

# **MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Utica and Rome, New York

## **SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 6, 2003, Rome campus, Plumley 206

**Present:** S. Bice, A. Broskie, B. Evans, R. Feola, P. Fox, D. Gibbons, K. Hartman, M. Khan, G. Kulis, D. Larson, M. Schafer, B. Scantlebury, S. Senior, M. Sewall, R. Spetka, M. Waldrop, D. Willner.  
Guest: S. Smith

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Bice called the meeting to order at 3:44 pm, with two Senators short of a quorum.

### **REPORT BY PRESIDENT SCHAFER OR HIS DESIGNEE**

President Schafer made his report to the Senate first before other business to allow him to attend another meeting. He reported that the State Senate and Assembly has fully restored the FTE cuts, a \$200 per full-time student restoration, previously made in the budget. However, Governor Pataki has threatened to veto it. Rental aid was only restored to half of what it was before, which will result in a \$35,000 to \$45,000 loss for MVCC. It is hoped that the demonstrations in Albany will influence the Governor not to veto this budget. President Schafer still plans to recommend to the Board of Trustees a \$200 tuition increase.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes could not be voted on for approval due to lack of a quorum.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chairperson Bice:

- attended Executive Committee meetings
- attended the Board of Trustees meeting of April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2003
- met with the Senate Advisory Committee
- consulted with the Chair of the Nominating and Election Committee, Don Willner
- continued to serve as the co-chair of the Periodic Review Report Committee
- consulted with the Academic Policies Committee concerning the tabled proposals from the March meeting and was told that they are not ready yet
- invited Richard Stempien, the Senate's representative on the Strategic Planning Committee, to provide the Senate with an update at the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting
- sent notification to the Chair of the Safety Committee that the proposed change in composition, to add the Director of Facilities & Operations or his/her designee, as a standing member was approved
- received proposed new criteria for Promotions & Scoring from the Non-Teaching Professionals Promotion Committee (the proposal is under further review)
- noted that in accordance with the Senate's Mission & Vision document the Senate Bylaws are due for review and revision. A call will go out for volunteers to serve on an Ad Hoc Committee to do this will be made at the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the "new" Senate.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ad Hoc Memorial Committee: Barbara Evans, Chair, reported that the Committee met with Fritz Barnes to discuss a budget for the memorial. He felt it would not be difficult to raise the required amount. Barbara raised the question of whether the memorial should include retired faculty and staff and students who have died while attending MVCC. After discussion, it was decided that the Committee may want to change its charge. This could not be voted on due to lack of a quorum, so it was tabled until the next Senate meeting.

Ad Hoc Honor Code Committee: No report.

Senate Nominations & Election Committee: Don Willner announced the winners of The elections to the Senate. The new Senators are:

Kevin Mokry, representing Engineering, Computer & Physical Science  
Bill Hysell, representing the Humanities department  
Barbara Scantlebury, representing Business/Management Systems  
Bill Perrotti, representing Life Science (completing Maureen McCleary's term)  
Jim Myers, representing the Vice President of Instruction's Office  
Tom Capraro, representing Life Science, Senator-at-Large  
Beverly Quist, representing Social Science/Criminal Justice, Senator-at-Large

Chairperson Bice thanked those Senators whose term had expired for their service. They include Paul Cruskie, Humanities, Patty Fox, Vice President of Instruction's Office, Gina Testa-Appel, Psychology, Human Services & Education, and Don Willner, Mathematics.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Senate-Sponsored Forum: Chairperson Bice proposed that the next Senate-Sponsored Forum be held on Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, on the topic of cooperation with SUNY/IT. After discussion, it was decided to hold the forum on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 3:15 pm.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

General Education Committee: Three courses for Tier 2 approval were submitted, but due to lack of a quorum this could not be voted on and was tabled until the next Senate meeting.

Committee structure of Senate: Mike Sewall, a member of the Strategic Planning Committee, reported that there are over 90 committees on the MVCC campuses. He proposed that the Senate look at its committee structure as to which committees are needed and whether they meet regularly. Due to lack of a quorum this issue could not be voted upon and was tabled until the next Senate meeting.

## **REPORT BY STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

As a motion to adjourn could not be made due to lack of a quorum, Chairperson Bice dismissed the meeting at 4:20 pm.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Senate meeting will be held on Tuesday, **May 20<sup>th</sup>**, 2003, at 3:30 pm in PH 300.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista E. Hartman  
Recording Secretary