Communitas

MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter November 24th, 2003

Highlights of November 17th Board of Trustees Meeting

At their regular monthly meeting on November 17th, the MVCC Trustees took the following actions:

* Officially congratulated the women's soccer team on their recent national championship in the NJCAA's Division III. Members of the team included Sarin Cavallo, Sauquoit; Tawn Edgerley, Cossayuna; Kristin Farrell, Whitesboro; Jennifer Foti, Bayshore; Audrey Galiulo, Utica; Emily Galiulo, Utica; Sarah LaReaux, Utica; Julie Masi; Penfield; Stephanie Oyer, Herkimer; Kelly Parks, West Winfield; Melissa Roberts, Utica; Jennifer Rotella, Chittenango; and Amanda Hawthorne, Verona.

They also congratulated students Mike Keating and Stacy Egbert on their selection as cross country All-Americans.

* Approved submission to SUNY of two Proposed Program Announcements. One is for a proposed Associate in Arts degree in Liberal Arts & Sciences: Sociology, in the Social Sciences Department. The other, in the Health Services Department, is for a proposed certificate in Surgical Technology.
* Amended the College Staffing Plan to delete the position of Assistant Dean, Student Development, and replace it with the position of Director of Student Activities, and authorized the College to fill this position.
* Adopted the 2003-2004 College Staffing Plan.
* Approved the grant-funded

Social Sciences: New Name for a Dynamic, Growing Department

There's a new instructional department on campus this fall. More correctly, there's an old department with a new name, reflecting a wider scope of programs and courses.

The former Social Science & Criminal Justice Department recently changed its name to the Social Sciences Department. The change reflects the addition of a new Associate degree program in Public Policy, initiated by Associate Professor Sarah Coleman, and largely developed by Assistant Professor Marianne Buttenschon. Students may choose to specialize in criminal justice policy (especially economic and computer crime), pre-law, social services, social welfare policy, urban policy, labor relations, environmental policy, or public policy/public administration. The program may also benefit persons already employed by such organizations, including governmental agencies. The program also prepares students for transfer into Bachelor's degree programs, and has completed articulation agreements with SUNYIT and SUNY Binghamton.

David Chapman, a retired associate warden for the federal bureau of prisons, speaks to Professor Beverly Quist's community based corrections class. Chapman is a 1972 graduate of MVCC's Police Science Program (now Criminal Justice).

The name change also reflects the fact that the Department provides instruction to virtually all matriculated students in subjects such as anthropology, geography, history, political science and sociology as part of their General Education requirement. This includes the New York State history course required in the MVCC/SUNY Oneonta Childhood Education program.

According to Assistant Professor Russell Hoffman, Department Head, the Department is also exploring development of other new degree programs in areas such as history, sociology, forensic photography, and both a certificate and degree in restorative justice. Restorative justice is an important new trend in the criminal justice field, according to Professor Beverly Quist, that seeks to replace the emphasis on current punitive systems with an emphasis on repairing the harms of crime.

Enrollment in the Criminal Justice program remains strong, around 275, while the Public Policy program, in only its third month of operation has about 8-10 students but growth is expected in the years ahead.

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Although Criminal Justice is classified as a career program, approximately half of the graduates transfer into Bachelor's degree programs to such institutions as SUNYIT, SUNY Albany, Buffalo State College, SUNY Brockport, SUNY Oswego, Hilbert College and Utica College. Many graduates enter law enforcement careers, but others find success in a wide range of career fields, including investigating and combating economic crime, probation, parole, working with juveniles, or working as conservation officers. The availability of electives within the program makes it possible to tailor the program to accommodate individual student goals.

Although most law enforcement agencies will initially appoint officers without a college degree, a degree or a significant number of college credits is frequently required for promotion. The New York State Police currently require 60 college credits before taking the entrance examination, or 30 college credits if applicants have previous law enforcement experience. Federal agencies frequently require a Bachelor's degree. The Department also maintains a strong relationship with the Mohawk Valley Police Academy, which operates on the Utica Campus, and Academy graduates are eligible for 17 credit hours toward the MVCC A.A.S. degree in Criminal Justice.

