

MVCC COLLEGE SENATE MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

WH225/Virtual

Present: E. Bush, S. Dar, S. Flihan, S. Frisbee, R. Golden, A. Haines, K. Herting, B. Horender, R. Huyck, J. Ireland, L. Kahler, M. Kelly, P. Kuhn, S. Lai, M. LaPaglia, J. Maio, T. Marshall, S. McGovern, M. Miknavich, A. Miller, MJ. Parry, A. Radlowski, J. Rahn, S. Reynolds, I. Rosic, S. Selden, R. Spetka, T. Squires, C. VanNamee, R. VanWagoner, J. Woodrow, J. Yager.

Student Senators: K. Birt, J. America

Absent/Excused: C. Miller, C. Albrecht, S. Engram, A. Hazen, M. McHarris A. Simons, J. Wilcox.

CALL TO ORDER: R. Huyck

The meeting was called to order at 2:47 pm.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE April 2021 MEETING

The minutes of the May 4, 2021 meeting were approved, (Unanimous, 0, 0)

Special Meeting:

The minutes of special meeting approved, (S. Frisbee, E. Bush)

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT- C. Miller

No report.

STUDENT CONGRESS REPORT - K. Birt

1. A new treasurer was hired Hanadi Tajir.
2. New program manager, Jahnay Butler
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Student Congress has held one meeting so far. K. Birt asked for more student involvement. Club Day will be Thursday, September 16, 2021, from 10am to 1pm. The update to the judiciary paperwork and by-laws to Student Congress is still on-going.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brief update that Cabinet is reviewing Covid numbers and trends on a weekly basis to determine if any changes are necessary. The website will be updated for Covid FAQ. No SUNY updates on virus at the time of the meeting.

State advocacy update is that we will be asking the Governor's Office and legislature for a funding floor for next year with hopes of getting it permanently included in legislation versus in

the budget that has to be revisited each year. Community colleges enrollment numbers down anywhere from 5% to 30%. Longer-term advocacy should eventually shift more toward performance-based funding versus the enrollment-driven state aid model currently in place. Similarly, the College has gotten better at measuring student success, and we'll be exploring ways to get even better in the future.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

T. Squires reported he will be visiting the County to talk about capital projects at the College. AB second floor project complete. Minor touch ups will be continuing. At this time the College is working on scheduling the first-floor updates. The first floor will take longer than the second.

Payne Hall roof complete. It should be watertight. Payne Hall took longer than expected because of asbestos found in the overhang. The health department needed to approve the removal before work commenced.

Next project will be looking to renovate the Science and Technology building on Utica Campus. Payne Hall renovations on going inside, including PH102. Power switch gear having issues. A main piece of equipment broke inside the dorm that supplies power to campus. Seeking to replace the power switch. Wilcox Hall roof needs to be sealed around the Theater.

Car charging stations now operational on both campuses. No cost was charged to users until September 7th. The charge going forward will be 15cents per K/W hour. Cost is average to users. College was thinking of making charging station free, but looking for stations to break even with costs.

Sign up with NY Alert for any future messages.

Microsoft 365 updates forthcoming from Executive Director Parry. Any computer problems call IT. Microsoft training will commence soon. As a point of clarification Office 365 is the download and MS365 is the cloud version. MS365 is not as usable. Use the portal.office.com website.

EQUITY AND INCLUSION OFFICER REPORT- T. Marshall

The 21-day DEI Challenge was a success. 1138 participants. 37 different organizations participated, including MVCC, UC, SUNY Poly, and Rome School District. The plan is to participate again in 2022. The hope is increased engagement.

<https://www.mvcc.edu/dei/21challenge/>

Achieving the Dream Equity Assessment update. The objective is to clarify equity and engage in teaching and learning success strategies. The first focus group was held in May 2021 made of 8 faculty members. A second focus group of administrators and supervisors met in the summer of 2021. This session identified needs and concerns of the college's stakeholders. Aligning the college priorities and student success. A third focus group will ask students to design, implement and assess the process of equity this coming October.

FCCC- A Miller

- M. Barlett and A. Miller attended the hybrid FCCC committee meetings in Albany.
 - A. Miller was invited to serve as co-chair for the Academic Affairs committee, which is focused this year on tracking gen ed changes, working on class level assessment, SUNY online, and exploring the SUNY & State Education Department (SED) definition of credit hour.
 - M. Barlett is serving on Campus & Student life committee, which is focused this year on revising the FCCC inclusivity, mental health resources for students, and evaluating a SUNY student retention survey.
- Both will attend the fall Plenary October 14 - 16.

FACULTY CAUCUS REPORT- E. Bush

Faculty Caucus meet in May

J. Lynch and N. Chrisman joined Faculty Caucus to discuss upcoming technology changes such as Blackboard Ultra and MS 365. It was also mentioned that the college's license for zoom will expire in March of 2022.

Conversations surrounding diversity continued. The video "Access Ain't Inclusion" by Anthony Jack was viewed. Faculty discussed barriers seen in their own classrooms and what might be changed to make day-to-day interactions with students more inclusive.

Conversations about teaching modalities post-pandemic occurred with a focus on which modalities will benefit students the most as they learn.

Next meeting will be held on September 21st.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Learning Commons flyer and video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GKsBgJCIPV8>

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM SENATE MEMBERS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn meeting by (J. America, J, Maio) (24,0,0)

NEXT MEETINGS:

Next Senate Meeting will be **Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 2:30 pm in WH 225/Virtual.**

Next Senate Advisory Committee will be Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 2:30 pm in Virtual

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Huyck and Kathe Herting