

**MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
UTICA AND ROME, NEW YORK**

**Strategic Planning Committee  
Monday, April 7, 2008  
3:00 pm-PH 300**

Present: Franca Armstrong, Eileen Dailey, Dan Ianno, Ralph Feola, Patty Fox, Paul Halko, Robert Jubenville, Brian Judycki, Paul Katchmar, Don Kelly, Denis Kennelty, Marie Kohl, Michael McHarris, Beverly Quist, Mark Radlowski, Maria Ramos, Norayne Rosero

Chair Eileen Dailey called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm. The committee congratulated Bob Jubenville on his selection as the recipient of the National Council of Administrators Leadership Award.

1. Review Approval of Agenda: the agenda was approved by consensus
2. Public Comments: None
3. Review/Approval of the Minutes of the March 31, 2008 Meeting: On a motion by Franca Armstrong, seconded by Maria Ramos and unanimously approved, the minutes of the March 31 meeting were approved as submitted.
4. Review of Mission/Vision and Core Values Statements: Eileen Dailey reported that President VanWagoner is working to redraft the Level III (Initiative) statements in the draft strategic plan to make the statements more measurable, per Middle States recommendations.

Mark Radlowski raised a question about the precise meaning of the second portion of the draft Mission Statement, which refers to a "spirit of service." Concern was expressed that this statement could have a number of levels of meaning, including being taken as a requirement for community service by faculty and staff, or a reference to service learning. Discussion followed on how best to define this phrase and how best to clearly express the intent of the Mission Statement. Consideration was given to including a fuller description of this term in the Statement of Purpose that accompanies the Mission Statement. Eileen Dailey will discuss this matter with President VanWagoner and get back to the committee this week.

The group considered two support statements for the Mission Statement: A Statement of Purpose, which would be more statutory in tone, describing the responsibilities and purpose of the college, and Cornerstones, which would describe the pillars that support our mission.

Discussion then turned to the draft Vision Statements. Two draft statements have been proposed. Merits and problems of each were discussed. The group proposed an alternative: "To transform lives by creating an innovative learning community." This statement, it was felt, more clearly states the vision as a goal to be striven towards.

The group also discussed the Core Values Statement. This will require further work to insure that it reflects institutional values as stated at the recent staff development workshops.

There will be a work session on Wednesday, April 9 at noon for SPC members able to attend to work on the statements.

The next meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee is scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2008 at 3:00 pm in PH 300.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Kelly  
Recorder