MVCC College Senate Meeting
Tuesday, April 4, 2023
2:30pm via Zoom

Attendance

Present: C. Albrecht, E. Bush, S. Crocker, N. Evanoff, M. Faitell, S. Frisbee, R. Golden, A. Hazen, D. Head, B. Horender, R. Huyck, J. Ireland, M. Kelly, M. Krush (for R. Spetka), M. Kuczynski, S. McCall, M. Miknavich, A. Miller, C. Miller, A. Nolan, M. Parry, A. Radlowski, A. Roy Small, S. Selden, C. VanNamee, F. Vellone, L. Williams, R. Wittenberg, J. Woodrow

Student Senators: A. Jackson

Absent/Excused: S. Cummings, S. McGovern, M. McHarris, A. Sandstrom, R. Spetka, R. VanWagoner, L. Warring, J. Wilcox

Call to Order

C. Miller called the meeting to order at 2:31 pm.

Review and Approval of the Minutes of the March 7, 2023 Meeting

The minutes were approved (Ireland, Frisbee) (25,0,0)

Chairperson's Report   C. Miller

C. Miller attended the FCCC Plenary with A. Miller, M. Barlett, and S. Dar. Connections with other governance leaders were made and there were many valuable take-aways from the sessions.

Friday is the deadline for Senate Elections and Senate Advisory is working on the Senate Assessment and finalizing work on the 2022-23 Goals. The FCCC Governance Wellness Visit is likely to occur at the end of the month.

Old Business

Proposed Senate EIT Committee   J. Maio

After the discussion at last month's Senate meeting, J. Maio met with the Senate Advisory Committee to discuss the EIT Committee. The Advisory Committee questioned whether the EIT Committee should be an ongoing Senate committee or an ad hoc committee. The conversation will be brought to Faculty Caucus, with further discussion to be held at Senate in May.

New Business

Caucus By-Laws   S. Dar
The By-Laws approved by the Faculty Caucus were shared with the Senate. There was a concern expressed regarding a minimum number of people present in order for a vote to be held with language amended to the following:

The minimum number of faculty members in attendance that is required in order for a vote to be held will be equal to the number of faculty members serving as members of College Senate. A vote will be considered to pass if a simple majority of those in attendance at the meeting vote in approval.

The Senate endorsed the Faculty Caucus By-Laws as amended (Miller, Kelly) (28, 0, 0).

Proposed APSC* Charter Changes   S. McCall

The language in the charter has been updated, including altering "centers" to "schools." The changes were supported by the Senate (Wittenberg, Ireland) (23, 0, 2).

Heart of the Hawk and Pride of the Hawk Awards   J. Lynch

Pride of the Hawk Award   J. Lynch

Tabbi Carter received the Pride of the Hawk Award for her excellent work in supporting educational technology and growing the prison program.

Heart of the Hawk Award   J. Lynch

Frank Vellone, who is leading the Electrical Engineering Technology program, received the Heart of the Hawk Award for his excellent teaching and leadership.

Vice Presidents' Report   L. Kahler, S. Reynolds, T. Squires

In response to the attached report, the following questions, comments, and concerns were relayed:

o Due to budgetary concerns, the Cultural Series will no longer happen, effective next year. The Series had previously been funded by the Student Activity Fee, although it was not funded through the Student Activity Fee this year (the fee had also been reduced this year). The Student Activity Fee will now be split only between Athletics and Student Congress/Clubs. Student Congress has been diligently engaged in how the Student Activity Fee is used. The Cultural Events Council is brainstorming ideas for events that can be held in lieu of the Cultural Series, and some suggestions for events and events were offered by Senators.

FCCC Report   A. Miller

A. Miller reported on the FCCC Plenary. Her full report can be found here, and includes updates on the following:

o an upcoming resolution in response to suppression of academic freedom in states such as TX and FL
o an upcoming resolution regarding how inclusive access bookstore programs are implemented
o new initiatives, including burnout prevention, enrollment initiatives, and using artificial intelligence to evaluate course equivalence

MVCC's micro-credential program was also used as an example of what "stackable" micro-credentials look like.

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* Academic Policies & Standards Committee

Faculty Caucus Report   S. Dar

S. Dar updated the Senate on the last Faculty Caucus meeting, during which L. Kahler was present to speak with faculty regarding matters of interest, including Brightspace and ChatGPT. T. Marshall discussed equity in the classroom, and A. Lewis gave an update on class evaluations.

Open Forum

C. VanNamee shared that students have expressed concerns regarding the change from Blackboard to Brightspace next year. J. Lynch commented that there will be information and workshops at the start of the Fall semester for students.

There was also some conversation regarding the KPI information from the President's Report.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27pm. (A. Miller, S. Crocker).

