

MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Utica and Rome, New York

COLLEGE SENATE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 4, 2012, IT 225

College Senate web page: <http://www.mvcc.edu/senate/senate-home>

Present: J. Baumann, J. Brown, K. Capuana, L. Charbonneau, N. Chrisman, S. Cummings, S. Dar, J. Dewan, D. Elseth, S. Frisbee, E. Hantsch, K. Hartman, D. Ianno, P. Katchmar, D. Kelly, R. Labuz, A. Light, D. McDermott, M. McHarris, J. Mihevc, S. Myalik, W. Perrotti, R. Pucine, J. Smrtic, M. Sorrentino, R. Spetka, J. Wilcox, J. Yager, and President R. VanWagoner.

Student Senators: None.

Absent/excused: L. Flynt, J. Hicks, D. Hyldelund, J. Livadas, G. Melendez, B. Molinaro, C. Pulquerio, M. Radlowski, A. Rudder, G. Searles, C. Sleys, and W. Zogby,

Guests: S. Akhavi, A. Doughtie, S. Engel, R. Feola, J. Myers, R. Quest, S. Reynolds, and R. Thomas.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

R. Labuz moved, and J. Dewan seconded, to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2012, meeting. The motion carried by common consensus.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

D. Kelly attended and reported at the Board of Trustees meeting in November.

STUDENT CONGRESS REPORT

Student Congress raised over \$2,700 for the Hurricane Sandy victims. Matthew Hyrcan has been appointed as the new student member of the Board of Trustees. Kyle Fuller has been named as the new Rome vice president to Student Congress.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

R. VanWagoner reviewed the emeritus/a status recommendation #1, and would like to meet with the Emeritus Status Committee to make sure he understands it before taking it to the Board. He announced that the Genesis Group has awarded Ibrahim Rosic their Educator of the Year Award, and MVCC's Wellness Program has been awarded their Healthcare Award. D. Kelly pointed out that Senators J. Smrtic and M. Sorrentino are both former Genesis Award winners. W. Perrotti inquired about the problem with our pay, and R. VanWagoner replied that the problem affects people hired in 2011-2012, it being an issue of the date from which their back pay should start.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

R. Feola reported that there is now a lifetime limit to the number of times a student can receive a PELL grant. It is now limited to 12, and is retroactive. If a certain percentage of students default on their loans, then the college is accountable for paying back that money. The cohort default rate is determined by the

last institution attended. J. Myers asked what happens if a student has already received more than 12 PELL loans. R. Feola replied that they probably would not have to pay the money back.

The ADA audit on campus accessibility has been done, the results of which should be back soon. The college will need to rectify any noncompliances, which will be very costly. R. Feola reported that the college hired an outside consultant who will be meeting with the Safety and Security Committee, students, and faculty prior to arming peace officers on campus. R. Thomas asked what incident triggered the need for arming the peace officers. R. Feola replied that, since peace officers share the same duties as regular police officers, who are armed, that they should be armed as well.

R. Feola also announced that the college has eliminated the excess credit hour fee.

D. Kelly asked for a round of applause for R. Feola, who will be retiring at the end of the month.

FACULTY COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES REPORT

R. Labuz announced that the seamless transfer resolution will pass with the SUNY Board. The FCCC has three concerns regarding seamless transfer. 1) The 64-credit limit—however, this will not affect MVCC very much. 2) The pathway courses, which are courses with state-mandated content which a student must have in order to transfer to a 4-year institution. A content-mandated student mobility team will determine what those pathway courses will be. 3) Currently, the requirement for general education at a Bachelor's degree level is 30 credits. Now it will be 30 credits at the Associate's degree level, which will give students fewer electives. For MVCC this will mean 3 electives will be replaced with general education courses, except in the STEM and engineering programs. This will be hard on those who change their majors.

OLD BUSINESS

Ad hoc Committee on Open Labs: P. Katchmar reviewed via a PowerPoint presentation past discussions on the problems with the open lab, IT 133. The committee makes four short-term recommendations, the first two of which are achievable very soon. 1) Give IT133 a name that reinforces "study." 2) Block internet gaming in IT133. 3) Establish and promote a code of conduct for the labs. 4) Require an "agreement with code of conduct" before every computer login. Currently the committee is negotiating a code of conduct. P. Katchmar indicated that the open lab was originally designed to be a group work place for the classrooms around it, but it has never been used for that. The committee also made nine longer term recommendations, one of which calls for improving the campus readiness for those who bring their own devices. The biggest problem right now is the inability to print from these devices. Some devices do not work with some kinds or brands of printers, and some devices are not designed to print. D. Kelly asked the Senate to endorse the concept of the short-term recommendations. W. Perrotti moved, and K. Capuana seconded, the endorsement. The motion carried, with one opposed and three abstentions.

NEW BUSINESS

College-Wide Curriculum Committee report: S. Frisbee presented a PowerPoint summarizing the workflow of the College-Wide Curriculum Committee and explaining what the committee does. He then outlined the challenges faced by the committee, which would like to see part or all of the writing-intensive process made electronic. The committee would like the Senate to support the committee's electronic initiative. P. Katchmar is exploring Microsoft SharePoint and LeapFrog for this purpose. S. Frisbee emphasized that what they are looking for is not just document sharing but also tracking. K. Capuana moved to support the request that someone, perhaps in the Vice President of Learning and Academic Affairs' office, take the lead in exploring possibilities. J. Smrtic seconded; the motion carried, with none opposed and no abstentions.

Other committee reports: The Wellness Committee, Safety and Security Committee, and the Diversity and Global View Committee all submitted reports to the Senate but had no requests for Senate action.

OTHER BUSINESS

D. Kelly stated that he is still seeking members for the Ad hoc Social Justice Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

R. Spetka moved, and D. Ianno seconded, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. by common consensus.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting of the College Senate will be **Tuesday, February 5, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in IT 225.**

The next meeting of the Senate Advisory Committee will be Monday, January 28, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. in PH 304.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Hartman
Senate Recording Secretary