

MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Utica and Rome, New York

COLLEGE SENATE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 17, 2011, IT225

Present: D. Boyce, L. Charbonneau, N. Chrisman, S. Cummings, J. DeWeerth, D. Elseth, S. Frisbee, E. Hantsch, D. Horton, D. Hydellund, P. Katchmar, D. Katz, D. Kelly, A. Light, M. McHarris, G. Melendez, J. Mihevc, B. Molinaro, M. Parry, R. Pucine, B. Quist, M. Radlowski, G. Searles, J. Smrtic, M. Sorrentino, R. Spetka, C. Way, J. Wilcox, J. Woodrow, J. Yager, and President R. VanWagoner.

Student Senators: J. Coleman, D. Nekritz, and M. Vogt.

Absent/excused: S. Dar, J. Dewan, L. Flynt, D. McDermott, J. Roberts, M. Syed, and W. Zogby.

Guests: D. Bogan, J. Bullis, A. Doughtie, R. Feola, K. Hartman, J. Myers, J. Palmer, M. Pearson, M. Snyder, and G. Zook.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m.

WELCOME NEW SENATORS

D. Katz welcomed new Senators B. Molinaro, G. Melendez, J. Mihevc, J. Woodrow, and J. Coleman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

D. Nekritz moved, and R. Spetka seconded, to accept the minutes with 2 punctuation corrections and one spelling correction. The motion carried, with none opposed and no abstentions.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2011-2012

S. Frisbee nominated D. Katz for Chair; D. Hydellund seconded. D. Boyce nominated B. Quist for Chair; J. Yager seconded. An election was held and D. Katz won. R. Pucine nominated N. Chrisman for Vice Chair; J. Wilcox seconded. N. Chrisman was elected as Vice Chair by common consensus. G. Searles proposed that everyone who served on the Senate Advisory Committee last year serve again this year. The proposal was accepted by common consensus. The Senate Advisory Committee will be: D. Katz, N. Chrisman, K. Hartman, B. Quist, M. Parry, M. Radlowski, S. Frisbee, R. Pucine, D. Boyce, and J. Yager.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

D. Katz reported that the Senate elections and Senate Committee appointments are done. He is currently in the process of getting next year's Committee Chairs selected before the end of the academic year (May 2011). The hope is that the Senate Chair and College President will meet with all the Chairs early in the new semester to explain how to keep and post meeting schedules, meeting minutes, and meeting agendas on the new Senate web page. Committee reports are up in the Senate Public Folder and will also appear on the web site.

D. Katz also reported to the Cabinet on May 10, 2011, and to the Board of Trustees on May 16, 2011, the activities of the Senate.

STUDENT CONGRESS REPORT

J. Coleman, the newly elected Student Congress President, reported that the officers will be Eric Griffith as Vice President, Nick Mancari as Treasurer, Esther Caldwell as Student Trustee, Derek Nekritz as Chair of the Cultural Committee, and Scott Cardozo as Chair of the Program Board.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

R. VanWagoner announced that John Zogby will be this year's commencement speaker. He also encouraged everyone to sign up for the plenary sessions of Summer Institute. Lastly, he reported that the budget was approved by the Board of Trustees. It calls for an \$80.00 increase in tuition for full-time students, and the same tuition as last year for part-time students. The technology fee was increased from \$125 per semester to \$135 per semester. The College may have to dip into the fund balance this coming year.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President VanWagoner, as acting Vice President of Student Services, reported that the search for a replacement for VPSS has been narrowed down to two finalists, with hopes that a decision will be made within the next week or two. He also reported that work is continuing on the College's presence on Facebook.

FACULTY COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES REPORT

B. Quist stated that the next meeting will be in June, so she will have a report for the Senate in September.

OLD BUSINESS

Civility Project Workgroup Charter: D. Katz and M. Snyder met with student leaders to produce a draft charter for this group. The students suggested that an RA be included. President VanWagoner indicated that he was not sure how many should be included in this workgroup. J. Mihevc felt that more students should be represented, but D. Katz suggested that the workgroup could meet with leaders of the various student groups. M. Vogt suggested that the workgroup could meet regularly with Student Congress, perhaps twice a month. D. Hydellund suggested that someone from the community should be on it, for example, a police representative. B. Quist requested that the criminality aspect of civility be kept in mind. K. Hartman reported that she has created a civility page on the Education (College) LibGuide, which includes web sites, online reports, books on the subject available at the Library, online films, and ebooks. The address is: <http://mvcc.libguides.com/aecontent.php?pid=63219&sid=1176796> Workgroup members could begin their research there. D. Nekritz moved, and J. Coleman seconded, to accept the draft template of the charter. The motion carried, with none opposed, and no abstentions. D. Katz asked for volunteers for the two Senator spots on the committee. M. Parry and E. Hantsch were nominated. Both were elected with none opposed and one abstention.

NEW BUSINESS

Parking since the new protocol: Joe Palmer reported that security has started a repeat offender rule; after three tickets the vehicle is towed. Three vehicles have been towed this year, all three of them being unregistered. Initially in January security issued many parking tickets. Now there are only one or two a month. No vehicles were towed from handicapped spots, which were checked hourly. There has been a problem with employees parking in visitor spots. A request to park in appropriate spots was met with compliance at first, but without monitoring the offenders just go back to parking in visitor spots again. Joe stated that security does get anonymous calls reporting employee violations. New parking stickers with barcodes will be issued in the fall, which will help identify vehicles more quickly.

WEB CONTENT FILTERING

P. Katchmar reported that just before Christmas 2010 he asked the President about the possibility of web filtering. The President told him to ask the Senate to create a policy. In late March 2011 a Senate committee discussed the problem and came up with four recommendations. First, that the College should remain as open access with no policy for filtering. Second, that selective blocking (filtering or blocking some sites) should be done. Third, that, in the labs, access should be open at slow times; in times of heavier use block certain non-academic sites (limited profile). Fourth, that during the limited profile time, an appeal process should be available through the instructor and Dean and IT. These recommendations will be presented to the Cabinet for consideration. L. Charbonneau asked if this will affect the library's reference computers. P. Katchmar replied that those computers will be open until we request blocking. He added that, as IT filters sites they will fully disclose what sites are being filtered. D. Horton asked if monitoring student activity versus blocking sites was discussed. P. Katchmar replied that that would involve student assistants or staff being content monitors, which may be uncomfortable for them and could cause other problems. D. Nekritz asked if filtering would extend to wireless connection. P. Katchmar replied negative. D. Katz asked the Senators for a general motion of support for this proposal. S. Cummings moved, and D. Nekritz seconded, to support this proposal. The motion carried, with none opposed and no abstentions.

ADJOURNMENT

D. Nekritz moved, and M. McHarris seconded, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. by common consensus.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next College Senate meeting will be **Tuesday, September 6, 2011, at 2:30 p.m. in IT 225.**
The next Senate Advisory Committee meeting will be Monday, August 29, 2011, at 3:00 in TBA.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Hartman
Recording Secretary