



Social Science Department hosts Constitution Day panel

Fall is the time of year for election campaigns, so it is only appropriate that Constitution Day is celebrated during this time. In the spirit of Constitution Day, which is celebrated on September 17, MVCC's Public Policy Club hosted a panel discussion on the Constitutional legality and impact of New York State's Mental Hygiene Law, Article 10. This law requires the civil confinement of paroled sex offenders.



Sen. Byrd

The panel consisted of Dr. Dennis Lee, a Professor in the Social Sciences Department; Dr. Richard Stempien, Associate Professor in the Social Sciences Department; and Stephen C. Clark, Principal Attorney for NYS Department of Mental Hygiene Legal Service.

Sen. Byrd

Dr. Lee presented a brief history behind Constitution Day. It was U.S. Senator Byrd, a big supporter of the U.S. Constitution, who was the driving force behind establishing Constitution Day on September 17, which was passed by U.S. Congress in 2004.

Beginning on May 25, 1787, the 55 delegates to the Constitutional Convention gathered in the State House, known today as Independence Hall, in Philadelphia to revise the Articles of Confederation. Realizing that merely amending these Articles would not be sufficient, the delegates wrote a new document that define the powers of the central government, the powers of the states, the rights of the people and how the representatives of the people should be elected.

On September 17, 1787, 42 of the 55 delegates signed the Constitution and sent printed copies to the state legislatures for ratification. After much debate over the following nine months, nine states had approved the Constitution by June 21, 1788.

To this original document, 27 Amendments were made over the past 220 years that included the Bill of Rights. It was also established that the U.S. Supreme Court was responsible for interpreting the Constitution based on the different eras.

Dr. Stempien discussed the dangers of these interpretations as civilians' rights can be trampled while trying to curtail the behavior of others. The issues of due process and

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CONSTITUTION DAY – The Performing Arts and Conference Center's theater on the Utica Campus was the site for MVCC's Public Policy Club "Constitution Day" panel discussion on the constitutional legality and impact of New York State's Mental Hygiene Law, Article 10. This law requires the civil confinement of paroled sex offenders. The event was held Monday, September 17.

MVCC celebrates Mid-York 'Regional Read 2.0'

Have you noticed the billboards featuring the Mid-York Library System's Regional Read 2.0: "Keeping Your Balance in a Flat World" featuring Thomas Friedman's book *The World is Flat*?

The three county (Oneida, Herkimer and Madison) Regional Read presents an opportunity to discuss globalization and our place in the global economy.

MVCC examines the United States' place in the global economy through the lens of the U.S. Oil Industry. MVCC alumnus Don Karecki presents the Cultural Series lecture "Our Enterprising U.S. Oil Industry: Fire in the Belly!" on Friday, October 5, at 2:00 p.m. in ACC 116 where he will examine the dynamics of U.S. Petroleum, including geopolitical, military, environmental and economic aspects.

For a complete calendar of Regional Read events log on to the MVCC Libraries Regional Read page at www.mvcc.edu/academics/library/rr2007.cfm and stop by to see the Utica Campus Library's Regional Read display.

Upward Bound provides the skills of tomorrow

MVCC's Office of High School Outreach is pleased to announce that the College has been awarded a federal grant for the establishment of an Upward Bound program at Proctor High School.

Upward Bound is a four-year academic enrichment program that is designed to help students build the skills necessary to attain admission to a college or university and to progress through their college study to successfully graduate.

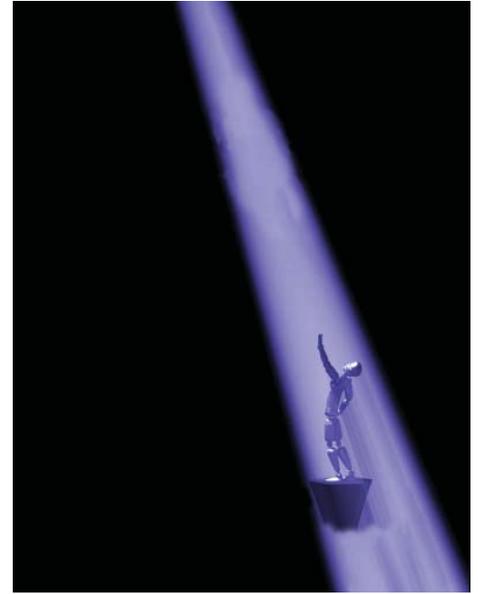
The program includes several academic support mechanisms including intensive after-school tutoring, SAT and ACT test preparation sessions, a Saturday College for students and their parents, educational field trips, mentoring experiences, and internship opportunities. Summer activities involve many creative and interesting learning projects including debates, cultural events, field trips, presentations by motivational speakers, and social gatherings.

The program targets students who are

in the freshman year of high school. Eligibility for the program includes first-generation college status, financial need, and a minimum grade point average of 2.5.

