

**MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
Utica and Rome, New York

**COLLEGE SENATE MEETING MINUTES**  
Thursday, May 22, 2008, PH 102

**Present:** F. Armstrong, D. Boyce, A. Broski, T. Capraro, A. Doughtie, S. Getchell, K. Hartman, D. Hoffman, D. Ianno, D. Katz, C. Lomeo-Smrctic, D. McDermott, J. Maio, C. Miller, W. Perrotti, R. Pucine, B. Quist, M. Radlowski, T. Schink, S. Senior, C. Way, J. Wells-Tsiatsos, D. Willner, and R. VanWagoner, President.

**Excused/Absent:** D. Bogan, K. Capuana, N. Chrisman, C. Domser, S. Frisbee, H. Gagnon-Lambert, R. Jubenville, B. Judycki, S. Selden, R. Spetka, and J. Zegarelli.

**Guests:** J. Andrek, R. Cantor, E. Dailey, R. Musante, and N. Rosero.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

D. Katz moved, and C. Miller seconded, to accept the minutes of the May 6, 2008, meeting. The motion carried by common consensus.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

W. Perrotti welcomed C. Miller as a new Senator replacing L. Kahler, whose schedule would not allow him to fulfill his senatorial duties. W. Perrotti remarked on the Senate's progress and accomplishments in the past academic year. He also handed out the results of the Senate elections for the 2008-2009 academic year.

**ELECTION OF SENATE OFFICERS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 2008-2009**

W. Perrotti called for nominations for the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Senate. A. Doughtie nominated W. Perrotti for Senate Chair, which was seconded by D. Katz. A. Doughtie nominated D. Katz for Vice-Chair, which was seconded by D. Willner. The nominations were accepted by the nominees and approved by common consensus.

W. Perrotti called for nominations for the Senate Advisory Committee. K. Hartman nominated B. Quist, which was seconded by S. Getchell. D. Katz nominated A. Doughtie, which was seconded by T. Capraro. D. Ianno nominated J. Maio, which was seconded by F. Armstrong. All were approved by common consensus.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

R. VanWagoner reported that the college would be phasing in the design team recommendations. The recently announced changes, which may not be permanent, are the first phase of the implementation of these recommendations. He asked everyone to try to put the changes into the context of the bigger picture in order to allay any fears or apprehensions.

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

Vice President for Student Services: D. DiGiorgio: Deferred until the September meeting.

Faculty Council for Community Colleges: W. Perrotti reported that R. Jubenville will be sending the FCCC reports electronically to everyone. He also commented that the FCCC is interested in the transfer sequencing issue but would like to focus on the main transferring issue first.

Strategic Planning Committee Liaison: B. Judycki: Deferred until the September meeting.

Prisoner reentry: B. Quist reported that she met with D. DiGiorgio and M. Pearson concerning the college's response to a prospective student marking off "yes" to the question "Have you ever been convicted of a felony?" President Bush signed an act in January that may give colleges money for new programs for ex-convicts. She remarked that there seems to be no formal program for dealing with them, which she believes that the college needs. C. Lomeo-Smrtic felt that the department heads should be part of any formulation of a program or policy, especially the education and nursing departments, because ex-convicts can't get certified to work in these areas. It would not be fair for an ex-convict to get a degree that they can't use. B. Quist stated that education is the key to rehabilitation. It was decided to form an ad-hoc committee to work with D. DiGiorgio and M. Pearson. B. Quist, D. Boyce, J. Wells-Tsiatsos, and C. Lomeo-Smrtic volunteered to assist. They will formulate a policy by the end of the fall 2008 semester.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Promotion Review Task Force: C. Domser: Deferred until the September meeting.

Senate Awards Committee: W. Perrotti related that the committees all functioned efficiently. Next year the process will start earlier.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Academic Policies Committee Recommendation on the Matriculation Policy: B. Musante explained the reworked statement that was passed out. T. Capraro pointed out that a statement regarding matriculation was approved by the Senate in February 2007 but never made it into the College Catalog. J. Andrek explained that the Catalog was already in print by the time the policy was in place, which is why it didn't get put in. B. Musante suggested that the APC meet again to discuss the two policies. A. Doughtie moved, and D. Katz seconded, to approve the motion, with none opposed and no abstentions. R. Spetka brought up yet another policy, which E. Dailey said the Executive Team decided on, but which never went to the Board for approval. W. Perrotti felt the Senate should re-endorse the policy passed in February 2007. K. Hartman moved, and D. Willner seconded, the motion, which passed with none opposed and no abstentions. W. Perrotti will submit the policy to the Board for approval so that it can go into the College Catalog. M. Radlowski then remarked that in February 2007 there were 5 recommendations approved; if the matriculation policy was never forwarded to the Board, what happened to the other 4 recommendations? W. Perrotti said he would look them up and forward them all to the Board.

Adjunct Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award Committee: D. Willner reviewed the presented the proposed criteria for selection and rationale for those criteria. D. Willner moved, and F. Armstrong seconded, to accept the proposed criteria. The motion carried with none opposed and no abstentions.

Part-Time Personnel Excellence in Service Award: A. Broski presented the proposed guidelines and composition for this committee. R. Cantor proposed adding two (2) at-large seats. D. Katz moved, and J. Wells-Tsiatsos seconded, to approve the guidelines and composition as amended. The motion carried with none opposed and no abstentions.

Judicial Review Board: D. DiGiorgio, W. Perrotti. Deferred until the September meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Transfer Sequencing Proposal: R. Jubenville, D. Katz: Deferred.

**ADJOURNMENT**

D. Willner moved, and D. McDermott seconded, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 by common consensus.

**NEXT MEETINGS**

The next College Senate meeting will be **Tuesday, September 2, 2008, at 2:30 p.m.** in PH 300.

The next Senate Advisory Committee meeting will be date and time TBA.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Hartman  
Senator and Recording Secretary