

MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Utica and Rome, New York

COLLEGE SENATE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 7, and Tuesday, April 14, 2009, IT 225

Tuesday, April 7

Present: D. Bogan, D. Boyce, A. Broski, T. Capraro, C. Domser, A. Doughtie, H. Gagnon-Lambert, S. Getchell, K. Hartman, D. Horton, D. Ianno, R. Jubenville, D. Katz, J. Maio, C. Miller, W. Perrotti, R. Pucine, B. Quist, M. Radlowski, T. Schink, S. Selden, D. Skibitski, R. Spetka, C. Svoboda, C. Way, and D. Willner.
Students: None.
Excused/absent: K. Capuana, N. Chrisman, R. Day, S. Frisbee, D. Hoffman, B. Judycki, J. Smrtic, D. McDermott, S. Senior, T. Stong, M. Tretter, J. Zegarelli, and President R. VanWagoner.
Guests: K. Barefoot, J. DeWeerth, M. Eannace, S. Engel, P. Fox, P. Katchmar, N. Khang, T. Kipers, R. Musante, J. Myers, N. Rosero, and E. Searles.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m.

INTRODUCTION

W. Perrotti introduced and welcomed a guest observer to the Senate meeting, Mr. Nguyen Duy Khang, head of the English department at Kien Giang Community College in Vietnam.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

D. Skibitski pointed out that she was present at the February 3 meeting, not absent. The minutes were approved by common consensus with the one revision.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

W. Perrotti announced that he would not run again for Chair of the Senate, but would resign after the first May Senate meeting and complete his final year as at-large Senator. He also plans to remain in the Senate as a non-voting member to aid in the transition to the new Chair.

W. Perrotti has found student members for all but one of the award committees. He announced a change in procedure for the Classified Staff Award. Traditionally, it has been given to two people on campus every year, with one person forwarded as nominee for the Chancellor's Award, which only allows for one nominee per college. Having met with the Awards Committee, it was decided to change the local Classified Staff Award to one per year rather than two. It was further suggested that this year no local award be made, and that last year's second local winner be forwarded as this year's Chancellor's Award nominee.

W. Perrotti also stated that he attended the Faculty Council of Community Colleges Plenary, hosted at MVCC, from March 26-28, where he met with leaders of governance organizations from community colleges throughout the state. Hope was expressed for the new SUNY Chancellor, who starts in June.

STUDENT CONGRESS REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Policies Committee: R. Musante reviewed the proposed “Standards of Academic Progress for Matriculated Students,” which will appear in the college catalogue. Some Senators felt that certain points needed elaboration, but R. Musante responded that those points would be addressed in the Student Handbook. R. Musante pointed out that this new policy, of intervention after 3 hours attempted, rather than the current 12 hours, will line up with the College’s current financial aid policy. D. Katz moved, and D. Willner seconded, to accept the policy. The motion carried with none opposed and 2 abstentions.

Spring Senate and Committee Elections: D. Katz asked all Senators to encourage their constituencies to self-nominate for Senate and committee positions. All voting will be electronic, and the ballot will go out electronically on April 16.

Faculty Council of Community Colleges: R. Jubenville reported that the FCCC would like the Senate’s endorsement of the Draft Resolution on CCSSE (Community College Survey of Student Engagement). He explained that the company that produces the assessment exam publishes the results online for anyone to access, thus losing confidentiality. The FCCC would like community colleges to cease participation in the CCSSE as soon as the current contract with the company is up. The FCCC does not want the test results to be used for comparative purposes among community colleges. M. Radlowski asked if an alternative to the CCSSE has been suggested. R. Jubenville replied that the NYSSE yields almost the same data. B. Quist moved, and A. Doughtie seconded, to endorse the resolution. The motion carried, with none opposed and 2 abstentions.

R. Jubenville then presented the FCCC Resolution for a seamless transfer system within the SUNY system. He stated that the FCCC asked for a web site so that students could look up what courses were transferrable to which institutions. SUNY responded with a web site within 2 weeks; however, no community college information is present, either for two-year to four-year transfers or two-year to two-year transfers. Also, many Colleges are not represented. SUNY says that there is no money to complete the project. That being the case, the FCCC would therefore like the web site to be removed from public access until it can be completed and checked for accuracy. D. Katz moved, and D. Boyce seconded, to endorse the resolution. The motion carried, with none opposed and no abstentions.

