

MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Utica and Rome, New York

COLLEGE SENATE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 6, 2005, PH 300

Present: T. Capraro, N. Caputo, E. Dailey, D. DiGiorgio, G. Donato, R. Feola, A. Glidden, K. Hartman, W. Hysell, D. Katz, B. Kurtz, D. McDermott, M. Pearson, W. Perrotti, B. Quist, N. Rutishauser, B. Scantlebury, M. Schafer, S. Selden, S. Senior, M. Sewall, G. Slade, R. Spetka, D. Thomas, and J. Zegarelli.

Students: N. Kotary, P. Malinowski.

Excused: S. Bice, D. Larson, W. Lewis, and R. Stempien.

Absent: A. Broski, J. Farrell, J. Maio, and K. Mokry.

Guests: P. Fox, S. Frisbee, C. Hartz, R. Jubenville, D. Sawyer-White, E. Searles.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. In Chairperson Bice's absence, Vice-Chair Bill Perrotti conducted the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Bruce Kurtz said that he left the meeting before the vote could be taken on the resolution about Strengthened Campus-Based Assessment, and therefore was probably the one senator who didn't cast a vote. He asked that the phrase "(1 Senator did not vote)" be stricken from that paragraph on page 3. Mike Sewall moved, and Bill Hysell seconded, to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2005, meeting with the above change. The motion carried by common consensus.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

None was given, as Chairperson Bice was not present.

REPORT BY PRESIDENT SCHAFFER OR DESIGNEE

None.

STUDENT CONGRESS REPORT

Student Congress President Nikki Kotary reported that their final meeting for the semester would be held on December 6th. Student Congress has spent all the money allotted for the fall semester, and the program board has spent half of the money allotted for the spring semester. As of January 1st there will be a new Vice President, and there are currently two candidates for Coordinator for the Cultural Committee, about which a decision will be made on December 13th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Promotion Review Task Force: No report, as Chairperson Bice was absent.

College Senate-Sponsored Open Forum: No report, as Chairperson Bice was absent.

Resolution concerning Strengthened Campus-Based Assessment: Bill Perrotti presented the revised resolution. Tom Capraro moved to rescind the old resolution, and Eileen Dailey seconded. The motion carried with none opposed and no abstentions. Nancy Capraro moved, and Nikki Kotary seconded, to adopt the revised resolution. The motion carried, with 26 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions. Dick Thomas mentioned that the vote should be included when the resolution is sent.

NEW BUSINESS

Academic Policy Committee proposals: The Academic Policy Committee proposed three changes to the college catalogue.

1. Transfer credit: The APC modified the statement on page 12 of the college catalogue to read:

MVCC will accept grades of at least a C, where a C is defined as a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale or at least a 70% or the equivalent unless otherwise indicated by departmental requirements.

This will clarify the process. Tom Capraro moved to accept this modification. Rosemary Spetka seconded. The motion carried, with none opposed and no abstentions.

2. Dual degree: The APC modified the statement on page 73 of the college catalogue to read:

Providing that all requirements are fulfilled for both degree programs, including at least a 2.0 GPA in both, a student may concurrently or consecutively undertake a second degree program at the associate level.

This will clarify the process. Gideon Donato moved, and Gloria Slade seconded, to approve the modification. The motion carried with none opposed and no abstentions.

3. Change of major: The APC proposed to replace the first sentence on page 10 of the college catalogue, under Change of major, and replace it with the following:

Students can change their major at any point in time, but after the census date for that term, the change of major will be effective for the following term.

This will allow for the timely process of the change. Rosemary Spetka moved, and Dawson McDermott seconded, to approved the change. After some discussion, the motion carried, with 24 in favor, 2 opposed, and no abstentions.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dual credit: Claudia Hartz, Off-Campus Credit Coordinator, gave a presentation on the status of dual credit at MVCC. She explained that it is done nationally as an alternative to Advanced Placement courses. Currently only Syracuse University and Finger Lakes Community College have accredited dual credit programs in New York State, and it is hoped that MVCC will become accredited as well. She gave an overview of how dual credit works, and how the courses conform to the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) standards. She explained that no tuition is charged because the schools use their own teachers and facilities while using MVCC curriculum. MVCC department heads approve the teachers of these courses and their MVCC mentors. Concern was expressed by several senators that this would ultimately result in loss of courses and jobs for faculty at the college. Dick Thomas suggested that this be an Open Forum topic, to include department heads. Vice-Chair Perrotti asked that, due to the lateness of the hour, Claudia be invited back in February to continue her presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

Nancy Caputo moved, and Gideon Donato seconded, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned

at 3:53 p.m. by common consensus.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next College Senate meeting will be Tuesday, **February 7, 2006**, at **2:30 p.m.** in PH 300.

The next Senate Advisory Committee meeting will be Friday, January 27, 2006, time and place TBA.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista E. Hartman
Senator and Recording Secretary