

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

**COLLEGE SENATE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, November 6, 2018, IT 225**

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

**Present:** D. Ayers-Darling, J. Baumann, E. Bush, L. Charbonneau, S. Frisbee, S. Fryman, D. Gibbons, M. Henningsen, R. Huyck, B. Jubenville, P. Katchmar, M. Kelly, D. McDermott, B. Molinaro, S. Myalik, A. Radlowski, R. Santos, R. Sbiroli, B. Scantlebury, G. Searles, R. Spetka, and J. Wilcox

**Student Senators:** K. Kuprian, J. Manning

**Absent/Excused:** M. Abbott, C. Albrecht, N. Bruzzese, K. Carhart, S. Cummings, S. Dar, A. Haines, A. Hazen, D. Hyldelund, S. McGovern, M. McHarris, C. Miller, J. Rahn, T. Thomas, and R. VanWagoner

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**REVIEW & APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 2, 2018 MEETING**

The minutes of the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting were unanimously passed (M. Henningsen, B. Scantlebury).

**HEART OF THE HAWK AND PRIDE OF THE HAWK**

L. Kahler awarded the Heart of the Hawk Award to A. Fried for his work as CWCC chair and for his work in the classroom. The Pride of the Hawk Award was given to Gerald Villarreal for his outstanding work in the dorms.

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORT**

K. Kuprian reported on the results of the student government elections. J. Manning is the new treasurer, E. Ramos is the new vice-president on the Rome campus, and M. Birnie is the new vice-president on the Utica campus.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Vice President T. Squires reported on the status of several capital projects on the campus, including renovating the athletic fields, construction on the ST building, and replacing the floors and furniture in AB and PH 102. Our funding requests to the county were not successful, however, as the county is limiting funding this year across the board. Still, there have been

some indications that future funding for these projects may be a possibility. In the meantime, we are continuing to raise funds for the athletic fields, and we are continuing to work on schematic designs for the ST building. Construction on the ST building is planned to begin in May 2020 and will take roughly 18 months to complete. As part of the wayfinding project, exterior signs should be installed on the Utica campus in the Spring. This includes the main gateway sign by AB, new building name signs, “You are Here” type signs, and lighted signs.

T. Squires reminded the Senate of his recent email on changes to Public Safety. Key updates include:

- Buildings will generally close at 10:00pm, with some exceptions through the semester. Signs that will indicate the hours of each building are in development. If you will be working late or coming to campus when buildings are closed (such as on the weekend), please notify Public Safety.
- The phone systems will be upgraded by the end of the semester. As part of the upgrade, there will be one number for Public Safety that can be dialed from either campus.
- Over winter break, the locks in AB will be updated to allow faculty to lock classroom doors from the inside to prevent intruders from entering during a shelter in place. The locks will still allow people to exit the space, and current classroom keys should work in the new locks.

The Active Shooter Trainings have been occurring throughout the semester, and T. Squires shared some reflections. He would like to establish a permanent means to have ongoing conversations about safety concerns on campus, and requested ideas for what might work best. Small scale active shooter drills will begin in Spring 2019.

## **FCCC REPORT**

J. Baumann shared several resolutions from the FCCC meeting in mid-October.

### *RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CHILD CARE CENTER FUNDING*

Although MVCC no longer has a child care center, several SUNY campuses do. The cost of running these centers has become increasingly excessive and several have large waiting lines. FCCC is asking Governor Cuomo to support an increase of two million dollars in funding for child care centers, and urges the Chancellor to advocate for increased funding as well. R. Spetka moved to support the resolution (D. Ayers-Darling second). The motion passed unanimously.

### *RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NEW FUNDING MODEL FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES*

With the current funding model, even if the State increases funding per FTE, there is an overall net loss of funding due to decreased enrollment. Moreover, enrollment fluctuations can make it challenging to plan a budget. This resolution therefore calls for a funding floor independent of enrollment, unique to each institution based on a three-year historical funding average, adjusted for inflation, with additional funding for increases in enrollment. G. Searles moved to support this resolution (B. Molinaro second). The motion passed (22, 0, 1).

#### *RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GENDER INCLUSIVITY WITHIN SUNY*

This resolution supports forming a workgroup to investigate gender inclusivity within SUNY, and FCCC is looking for feedback on this resolution. Senators were encouraged to share the resolution with their constituencies and forward comments to J. Baumann.

#### *STATEMENT OPPOSING PERFORMANCE-BASED FUNDING*

This statement, issued by an FCCC workgroup and supported with referenced citations, discusses some of the concerns with performance based funding. Senators were again encouraged to share this statement and forward comments to J. Baumann.

J. Baumann also reported on Prodigy, a program the Chancellor is advocating for, which would increase minority representation in faculty across SUNY. Additionally, the new Provost is requesting that colleges submit a team of faculty to help identify broken transfer pathways. L. Kahler and A. Haines will work with the associate deans to appoint faculty.

#### **GUIDED PATHWAYS REPORT**

S. Crocker reported that the Guided Pathways team is currently reviewing the College's various processes, and identifying ways to modify them so they are more student-friendly. Chartered workgroups include Integrated Advising, Onboarding, Multiple Measures, and Developmental Education. There is an open forum next week (Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 1:30-2:30 in ACC 116) and the AACC coach will also be visiting next week. The next Guided Pathways Institute will be January 15-17 and will focus on supporting students. Look for invitations to join focus groups to review CCSSE data in preparation for the next Institute.

A. Fried reported that developmental courses and course placement will change. For example, placement into credit-bearing or developmental courses will be based on high school transcripts and GPA. English and Math faculty are creating new models for developmental education, including developing new courses and co-requisite models. Some pilots are running in the Spring, and there is some hopeful anticipation that successful pilots will be full scale in Fall 2019.

The curriculum mapping project continues. One recurring issue is that our programs require math courses that our entering students are not prepared for, and which may not exist at other institutions. Moreover, some programs require a higher level of math than transfer institutions require. Another concern is that not all programs are being used as intended. For example, some AAS programs are being used as transfer programs, when they are intended for career-readiness.

Lastly, A. Fried mentioned that next month he will have a proposal for a Curriculum Advisory Board. This board will be composed of nonvoting members from Student Affairs who can give insight regarding the non-academic effects of CWCC proposals.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### *PUBLIC ASSEMBLY POLICY DISCUSSION AND FEEDBACK*

S. Reynolds is requesting feedback on the draft of a Public Assembly Policy. There was a discussion, and some concerns were raised, including:

- What is the definition of a “cause”
- Is there an appeal process?
- This policy protects groups of protesters. What protections will be granted to just one student who is demonstrating?

Additional comments, concerns, and questions should be forwarded to A. Haines or S. Reynolds.

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

Senators were reminded to vote. Additionally, the Senate will meet in ACC 116 for the December meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by common consensus at 4:16pm.

## **NEXT MEETINGS**

The next meeting of the College Senate will be **Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at 2:30 p.m. in ACC 116**. The next meeting of the Senate Advisory Committee will be Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at 2:30 p.m. in PH 304.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anna Radlowski