The Upward Bound Program is directed by Samson Olaode, who began his employment at MVCC on September 10, 2007. Mr. Olaode has ten years experience as a grants administrator and has successfully directed many programs that are similar to Upward Bound, including the STAGE (Skills, Training, Academics, Growth, and Employment) Program and the YES (Youth Work Skills Readiness) Project at Monroe Community College.

He is also an experienced faculty member, tutor, and advisor, and has instructed classes in basic mathematics, accounting and pre-algebra at Monroe Community College. Mr. Olaode holds a Master of Science in Adult Education from the State University of New York at Buffalo, a Master of Public Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the State



University of New York at Brockport. He is currently pursuing a PhD in Education from Walden University.

For more information on Upward Bound, please contact Samson Olaode at 792-5828 or via email: solaode@mvcc.edu.

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double jeopardy have to be carefully reviewed in case by case situations, he said.

Mr. Clark discussed how New York used Article 9 to keep sex offenders in the system and have since been forced to create Article 10, which was instituted in April, to specify the procedure and type of sexual predator that is to be incarcerated indefinitely.

He also talked about how worst sexual predators in New York State are being housed at the Marcy Psychology Center.



HOW THE LAW WORKS – Attorney Stephen C. Clark discusses how Article 10 works.

Promotion application deadline is Monday

Applications for promotion in academic rank for teaching and non-teaching faculty for 2007-08 are due in the office of the Vice-President for Instruction, PH 395, by Monday, October 1, at 4:30 p.m. Applications for promotion in level for non-teaching professional staff are due in the Human Resources Office the same day.

Self-Study Forums

The following forums have been scheduled to allow opportunity for the College community to discuss the draft of the accreditation Self-Study document. That document can be found in Microsoft Outlook Public Folders in the "Self-Study" folder labeled as "9.10 Self-Study 2nd Cut".

Schedule for Self-Study forums

Date	Room	Time	Day
Utica Campus			
10/1	PH300	10:30 – Noon	Monday
10/2	PH300	9 – 10:30	Tuesday
10/3	Interlude	2:30 – 4	Wed.
10/5	PH300	2 – 4	Friday
Rome Campus			
10/4	PC131	1:30 – 3	Thursday

Staff Development travel funding procedure

(Effective Fall 2007)

- Employee completes the College Request for Travel Authorization form and the Staff Development Travel Request form (available on-line or in the VPI's Office) and submits to Supervisor
- Supervisor signs requests and writes brief statement of support for employee; department monetary allotment noted on the forms
- Both forms submitted to Julie Dewan, mathematics department, Chair of Staff Development
- Staff Development Chair distributes copies of proposal to committee; email vote taken within one- two weeks
- Employee (generally) approved for 75-80% funding of the remaining trip cost; employee and supervisor notified via email (amount not covered by the department and Staff Development is covered by the Foundation)
- Paperwork submitted to the appropriate Vice President's Office for signature, if necessary
- Paperwork submitted to the Business Office by the Vice President's Office; any requested prepaid fees (conference, flight, hotel, etc) are paid via payment vouchers (submitted by employee)
- Within 3 weeks of return from travel, employee submits travel voucher and all receipts to Julie Dewan
- Staff Development Chair forwards travel voucher and receipts to Business Office
- Business Office adjusts any figures as necessary, and notifies Staff Development Chair of final amount owed to the employee (unpaid by department and Staff Development). Business Office cuts a check to the employee for funding allotted by department and Staff Development (and not already pre-paid for conference fees, hotel, etc)
- Staff Development Chair notifies the Foundation via email of the remaining amount, to be paid by the Foundation; employee and supervisor are cc'd. Foundation cuts a check to the employee.
- Note to Employees: in general, only one travel proposal will be considered per individual per academic year; the Committee reserves the right to make exceptions
- Note to Supervisors: if more than one person is going to the same conference, all requests should come to the Staff Development Committee together.
- Staff Development Committee strongly encourages a Summer Institute Presentation or College Wide or Department Wide workshop on the conference information

Please contact Julie Dewan (ext 5716, jdewan@mvcc.edu) with any questions.

MVCC Faces: Donna Emery



Donna Emery
Senior Account Clerk

When it comes to making sure students are current on their tuition at MVCC, it falls to Donna Emery and her co-workers to keep track.

As a Senior Account Clerk in the MVCC Business Office, located on the first floor of Payne Hall on the Utica Campus, her responsibilities include collecting money from the students and providing them with their overage checks. Her duties also include documenting miscellaneous payments, charges and ensuring that all forms are completed correctly.

Although she has been at this position for only six months, the Rome resident is no stranger to the College having earned her Associate in Applied Science Degree in Accounting from MVCC.

Her son Daniel is following in her footsteps as a current student at the College. Ms. Emery's daughter, Sarah, is also in the SUNY system at New Paltz.

