

# MVCC COLLEGE SENATE MEETING AGENDA

**Tuesday, April 5, 2022**

## **Virtual Meeting**

**Present:** C. Albrecht, E. Bush, S. Crocker, S. Dar, M. Faitell, S. Frisbee, R. Golden, A. Haines, K. Herting, L. Holmes, B. Horender, R. Huyck, J. Ireland, L. Kahler, M. Kelly, J. Maio, T. Marshall, S. McCall, S. McGovern, M. McHarris, M. Miknavich, A. Miller, C. Miller, A. Radlowski, J. Rahn, S. Selden, R. Spetka, T. Squires, T. Thomas, C. VanNamee, R. VanWagoner, J. Wilcox, R. Wittenberg.

### **Student Senators:**

**Absent/Excused:** S. Engram, A. Hazen, P. Kuhn, S. Lai, M. LaPaglia, A. Simons, L. Williams, J. Woodrow, J. Yager.

**CALL TO ORDER:** C. Miller

The meeting was called to order at 2:31 pm.

### **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 1, 2022, MEETING**

(J. Wilcox, C. VanNamee) (20, 0, 2)

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:** C. Miller

### **Meetings:**

Attended IEC (Institutional Effectiveness Committee) meeting.  
Monthly pre-Senate meeting with President R. VanWagoner  
Met with APSC (Academic Policies and Standards Committee) to further discuss the Grade Policy Change and ask APSC to review their charter once their work on the Grade Policy recommendations are complete.

### **Senate Advisory:**

Built April Agenda and reviewed March minutes

We discussed APSC recommendations for Part 1 and 2 of the Grading Policy change.

Discussed:

- New Business Breakout session results
- The proposed addition of the Academic Program Review Committee.
- Senate election cycle
- Senate Bylaws and improving clarity on materials

We began working on the yearly 2021/2022 Senate Assessment form

Deadline for next Agenda routing form: Tuesday, April 19th.

The next Senate Advisory Meeting will be Tuesday, April 26th at 2:30 pm via Teams.

### **Other items:**

Presented to the NFE Year 1 Cohort on Friday, April 1st, along with Jill Heintz and Eileen Bush, regarding MVCC college governance.

The Senate Chair and Vice-Chair Positions are up for election at the end of this semester, Seeking nominees.

#### **STUDENT CONGRESS REPORT: L. Holmes**

- A couple of issues were brought up to the student trustee (S. Kisachi). The graduation link did not work, so S. Kisachi addressed it, and now the website is working.
- In the Hawks nest, we asked during events that pork items are not next to the other food items due to religious reasons.
- We emailed K. Maurer and made him aware that Ramadan had started and asked if they could accommodate the students in the dorms. Such as packed lunches to warm up later in their rooms.
- We are looking to get sensory rooms on campus for students on the spectrum or not because all students get overwhelmed at times. They would have calming colors, toys, and rocking chairs to help them calm them down.
- A few executive board members are graduating, so we have some openings:
  - VP of Rome
  - VP of Utica
  - Trusty position open
  - President
  - Treasurer
  - Program board director

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT: R. VanWagoner**

R. VanWagoner presented the Heart of the Hawk and Pride of the Hawk award:

- Heart of the Hawk - Scott Jackson
- Pride of the Hawk - Gail Warchol

Encouraged everyone to attend the budget conversations this week.

Last month, from the strategic planning council demographic trends and social trends, were examined. social, technological, environmental, economic, political, local, and education domains.

We recognize the power of platforms and where the SPC is going with them.

It is creating safe spaces and small bets to anticipate sudden shifts that can happen at any moment.

#### **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: T. Squires**

##### **Budget timeline:**

- Wednesday, April 6th at 10 am in AB146
- Thursday, April 7th at 2 pm in AB173
- Friday, April 8th at 11 am in AB262
- BOT Budget workshop Monday, April 18th

- BOT Vote on 2022-2023 budget Monday, May 16th County Legislature vote Wednesday, July 13th
- SUNY Board approval typically in Sept/Oct.