The Department is well represented in regional and even international organizations. Professor Quist is President of the Justice Studies Association, an international restorative justice organization. Assistant Professor Russell Hoffman has served as President and Vice President of the Criminal Justice Educators Association of New York State, and Assistant Professor Carolyn D'Argenio is current Secretary of the Association. Professor Hoffman has also served as President of the New York State Sociological Association.

Other full-time faculty members of the Department include Associate Professor Sarah Coleman, Assistant Professor David Katz III, Professor Dennis Lee, Associate Professor Richard Stempien, Assistant Professor William Zogby, Assistant Professor Carolyn D'Argenio, Instructor Diana Ayers-Darling, and Assistant Professor Marianne Buttenschon.

The Department is part of a consortium with ties to the Griffiss Institute for Information Assurance and the Air Force Research Lab at the Griffiss Business & Technology Park, along with colleagues from Utica College, SUNYIT, HCCC and Syracuse University.

The Department is also proud of its Social Sciences Faculty/Staff Scholarship, funded directly by members of the Department and administered by the MVCC Foundation.

A student in the Public Policy program asks a question of the Oneida County Executive candidates last month during a question and answer forum in the IT Theater.

Upcoming Events

Monday, 11/24
Mohawk Valley Council on Alcoholism Drinking Driver Program, 6:00pm-9:00pm, Academic Building Room 302, Rome Campus.
Ice Hockey vs. Morrisville, 7:00pm., Aud.

Tuesday, 11/25
Women's Basketball vs. Cayuga CC, 6:00pm.
Men's Basketball vs. Cayuga CC, 8:00pm.
Placement Testing, 6:00pm, PCA10, Rome Campus.

Monday, 12/1
Mohawk Valley Council on Alcoholism Drinking Driver Program, 6:00pm-9:00pm, Academic Building Room 302, Rome Campus.

Tuesday, 12/2
Cultural Series Event: MOVIE: "Adaptation," 2:00pm, IT Theater. Admission is $4 or $2 with MV ID.
Dept. of Defense, Syracuse Military Entrance Processing Station Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Testing, 5:00pm-8:00pm, RA 309, Rome Campus.
Men's Basketball vs. SUNY Canton, 7:00pm.

Wednesday, 12/3
Cultural Series Event: MOVIE: "Adaptation," 7:00pm, IT Theater. Admission is $4 or $2 with MV ID.
Hospitality Programs Luncheon, theme: "Arabian Nights." Seating begins at 11:45am. RA 108, Rome Campus. $9.50.
Rome Adult Student Association Meeting, 2:00pm, PC 210, Rome Campus.
The People Speak: MVCC: Debate on America's Role in the World, 11:00am-Noon, ACC 116.

Thursday, 12/4
Placement Testing, 6:00pm, PCA10, Rome Campus.
Men's Basketball vs. Fulton-Montgomery, 7:00pm.

Saturday, 12/6
Oneida County Court Judges Town and Justice Training, 8:00am-5:00pm, PCA 10, Rome Campus.
Ice Hockey vs. SUNY Canton, 6:30pm, Utica Aud.

Trustees Minutes, cont'

appointment of Nathan Malagese and Norman Klock as Transportation Program Assistants in the Center for Community & Economic Development (CCED). The positions, funded by a grant from the NYS Department of Labor, support the Locomotive Repair & Maintenance Training Program. Both individuals hold welding certificates from MVCC. Malagese has been a welding instructor assistant and an instructor assistant in the Railroad Internship Program at the College. Klock has been a part-time technical assistant in the Railroad Internship Program.

* Amended the College Staffing Plan to create the program-funded position of Program Assistant in the CCED to staff the Ready, Set, College! Program through December 31st. The Board approved the appointment of Santiago Machuca, Jr. of the CCED to the position.

