

MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Utica and Rome, New York

COLLEGE SENATE MINUTES
October 5, 2004, PH 300

PRESENT: S. Bice, A. Broski, T. Capraro, N. Caputo, E. Dailey, R. Feola, A. Glidden, K. Hartman, B. Kurtz, D. Larson, W. Lewis, U. McLean, J. Myers, W. Perrotti, B. Quist, N. Rutishauser, B. Scantlebury, M. Schafer, M. Sewall, R. Spetka.

Excused: D. DiGiorgio, B. Evans, W. Hysell, S. Senior.

Absent: C. Harrington, M. Pearson.

Guests: J. Brown, R. Cantor, D. Gregory, R. Jubenville, M. Khan, M. Radlowski.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Bice called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. She then introduced and welcomed a guest, Dale Gregory, a May 2003 nursing graduate from MVCC who is now enrolled in the nursing administration graduate program at SUNY IT.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Dan Larson moved, and Bill Lewis seconded, to approve the minutes of the September 7 meeting with the correction in the spelling of Nelissa Rutishauser's name and the deletion of A. Glidden under Absent. The motion carried by common consensus.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Bice:

- attended Executive Committee meetings;
- forwarded the Bylaws revisions to President Schafer;
- conferred with Beverly Quist concerning Diversity/Global View;
- invited Bob Jubenville to update the Senate on the activities of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges, specifically General Education Assessment Review;
- continued to work on Committee assignments; five of the 18 committees are currently complete except for the appointment of students. Chairperson Bice asked Senators to let their department members know that volunteers are still needed;
- continued to receive Spring Semester Reports from the Committees; eight of 18 committees had sent reports as of the October 1st deadline. Chairperson Bice will be sending out reminders;
- sent a memo to all Academic Department Heads concerning the new Senate start time and accommodating the Senator's teaching schedule, whenever possible;
- changed the meeting room schedule to 2:30 for the Spring Semester (no conflicts).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ad hoc Memorial Committee: None.

Ad hoc Committee on Senate Committees: None.

Ad hoc Committee on Diversity/Global View v. Affirmative Action: Beverly Quist presented a draft Charge and Membership for a Diversity/Global View Committee. After discussion, it was decided that, since the Affirmative Action Committee has not yet met to discuss its relationship with the proposed Diversity/Global View Committee, it would be decided at a later date whether the Affirmative Action Committee should stand alone or merge with the Diversity/Global View Committee. Mike Sewall moved, and Dan Larson seconded, to make the Diversity/Global View Committee a standing committee of the College Senate and to accept the draft Charge and Membership, with members for this year only being appointed rather than elected. The motion carried with three abstentions.

SUNY-Wide Assessment: Bob Jubenville updated the Senate on the status of the SUNY-wide assessment, which must be done by the end of this academic year. MVCC may prepare its own test, to be administered to students leaving the College, but it must conform to SUNY-approved standards, or MVCC may use a national standardized test, which seems to be the way that most campuses are going. Mike Sewall pointed out that some of these national standardized tests are not considered very accurate, according to the Mental Measurements Yearbooks (found in the MVCC Libraries).

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaws Committee: Chairperson Bice asked for a motion to destroy the ballots from the voting on the changes to the Bylaws. Mike Sewall moved, and Dan Larson seconded, to destroy the ballots. The motion carried.

College Senate-Sponsored Open Forum: Chairperson Bice announced that the topic for the next College Senate-Sponsored Open Forum has been changed from grading to mission review, and will be held on Thursday, October 28. The topic of grading will appear in a Forum in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS

Strategic Planning Committee: Mike Sewall requested that a replacement for Barbara Granato be appointed to the Strategic Planning Committee.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT SCHAFFER OR DESIGNEE

President Schaffer reported that he would forward the Bylaws to the Board of Trustees for their approval at the October meeting. He then reported on the results of the announcement from the County Executive's Office on the county budget. MVCC asked for a 16% increase in funding, but was given 8%. This will leave the college with a

fund balance of \$400,000. No money was allocated for technology upgrades, parking lots, or the two master plans (Rome campus and athletic); however, \$14,000 was allocated for a broken sewer pipe that MVCC had already paid for. President Schafer also reported that some think that state budget cuts will be restored after elections, but a tuition increase for the second semester may be necessary.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Lewis moved, and Mike Sewall seconded, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by common consensus at 4:28 p.m.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next College Senate meeting will be Tuesday, November 2, at 3:30 p.m. in PH 300. The next College Senate Advisory Committee meeting will be TBA.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista E. Hartman
Recording Secretary