**Capital Projects:**

- Academic Building first floor replacement
- Electrical Repairs
- Wilcox Hall roof repairs
- Completion of Payne Hall overhang
- Signage in Wilcox Hall and Jorgensen Center
- Sign on the corner of Sherman and Culver
- Camera Project
- S & T Building
- Athletic Fields and Stadium

**EQUITY AND INCLUSION OFFICER REPORT: T. Marshall**

- We received 17 applicants for the Empire State Diversity Honors Scholarship, and the awards ceremony will be on May 5. The time will be sent out if you would like to attend.
- SUNY is still looking for students looking for leadership skills to network with other students Friday, April 22, 2022, at 1 pm on SUNY Campuses.
- The Utica DEI Community Partnership with MPC Mohawk Valley Community action, SUNY Poly, and Utica University are having a unity march on Thursday, April 21, from 5:30 pm to 8 pm. It is a .6-mile march, and the speakers begin at 6:30 at City Hall.
- The upcoming MVCC 21day DEI challenge will be Oct. 3rd -23rd

**Monthly celebrations:**

- Global Diversity Awareness Month
- National Learning and Development Month
- Discussion Boards, Chat rooms, Town Halls (3), Sponsors
- October 4 will be a 21day DEI challenge luncheon speaker

**FCCC Report: A. Miller**

**FCCC Report outlined:**

- SUNY Board of Trustees Chairperson Tisch
- Statistics from the SUNY Office of Community Colleges (Johanna Duncan-Poitier)
- Interim Chancellor Deborah Stanley
- General Education Discussion (SUNY Provosts' office Deborah Moeckel)
- General Education Course approval Considerations
- Miscellaneous Gen Ed Info
- Interim Provost (Shadi Shahedipour-Sandvik)
- D2L Brightspace conversion
- FCCC Committee Work

- Miscellaneous
- SUNY sponsored training

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## **FACULTY CAUCUS REPORT: E. Bush**

Diversity conversations continued as students shared responses to the questions below.

1) What are some things (circumstances) that have made you feel welcomed and included in classes, organizations, or other campus experiences? *Responses: Teamwork during club participation and acceptance into a classroom environment in which you're the minority*

2) What are some things (circumstances) that have made you feel unwelcomed and excluded in classes, organizations, or other campus experiences? *Responses: Lack of understanding or misunderstanding of different cultures and mispronouncing name*

3) What changes would you like to see to promote welcoming and inclusive environments? *Responses: More language assistance and increased classroom flexibility to accommodate different life circumstances.*

The faculty was updated on the following during the chair report: SUNY General Education template has been fixed on the college catalog. VP Squires updated the masking policy, work on AB floors, and graduation format during the February pre-senate meeting. Conversations are being initiated so a college-wide discussion can occur regarding annual evaluation and promotion.

During old business, an update was provided on the revision of the MVCC student survey. The group plans to create a statement explaining the survey's intent to students. Group will provide a draft for Faculty Caucus to view at the April meeting. The draft includes four subcategories, with questions being ranked on a 1-5 scale in each subcategory. Each subcategory has a section for student comments. It was mentioned that the student data collection might change as we move to Bright Space in the future.

The following old business item included a discussion about online strategic planning. In February, a subcommittee of individuals representing each school was formed to draft a resolution concerning online strategic planning. The subcommittee created a draft presented to the faculty during the March meeting. Questions were addressed. Additions to the draft included robust advisement so students could determine both their readiness and the appropriateness of online class selections for themselves. It was also discussed that a future digital tool could guide students in determining whether an online selection is the best option for their learning. The revised draft was shared with VP L. Kahler and VP S. Reynolds. A separate meeting will take place with the subcommittee and the VPs to gather further feedback.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

C. Miller continued the MVCC grade system and transfer credit policy. S. McCall from APSC addressed questions and rationales of the policy.

### **Part 1:**

M. Kelly motioned to accept part one of the change of grade policy with amendments from APSC; J. Maio seconds the motion. Vote (17, 1, 5).

### **Part 2:**

A. Haines motioned to accept part two with changes to policy transfer and accept a C minus; S. Crocker seconded the motion. Vote (14, 6, 3).

C. Miller tabled break-in sessions discussions until the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Fried discussed a proposal from guided pathways; there would be an APR committee. The committee's purpose would be instead of one person; there would be rotating people from schools on the committee for exposure and expertise doing academic program reviews using poor templates.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn meeting approved (J. Maio, E. Bush)

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

The next Senate Meeting will be remote on **Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, at 2:30 pm.**

The next Senate Advisory Committee will be remote on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathe Herting