* Ratified the appointments of four individuals as members of the College's adjunct faculty. They include:

- John C. Bruno, who is teaching ET109 Intro to Fiber, ET110 Fiber Optic Local, and ET113 Fiber Security Fences for the Engineering Technologies & The Trades Department. He holds two degrees in Computer Science, an A.S. from Morrisville State College and a B.S. from SUNYIT. He is employed as a training specialist for Fiber Instrument Sales.
-Andrew L. Marino, who is teaching CT131 Computer Applications/Civil for the Engineering Technologies & The Trades Department. An MVCC graduate in Civil Engineering Technology, he also holds a B.S. degree in the same discipline from SUNYIT. He is employed as a civil engineer with the New York State Department of Transportation.
- Michelle McCarrick, who is teaching Digital Typography for the Art Department. A BFA graduate of the Rochester Institute of Technology, she is owner and president of the M&G Group, a design and marketing firm. She was previously art director and vice president at Rossi Advertising.
- David F. Wolfe, who is teaching RC213 Principles of Respiratory Care 3 for the Health Services Department. A research scientist and assistant professor of respiratory care at the SUNY Upstate Medical University, he holds a B.S. degree in Respiratory Care from the SUNY Upstate Medical University, and an .M.S. degree in Health Education from SUNY Cortland.

* Approved minutes of their October 20th meeting.
* Approved warrants and expenditures for College operations during October.
* Approved allocation of an additional $100,000 from the College's unappropriated fund balance to fund the second year of a five-year plan to address salaries, staffing and morale, a priority Collegewide goal under strategic planning. The Board also approved aggregate salary increases for exempt administrators totaling $49,976.

The Trustees received a report from Student Trustee Cristl Walker concerning hours and availability of service in the Student Dining Hall. Another report, from Vice President DiGiorgio, described current marketing activities, with the objectives of attracting "reverse transfer" students from other institutions in January, and enrolling more part-time students. Promotional activities include "reverse transfer" ads in local newspapers planned for Thanksgiving and possibly Christmas, a "reverse transfer" ad in Utica theaters, a brochure about part-time study to be mailed to a target audience selected on the basis of age and income, bus advertising targeting potential part-time students, modifications to the College's web site to include "frequently asked questions" relating to part-time study, scheduling special "telephone hotline" opportunities for potential part-time students on December 9th, 16th and January 6th (7-9 p.m.), treatment of the "part-time study" theme in upcoming radio "educational minutes," specially designed posters at area Working Solutions One-Stop locations, and other activities. Planning for the activities is done jointly by VP DiGiorgio, Denis Kennelty of the Admissions Office, and Bob Lacell in Public Information. Creative work on the promotional materials is handled primarily in Public Information by George Zook, Lucian Gould and Sharon Zohne, with clerical support from Geri Sultenfuss. President Schafer reported that seven firms have responded to the College's RFP related to construction of an additional Utica campus residence hall, and that those responses are being reviewed by VP Feola, VP DiGiorgio, Trustee Chair John Stetson, Director of Facilities & Operations John Zegarelli, Director of Student Housing Dennis Gibbons and President Schafer.

Excellence in Teaching Reminder

Excellence in Teaching Nomination Forms are due no later than 4:00pm, on Monday, December 1st. Hard copies can be found at the circulation desks of both campus libraries, in all academic departments, student services and an electronic version is available on the College's website.

Submissions for Communitas should be emailed to Sharon Zohne (szohne@mvcc.edu), two weeks before the expected publication date

The People Speak
America Discusses Its Role in the World

The People Speak:
MVCC Debates American's Role
in the World

American foreign policy is being hotly debated at home and abroad. What's behind the controversies? Are we heading on the right course?

On December 3, from 11:00am-Noon in ACC 116,as part of The People Speak: America Debates its Role in the World, a nationwide event including hundreds of discussions of students and faculty will discuss issues such as:

The Use of Force

Preemptive Use of Force RESOLVED, that the United States should use military force preemptively to meet the threats posed by hostile nations and groups seeking to acquire nuclear, biological or chemical weapons.

Global Challenges and International Cooperation

Nonmilitary Issues

RESOLVED, that the United States should devote more resources to confront such non-military problems as poverty and illiteracy, the spread of infectious disease and environmental degradation.

Anyone interested in participating please contact Marianne Buttenschon at mbuttenschon@mvcc.edu or 792-5631

Date: December 3, 2003

Time: 11:00 am -12:00 pm

Location: CC116

Sponsored by the MVCC Public Policy Program

Panel: students and faculty

MVCC First

Christian Hadlock, Nursing class of 1997, is now an RN (Operating Room) at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.