

MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Utica and Rome, New York

COLLEGE SENATE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 1, 2012, IT 225

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

Present: L. Charbonneau, N. Chrisman, S. Cummings, J. Dewan, D. Elseth, S. Frisbee, L. Flynt, E. Hantsch, D. Horton, D. Hyldelund, P. Katchmar, D. Katz, D. Kelly, R. Labuz, A. Light, D. McDermott, M. McHarris, G. Melendez, J. Mihevc, B. Molinaro, M. Parry, G. Searles, J. Smrtic, R. Spetka, C. Way, J. Wilcox, J. Woodrow, and President R. VanWagoner.

Student Senators: C. Sleys.

Absent/Excused: J. Coleman, J. Constantine, S. Dar, L. Kattato, J. Livadas, R. Pucine, M. Radlowski, M. Sorrentino, J. Yager, and W. Zogby.

Guests: E. Bankert, S. Beck, J. Bullis, M. Buttenschon, A. Doughtie, M. Eannace, K. Evans-Dame, R. Feola, K. Hartman, J. Palmer, D. Pasick, D. Porcelli, C. Pulquerio, S. Reynolds, N. Rosero, A. Rudder, and S. Zohne.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

M. Parry moved, and R. Spetka seconded, to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2012, meeting. The motion carried, with none opposed and no abstentions.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

D. Katz attended the Cabinet and the Board of Trustees meetings in April and reported to them on Senate activities. He also worked with K. Hartman to revise the formatting and wording on the College Senate Mission, Vision, Goals, and Objectives and to draft some revisions to Article 6 of the Bylaws. He thanked the outgoing Senate members, for whom this would be their last Senate meeting: M. Parry, L. Kattato, C. Way, and himself.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President VanWagoner presented the Heart of the Hawk award to David Pasick and the Pride of the Hawk award to Dan Porcelli. He stated that he hoped to have a balanced budget for the May 18 Board of Trustees meeting. The pets on campus policy passed by the Senate at the April meeting will be added to the Board policy. The recommendations regarding classrooms from the Facilities Committee passed by the Senate at the April meeting will be examined by the Board for further action. President VanWagoner met with the Safety and Security Committee on April 26 to discuss the smoking issue; he met with Student Congress about the issue on April 27. Smoking on campus was a topic of discussion at the Board retreat on April 28, and on April 30 the President met with dorm students to hear their views.

STUDENT CONGRESS REPORT

Carlos Pulquerio, re-elected Vice President of Student Congress, introduced Albert Rudder as the newly elected Student Congress President. Albert reported that the Student Congress banquet on April 30 was a success. Elections were held, and Chris Sleys will be the new Student Trustee.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

VP Eannace reported that enrollment for the summer is up 2.4% but still not up to budget. Terry Schwaner has been chosen as the new Dean of the Center for Health and Life Sciences. Don Willner, the current Dean of the Center for Mathematics, Physical Science, Engineering, and Applied Technology, will be retiring, so a search has been launched for his replacement. The academic complaint procedure has been revamped and is almost ready to be released with a committee function added back in. The ED100 design team is still working. VP Eannace showed a 2-minute YouTube video made by a student about the making of the "Faces of the Mohawk Valley" photography display on campus. She announced that five MVCC students won major scholarships to Clarkson and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and that the nursing students won a national competition with their video on the joys of nursing (see: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-Bm54U5Ats&feature=share>).

FACULTY COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES REPORT

R. Labuz reported that the FCCC would like to host a program that will lead to a general education review, so they will be holding a conference on general education in the fall. The SUNY Chancellor has affirmed the FCCC's resolution on grading authority. Also, the Chancellor would like to create a system-wide collection of data about the way things are done on all SUNY campuses.

OLD BUSINESS

Senate elections: N. Chrisman reported that 174 people voted in the Senate elections. All the winners and losers were notified. She thanked the committee members for their work: S. Frisbee, D. McDermott, R. Pucine, J. Wilcox, and M. Sorrentino.

College Senate Bylaws, Article 6 change: D. Katz presented the proposed changes in Article 6 of the Senate Bylaws. The addition of 6.6 arose out of complaints from committee chairs about being unable to reach a quorum at their meetings. The addition of 6.3.2 was to make sure that all committees take minutes. S. Frisbee moved, and R. Spetka seconded, to accept the Article 6 changes. The motion carried with none opposed and no abstentions.

DGV Committee Charter change to membership: D. Katz reported that, in its annual report to the Senate, the Committee on Diversity and Global View requested a change in its charter to include three more positions: a representative from the Rome campus, a representative from the Cultural Series Committee, and the Placement Testing Coordinator to serve as chair of the subcommittee. As it was unclear why the Placement Testing Coordinator needed to be on the committee, and as Kyle Lince, the chair, was not present, G. Searles moved, and D. Elseth seconded, to table the request until the matter could be clarified. The motion carried with none opposed and no abstentions.

Honors Design Team report: Sarah Beck reported on the recommendations of the Honors Design Team. The honors program consists of three courses completed with a B or better and completed honors projects for each of the three courses. Currently there is virtually no support for those interested in the honors program. Those eligible for the honors program are students who graduate in the top 10% of their class ("Presidential scholars"), those with a 3.25 GPA or better, or those who get 1700 or better on the SAT. Because of their high school academic ranking, it is felt that these students already have the study skills taught in an ED100 class; therefore, rather than taking ED100, it is proposed that these students take a one-credit "intro to honors" class. Next, they would take an independent study course worth two credits, supervised by an instructor, at the end of which they would give a presentation. The

third part of the program would consist of taking a small-sized, discussion-based, writing-intensive course or mini-seminar on a subject outside of their major.

Annual Review Design Team report: B. Molinaro reported on the research conducted by the design team on the annual review process as conducted by three SUNY and three non-SUNY colleges. The team felt that the review process should be different for different employee groups. President VanWagoner would like civility to be included as one of the evaluation criteria. The team will be conducting a survey soon on what employees like and do not like about the current evaluation process. Some groups may be satisfied with the evaluation process for their group; the team will then work on the process for groups that are not satisfied. The team plans to present their recommendations to the Senate either in September or October.

ADJOURNMENT

R. Spetka moved, and J. Woodrow seconded, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by common consensus at 4:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting of the College Senate will be **Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at 2:30 p.m. in IT 225.**

The next meeting of the Senate Advisory Committee will be Monday, May 7, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., in PH 304.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senate Recording Secretary