Next Meetings & Routing Sheet Information

The Next Regular Senate Meeting will be:
Tuesday, May 2nd at 2:30 PM in WH 225

The next Senate Advisory Routing Sheet for applicable Agenda item proposals is **due: Tuesday, April 18th.**

The next Senate Advisory Meeting will be **Tuesday April 25th 3:30 PM via Teams**

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Radlowski

President's Report to College Senate
April 4, 2023
Mohawk Valley Community College

You may recall that during the 2021-22 academic year, Marie Miknavich and I held multiple open forum sessions and visit various governance groups to collect input on Key Performance Indicators (KPI) and thoughts on how we measure success at the College. The feedback was shared with the Institutional Effectiveness Council who recommended a set of KPIs to Cabinet that then made a final recommendation to the Board of Trustees in the spring of 2022. The KPIs are based on the various components of MVCC's mission and add indicators related to organizational climate and resources. I know share a KPI report on a different indicator each month.

After our ninth annual data summit in January, it occurred to me that I should share institutional assessment data in a more systemic manner. I intend to share KPI data in the future as part of my written Senate report each month. I hope you find the information useful and it sparks discussion and action from a wider audience.

KPI: "MVCC provides accessible educational opportunities."

Student Loan Default

Please find below the information regarding the College's default rate. Prior to COVID, our default rate was declining in line with a national trend. During COVID all borrowers had their monthly payment suspended. We do not know what will happen after that suspension ends 12/31/22.

Cohort Fiscal Year	MVCC Default Rate (%)	Published Date
2015	18.0	08/18/18
2016	18.8	08/03/19
2017	17.6	08/08/20
2018	16.2	08/07/21
2019 (Draft)*	7.0	01/29/22

*Reduction may be impacted by the COVID pandemic and Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) legislation.

Please find below the steps that are taken to inform students of their responsibility in order to avoid default:

1. Within 45 days of graduation or withdrawal, students are sent an email and letter by US post informing them that they had a student loan and will enter the repayment period six months from graduation or withdrawal.

2. On the fifth month from graduation an email is sent to the students reminding them that their loans are coming due and reminding them to contact their servicer.

3. Within 45 days of graduation, students are contacted by phone by MVCC Financial Aid staff to offer assistance in competing the Loan Exit Interview and to answer any questions regarding their loan repayment.

Tuition is below the average among SUNY community colleges

Historically MVCC has resisted raising tuition so as to enhance the accessibility of an affordable education and open access mission. The budgeted $4,870 annual tuition for 2022-23 ranks 25th out of 30 community colleges and is $275 (5.3%) below the average. This low ranking persists despite the largest increase in tuition for the 2022-23 year.

SUNY Community Colleges Tuition Rate Comparison
2021-22 vs. 2022-23

College	Rank	2021/22	2022/23	$	%
Nassau	1	$5,800	$5,800	$ -	0.0%
Orange County	2	5,376	5,544	168	3.1%
Clinton	3	5,518	5,518	-	0.0%
Suffolk County	4	5,470	5,470	-	0.0%
Tompkins-Cortland	5	5,355	5,462	107	2.0%
Corning	6	5,170	5,304	134	2.6%
Jamestown	7	5,200	5,300	100	1.9%
Fashion Institute	8	5,290	5,290	-	0.0%
Broome	9	5,088	5,280	192	3.8%
North Country	10	5,280	5,280	-	0.0%
Rockland	11	5,212	5,212	-	0.0%
Sullivan County	12	5,217	5,208	(9)	-0.2%
Erie	13	5,047	5,200	153	3.0%
Onondaga	14	5,090	5,190	100	2.0%
Fulton-Montgomery	15	5,040	5,184	144	2.9%
Jefferson	16	5,016	5,160	144	2.9%
Herkimer County	17	5,116	5,116	-	0.0%
Columbia-Greene	18	4,968	5,112	144	2.9%
Finger Lakes	19	4,968	5,112	144	2.9%
Adirondack	20	4,944	5,088	144	2.9%
Ulster County	21	4,880	5,080	200	4.1%
Niagara County	22	4,944	5,040	96	1.9%
Cayuga County	23	4,992	4,992	-	0.0%
Genesee	24	4,750	4,950	200	4.2%
Mohawk Valley	**25**	**4,594**	**4,870**	**276**	**6.0%**
Hudson Valley	26	4,800	4,800	-	0.0%
Monroe	27	4,706	4,756	50	1.1%
Westchester	28	4,730	4,730	-	0.0%
Schenectady County	29	4,608	4,704	96	2.1%
Dutchess	30	4,450	4,600	150	3.4%
Avg of Submitted		**$5,054**	**$5,145**	**$91**	**1.8%**

Line indicates placement of 2022/23 average tuition

Courses Offered How and When Students Want them

Traditionally, most colleges will establish an academic schedule prior to registration and then allow students to register. They will monitor waitlists (if they have them) to see when opening a new section is warranted. Then, on the date of payment being due, any unpaid student is deregistered. This causes the enrollment in course sections to drop, and courses are cancelled accordingly. Often, this can mean that upwards of 20% of their course sections can be cancelled in a single day causing the "paid students" to scramble to find available sections and leaving fewer seats for the "unpaid students" to find a seat during the few days leading up to class if they are able to secure payment.

