

MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Utica and Rome, New York

COLLEGE SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 5, 2005, PH 300

Present: S.Bice, A. Broski, T. Capraro, E. Dailey, F. Elias, B. Evans, R. Feola, A. Glidden, C. Harrington, K. Hartman, W. Hysell, D. Larson, M. Pearson, W. Perrotti, B. Quist, N. Rutishauser, B. Scantlebury, M. Sewall & R. Spetka.

Guests: J. Brown, R. Cantor, S. Frisbee, R. Jubenville, C. Pace & S. Rosati.

Excused: S. Bish, N. Caputo, A. Dean, D. DiGiorgio, A. Friedberg, B. Kurtz, J. Myers, M. Schafer & J. Zegarelli.

Absent: U. McLean, K. Mokry & S. Senior.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Dan Larson moved, and Nelissa Rutishauser seconded, to approve the minutes with the correction of the spelling of student Sean Bish's name. The motion carried by common consensus.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Bice asked for the Senate's permission to set aside the operating rules to add two items to the agenda: a report on academic computing presented by Bill Perrotti under old business, and a proposal from the International Initiatives Committee presented by Carolyn West Pace under new business. Dan Larson moved and Barbara Evans seconded, to allow the report on academic computing to be added to old business. The motion carried with one abstention. Barbara Scantlebury moved and Bill Perrotti seconded, to allow the proposal by the International Initiatives Committee to be added to new business. The motion carried.

Chairperson Bice also reported the following:

--met with Senate Advisory Committee

--consulted with Beverly Quist, Chairperson Diversity & Global Views Committee regarding the committee composition and terms of office

--consulted with Carolyn West Pace regarding a proposal to establish the International Initiatives Committee as a standing College Senate committee.

--forwarded to President Schafer the approved proposal for establishing the Promotions Review Committee for Administrators

--forwarded to President Schafer the 2006-07 Academic Calendar as approved by the College Senate

--forwarded to Rosemary Spetka, Chairperson of the ad hoc Nominations & Elections Committee the necessary information to prepare the call for nominations ballot

--contacted the appropriate Department Heads, whose Senators' terms of office expire May 2006, to hold elections amongst their faculty members for a three year term.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Chairperson's Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ad hoc Memorial Committee: Barbara Evans reported that, through a request on MVCC Today, she has received around 20 names. The names will be confirmed with Human Resources and forwarded to the College Senate Chairperson for further action, before being placed on the Memorial. Fundraising will start in the spring.

Diversity & Global View Committee: Beverly Quist, Chairperson, reported that the committee has met and will have a cultural competency training session during Summer Institute. She presented the Committee's composition and terms of office for the College Senate's approval, to read:

Committee composition and terms of office:

STANDING MEMBERS

Vice-President for Instruction or designee*

Vice-President for Administrative Services or designee*

Vice-President for Student Services or designee*

Affirmative Action Committee member*

Chair, General Education Committee or designee*

Chair, College Wide Curriculum Committee or designee*

Chair, Cultural Committee or designee*

ELECTED MEMBERS

1 Non-teaching professional member 3-year term

1 Faculty member 3-year term

1 Classified Staff member 3-year term

[Staggered terms (one 1 year, one 2 year, one 3 year term) at the initial election only]

APPOINTED MEMBERS

2 students

Other members as needed

* These positions provide opportunities for thoughtful appointments which would help the Committee more fully represent its constituent groups (including part-time employees) and its commitment to diversity and a global view campus-wide. The Committee will network with members of the community as needed.

Committee Chairperson

The committee will recommend a chairperson with the approval of the Chair of the College Senate for a three-year term. If no committee member is willing to be the chairperson, the Chairperson of the College Senate will appoint a chairperson.

After discussion, Mike Sewall moved, and Dan Larson seconded, to accept the Committee's composition and terms of office. The motion carried with none opposed and no abstentions.