Lastly, R. Jubenville presented a third FCCC resolution that the SUNY assessment is redundant with regards to Middle States and that colleges would rather spend their money on developing the Middle States assessment. D. Katz moved, and D. Skibitski seconded, to endorse the resolution. The motion carried with none opposed and one abstention.

NEW BUSINESS

Priority registration: Question was raised about the possibility of MVCC’s new priority registration being not of a long enough period to fairly accommodate our priority students. R. Spetka explained that other colleges have priority registration and that we would be training them for procedures they will need to follow at other colleges. J. DeWeerth explained that the system is experimental this year and can be changed for the future. R. Spetka commented that we would like students to think seriously about what they sign up for rather than adding and dropping multiple times. A review board will assess how the process worked afterward and can present its findings to the Senate if necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

C. Domser moved, and A. Broski seconded, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by common consent at 4:29 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14

Present: D. Bogan, D. Boyce, A. Broski, K. Capuana, C. Domser, A. Doughtie, S. Frisbee, H. Gagnon-Lambert, K. Hartman, D. Hoffman, D. Horton, D. Ianno, R. Jubenville, B. Judycki, D. Katz, D. McDermott, J. Maio, C. Miller, W. Perrotti, R. Pucine, M. Radlowski, T. Schink, S. Selden, S. Senior, D. Skibitski, R. Spetka, C. Way, D. Willner, and President R. VanWagoner.

Students: T. Stong.

Excused/absent: A. Broski, T. Capraro, N. Chrisman, R. Day, S. Getchell, J. Smrtic, B. Quist, C. Svoboda, M. Tretter, and J. Zegarelli.

Guests: J. Bullis, M. Czarnecki, K. Dack, M. Eannace, R. Feola, P. Fox, D. Geer, J. George, G. Goerner, L. Igoe, L. Kaher, P. Katchmar, J. Kimball, J. Lynch, N. Nowicki, N. Rosero, E. Searles, and R. Webster.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:33 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

R. VanWagoner announced that he attended the American Association of Community Colleges conference. He reported that the Strategic Planning Committee will be looking at budget requests compared to college goals, objectives, etc. Money for renovating the chemistry labs and for moving the carpentry program to Corn Hill will be forthcoming. The Oneida County Board of Legislators will be meeting on campus on April 30 to review our budget parameters. He also announced that he will be trying to implement the changes from the Employee Recognition Design Team, which will impact the Summer Institute luncheon. He would like to find different ways to recognize everyone rather than just reading off names.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

W. Perrotti reported that he was invited to make a presentation to the new faculty institute. He also announced that he will be resigning his seat as Senator-at-Large, but will stay on as a non-voting member of the Senate for the next academic year.

OLD BUSINESS

Promotion Review Task Force: C. Domser stated that, after much deliberation, the task force would like the Senate to approve the formation of advisory groups to look at packets and suggest revisions before they're officially turned in. D. Katz moved, and D. Boyce seconded, to approve. The motion carried with none opposed and 3 abstentions. C. Domser stated that the Promotion Review Task Force will decide on the composition of the work groups and report back at the May Senate meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Annual Rome Senate meeting and second May meeting: W. Perrotti proposed that, since a spring meeting on the Rome campus was not possible, a meeting at that venue be held in the fall. He then asked that, since the second May meeting would fall on the first day of Summer Institute (Tuesday, May 19), the meeting would be moved to Thursday, May 21, at 1:00 in CC116. A. Doughtie moved, and B. Judycki seconded, the proposals. The motion carried with none opposed and no abstentions.

ADJOURNMENT

D. Katz moved, and S. Frisbee seconded, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by common consensus at 3:05 p.m.

OPEN FORUM

The remainder of the time was taken up with an Open Forum led by M. Eannace about the proposed reorganization of the academic departments.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Senate meeting will be **Tuesday, May 5, at 2:30 p.m.** in **IT 225**.

The first Senate meeting of the new Senate year will be **Thursday, May 21, at 1:00** in **IT 225**.

The next Senate Advisory Committee meeting will be TBA.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Hartman
Senator and Recording Secretary