MVCC uses a slightly different process. At MVCC we, like other schools, establish the schedule prior to registration and allow students to register, but we monitor those registrations weekly looking for opportunities to "right the schedule" based on student choice of modality and registration trends. MVCC also has created a "Paid/Unpaid" report that allows us to monitor individual student payment by section. This, in turn, makes it possible to anticipate which sections would ultimately cancel on the deregistration date and proactively address those issues by moving "paid students" to open sections (making every effort to match the students' course time and modality) and removing sections of "unpaid students" triggering them to secure payment and work with an SSA to find an open section while there are still plenty of seats available. This approach has allowed us to maximize our fill rates while meeting student need with minimal disruption. Unlike many colleges who see 20% of their sections cancel on the day of deregistration, MVCC sees fewer than 20 sections cancel on the comparable date, and often these are single digit cancellations as shown in the attached data sheet.

Another way that we are able to see that students are registering for courses when they need them, and that there are available seats, are the "Heat Maps" that we utilize based on AD Astra Data. MVCC's "Heat Maps" show that there is no time during any operating hours where we have "no seats available" meaning that at every hour of every day we have open seats in classes including the "Heat" times or times of highest student demand.

Class Cancellations During the Last Week of Registration

	Fall	Spring
2022	7	13
2021	13	6
2020	9	3
2019	9	7

Course Fill Rates by Delivery Modality

Fall 2022	Enrollment	Total Enrollment	Seats Available	Fill Rate
Online	4255	28.44%	4701	90.51%
Hybrid	627	4.19%	947	66.21%
	4882	32.64%	5648	86.44%
Utica	9385	62.74%	12942	72.52%
Rome	692	4.63%	1394	49.64%
	10077	67.36%	14336	70.29%
Total	14959	100.00%	19984	74.85%

Spring 2022 Online	Enrollment	Seats	Fill Rate
Sync	706	1192	59.23%
Async	4136	5265	78.56%
Total Online	4842	6457	74.99%
On campus	6145	12297	49.97%
Hybrid	250	541	46.21%
Total	11237	19295	58.24%

Fall 2021 Fill rate	Registrations	Seats	Fill Rate
Async	7364	9770	75.37%
Sync	3072	4764	64.48%
Total Remote	10436	14534	71.80%
On campus	6416	9052	70.88%
	16852	23586	71.45%
% of total	**Registrations**	**Seats**	
Async	43.70%	41.42%	
Sync	18.23%	20.20%	
Total Remote	61.93%	61.62%	
On campus	38.07%	38.38%	

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- The Dual Credit Office with the assistance of Dr. Barlett as Chair of the Gen Ed Committee is working on equivalency charts for each of our Dual Credit partner districts showing where the courses they are offering fit into General Education categories and which are considered Core courses. For courses that do not fit into Gen Ed, we are mapping where they fit into degree programs. The goal is to give school counselors a better tool when advising and placing their students. This will also help students understand how the courses they are taking fit into their desired pathway.

- MVCC will host its 8th annual STEM Fest on Friday, March 24, and Saturday, March 25. The entire 6th grade class of Columbus Elementary school will visit our campus on Friday to participate in STEM activities and demonstrations, and the event will be open to the public on Saturday from 9:30-1:00. STEM Fest is designed to inspire local youth toward an education and career in STEM-related fields. Interactive demonstrations and exhibits provide hands-on opportunities for children and adults to explore the worlds of science, technology, engineering, math, and nanotechnology.

- The School of Humanities has developed a schedule to highlight student work in our display case outside PH 346A. The first display focused on Kendrick Lamar's work on confronting institutional racism and the current display is highlighting Toni Cade Bambara's "The Lesson"

- MVCC was awarded $976K from Empire State Development's Office of Strategic Workforce Development Initiatives for our Fast Track program. Since November, 237-students have enrolled in Fast Track and the additional funding will enable us to scale further during the upcoming year.

- School of Art: Aiden Ferguson, a Video Production Student won a Chancellor's Award.

- The School of Art hosted our 5th annual Professional Development Day for Area Art Teachers and had 40 attendees. In addition, The School of Art has hosted 10 different schools since the end of last semester.

- **JUDICIAL AFFAIRS & COMMUNITY STANDARDS:** From August 1, 2022 through last week, Judicial Affairs and Residence Life have processed 269 student conduct violations. Comparatively for the entire year of 2021-22 , the offices processed 236 conduct violations. We are officially continuing to rebound from the impact of COVID19.

The Student Code of Conduct governs the conduct of students in or on College facilities or online platforms and students' conduct at any College off campus activity, event, trip, or study abroad program.

Part of the role of Judicial Affairs and Community Standards is to ensure that a student's right to due process is adhered to during the judicial process. The goal is to provide a fair and equitable judicial process that every student can navigate. A student's due process includes their right to:

- Be informed of the alleged violations against them
- Provide a statement regarding the alleged violations
- Present evidence and/or witnesses
- An advisor who is affiliated with MVCC (i.e., staff, faculty, or another student)
- Access an appeal process
  - The Disciplinary Appeals Committee is a Senate committee comprised of elected members and vetted students responsible for making fair and equitable decisions on a student's appeal request. All members must participate in the training process to serve and commit to learning about the College judicial process. Should the Committee determine that an appeal is warranted it is this body who will comprise the appeal hearing and will decide, based on the evidence provided, that the original decision will stand, be modified, or be nullified.