When not at work, Ms. Emery's hobbies include trail walking and reading.

MVCC Campus Events

Friday, Sept. 28

Cross Country at Finger Lakes CC, 3:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer at SUNY Cobleskill, 4:00 p.m.

Women Volleyball at Onondaga CC Invitational, 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 29

Women Volleyball at Onondaga CC Invitational, 9:00 a.m.

Men's Soccer at North Country CC, 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 2

Women's Tennis at SUNY Cobleskill, 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 3

Women's Soccer hosts Herkimer CCC, 4:00 p.m.

Minutes from BOT's September meeting

The MVCC Board of Trustees met Monday, September 17, 2007, at 4:15 p.m. in Room 300 on the third floor of Payne Hall on the Utica Campus.

Reports

Treasurer's Report – Ralph Feola, Vice President for Administration, reported the monthly financial statements were not available at this time as all accounts must remain open for review and verification by the College's independent auditors.

President' Report – Dr. Randall VanWagoner asked the three vice-presidents to give updates on their departments.

Vice-President DiGiorgio reported that 18 school districts are taking part in MVCC's dual credit program and that the College's Residence Halls are filled to 101 percent occupancy. The Dorm population consists of 40 international students, 457 students under the age of 21 and 54 students over the age of 21. She also reported the results from a 2007 survey dealing with alcohol and drug use. Statistics can be obtained by contacting the Office of Student Services.

Vice-President Feola reported that bids for the College's landscape plan are to go out next month with work beginning in the Spring. Also, the College's audit will begin in mid-October and the Foundation Audit in November. He mentioned that the roofs on both Payne Hall and the Gymnasium continue to leak and Oneida County is pursuing these problems with the contractors.

Vice-President Engel announced the Respiratory Care Program's reunion on Friday, October 26 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. in the Information Technology Building. She also mentioned that the course section offerings for this fall are over 1,400.

Dr. VanWagoner announced a Strategic Planning Committee retreat for the afternoon of October 2 and morning of October 3.

Chairman's Report – Sheila Vandever received a "Thank You" note from Jamie Schwabenbauer in response to repairs

made to upgrade her apartment.

Student Trustee Report – Selma Mujevic announced the 2007-2008 Student Congress Officers, Dondrea Davis, President; Ashley Salisbury, Vice-President of Programming; Nicole Lawrence, Vice-President of Finance. Also that over 100 students attended the September 12 presentation by accelerated learning specialist Millicent St. Claire

Appointments

The appointment of these individuals as adjunct faculty was ratified for the Fall 2007, Fall 2008 and Spring 2008 Semesters and future semesters as

needed: Angela Bruno, Jamie Clark, Mary

A. Clements, Sean Davis, Sharon Eghigian, Bonnie Fenner, Diane Fetterolf,

Suzanne Golden, Ronald Kaplan,

Chris Klein, Andrek J. Lachut,

Ralph Lupia, Frank Mitchell, Jennifer Pekola, Louis F. Perotta,

David Podos, Jeanne Prill, Kristin B. Raab, Nancy Reina, Ashley Roach, Laura L. Rood,

Carin J. Rounds, Jamie Schwabenbauer, Lisa Steele, Alissa Reilly-Stewart, Thomas D. Townsley, and Justin Warren.

The appointment of Samson A. Olaode to the position of Upward Bound Project Director be ratified;

The appointment of Barbara L. Stack to the position of Instructor in the Business and Information Technology Department be ratified;

The appointment of Kathryn M.Z. Vail to the position of Instructor in the Business and Information Technology Department be ratified;

The appointment of Maria Ramos to the position of Action Department Head in the Psychology, Human Services and Education Department be ratified;

The appointment of Michael G. Alsheimer to the position of Assistant Director of Financial Aid be ratified;

The Board also authorized that the appointing of Michael Shubsda to the position of Instructor in the Engineering, Computer and Physical Sciences Department be rescinded and that the appointment of William V. Newman to the position of Instructor be ratified.



College Senate's Agenda for Tuesday's meeting

Agenda for College Senate meeting on Tuesday, October 2, at 2:30 p.m. in the Payne Hall Board Room.

Consent Agenda: a. Membership changes; b. Approval of Minutes: September 4 & 11; c. Chairperson's Report; d. Committee Reports (2006-07); e. Special Reports

3. President VanWagoner's Report

4. Student Congress President's Report

5. Old Business: a. College Senate Bylaws Revision - S. Bice; b. College Senate and Senate Committee Election Procedures (Appendix 6) - S. Bice; c. 2008-09 Academic Calendar – N. Gioppo; c. College Smoking Policy - referred to Safety and Security Com-

mittee; d. Future college forum topics - W. Perrotti

6. New Business: a. New Institutional Research Data Request from SUNY – M. Radlowski

7. Other Business

8. Adjournment

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in PH300