OLD BUSINESS

Calendar for Academic Year 2006-2007: Changes suggested at the last College Senate meeting have been incorporated. Bill Perrotti moved, and Beverly Quist seconded, to accept the calendar. The motion carried with none opposed and no abstentions.

Senate-Sponsored Open Forum: Sue Bice reported that the next Senate-Sponsored Open

Forum would be on Wednesday, April 20, from 3:00 to 4:30 in the Board Room (PH 300). The first half of the Forum would be on plus/minus grading and the second half would be on reading competency.

Academic Bill of Rights: Bob Jubenville handed out resolutions concerning the proposed Academic Bill of Rights from Dutchess Community College's Professional Staff Organization. Eight states have proposed legislation on this matter. Discussion ensued and Dan Larson concluded that he felt that the members of the College Senate are not in support of the Academic Bill of Rights. He went on to state that the College Senate should re-express the principles in the 1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure agreed upon by the American Association of University Professors, a statement that has been the main document on academic freedom ever since. Bill Perrotti suggested the formation of an ad hoc College Senate committee to draft a formal resolution on this. Dan Larson, Bill Perrotti, Mike Sewall, Beverly Quist, Sue Bice, and Christi Harrington volunteered to be on the committee. Bill Perrotti agreed to call the first meeting.

Promotion Review Committee for Administrators: Sue Bice reported that the proposal for the formation of this committee was forwarded to President Schafer. Sue proposed the appointment of three non-teaching administrators to the Committee for one-year terms: Dennis Rahn, Mark Radlowski, and Fritz Barns. Mike Sewall moved, and Nelissa Rutishauser seconded, to accept the three appointments. The motion carried by common consensus.

Academic Computing: Bill Perrotti reported that Computer Services is responding to issues brought up at the Senate-Sponsored Open Forum on Academic Computing. He proposed that his written report on the results of that Forum be sent to allusers and allstudents (after consulting with Paul Katchmar to ensure its feasibility) and posted in the College Senate's Public Folder. Bill Perrotti moved, and Annette Broski seconded, that this be so. The motion carried with none opposed and three abstentions.

NEW BUSINESS

Strategic Planning Committee Staffing/Salary/Morale subgroup proposal concerning inclusive representation on college committees: Mike Sewall reported that the classified staff feel they are not welcome on committees, both Senate and non-Senate. Sue Bice asked if the Senate should ask those Senate Committees in which it is appropriate for classified staff to be members to review their compositions. The Senate agreed that this will be further discussed at the May College Senate meeting.

"Open" College Senate meetings: Tabled due to the lateness of the hour and the quantity of business on the agenda.

International Initiatives Committee proposal: Carolyn West Pace asked that this Committee, established in August 2000, become a standing College Senate Committee in order to be more effective and to increase its visibility. She and Beverly Quist, Chair of the Diversity and Global View Committee, feel that the International Initiatives Committee and the Diversity and Global View Committee are distinct entities, but that representatives from each committee should be on the other committee. After discussion, Beverly Quist moved, and Frank Elias seconded, to accept the International Initiatives Committee as a College Senate standing committee. The motion carried with none opposed and two abstentions. Carolyn said the Committee would report back to the Senate on its composition.

REPORT BY PRESIDENT SCHAFFER OR DESIGNEE

Dan Larson reported that Chancellor King had resigned. He also reported that the Legislature had recommended to the Governor to fully fund TAP and to restore cut funding. He also stated that a progress letter was sent out to Middle States responding to two issues they had questioned.

REPORT BY STUDENT GOVERNMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Rosemary Spetka moved and Bill Hysell seconded, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned by common consensus at 5:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next College Senate meeting will be **Tuesday, May 3, 2005**, at **2:30 p.m.** in **PH 300**.

The next College Senate Advisory Committee meeting will be **Thursday, April 21, 2005**, at **10:00 a.m.** in **PH 391**.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista E. Hartman
Senator and Recording Secretary