P. Johnson also spoke at the March meeting, leading a discussion on some issues about race and race relations within the community at large, as well as at MVCC.

OLD BUSINESS

CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY

In a continuation of the conversation from the last Senate meeting, D. Amico gave an update on the Department of Public Safety. AB109 has been renovated, and the department will be moving back in by the end of this week. In addition to several offices, there is also a conference room that can double as an operations center, should the need arise. D. Amico also gave an update on the arming of officers. There are seven armed officers and four waiting on their pistol permits.

The shooting in Parkland and the threat at Utica College are redefining how we look at safety and security on a college campus. At MV, we continue to have an institute to train new hires, and all the RDs and RAs go through the training as well. A DGV tutorial is being constructed to help get the information out to the students, and plans to update the website are in motion. Emergency Response Cards will be created and left in classrooms, and there are plans to use a new alert system, Everbridge.

NEW BUSINESS

KEY MEASURES FOR ATD

M. Miknavich requested that Senators investigate ways to remove mechanical barriers to student success, as well as identify indicators to catch students before they fall. Some examples included the following:

- There were 20 male students in a tech field who did not graduate because they failed to complete their DGV requirement. The CIA dug deeper to identify why, and developed a solution.
- If students take 15 credits a semester, they are more likely to graduate. The registrar identified 37.5% of matriculated students had 12-14.5 credits. Is there some way to encourage those students to take one more class, they'd be further ahead in their progress.
- We have an effort to increase the adult student population, but are offices open outside the 9-5 timeframe to accommodate them? How do we balance the conflicting priorities of finances with increasing success?

M. Miknavich distributed templates and asked Senators to return them electronically or on paper for the CIA to review. Submissions can be made anonymously, but it would be helpful to know broad group (student services, faculty, administration, etc.).

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM SENATE MEMBERS

The Board of Trustees passed the policy on micro-credentials last month, and micro-credentials can be proposed to the CWCC. Also, a reminder that CCSSE and CCFSE surveys are being conducted.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by common consensus at 4:07pm.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting of the College Senate will be **Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at 2:30 p.m. in IT 225.**

The next meeting of the Senate Advisory Committee will be Monday, April 23, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. in PH 304.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Radlowski