

MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Utica and Rome, New York

COLLEGE SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 21, 2009, ACC 116

Present: D. Bogan, D. Boyce, A. Broski, K. Capuana, N. Chrisman, C. Domser, D. Elseth, S. Frisbee, S. Getchell, K. Hartman, D. Hoffman, D. Horton, D. Ianno, R. Jubenville, D. Katz, J. Maio, D. McDermott, C. Miller, J. Palmer, M. Parry, R. Pucine, M. Radlowski, T. Schink, S. Selden, S. Senior, J. Smrtic, R. Spetka, C. Way, D. Willner, J. Yager, W. Perrotti, and President R. VanWagoner.

Absent/Excused: J. DeWeerth, B. Judycki, B. Quist, D. Skibitski, and J. Zegarelli.

Guests: J. Bullis, K. Dack, A. Doughtie, M. Eannace, P. Katchmar, N. Rosero, M. Snyder, and J. Womack.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the May 5, 2009, meeting were approved by common consensus.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

W. Perrotti reported that over the summer the Senate Advisory Committee and the President's Cabinet will be meeting to review Senate committees in light of the reorganization of the academic departments. He also reported that work will be done on the SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professorship and Faculty Service Award so that MVCC can participate.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

R. VanWagoner reported that the college's budget was passed by the Board of Trustees and now will go to the County for their approval. A 55% increase in funding for equipment was maintained. New resources will be allocated toward professional development. He also reported that close to 60 people attended the local forums on the new MVCC logo, feedback from which was forwarded to marketing. This summer the Senate Advisory Committee, the President's Cabinet, and John Bullis will be participating in a joint retreat to work on the charges and compositions of the Senate committees in light of the reorganization of academic departments. He thanked the Senators for all their hard work this year.

STUDENT CONGRESS REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Promotion Review Task Force: C. Domser proposed that volunteers go through a training session on how to advise people who are going for promotion. She felt we should try this in the coming year to see how it works out. Volunteers should not be members of any of the Promotion Review Committees. W. Perrotti commented that he felt the Task Force's plan should be reviewed by the Promotion Review Committees, but C. Domser said the Task Force did not want to hold the process up any longer. C. Domser moved, and D. Willner seconded, to approve the Task Force's plan as amended to include a statement about the exclusion of Promotion Review Committee members as volunteers and amended to include sending the Task Force's plan to the Promotion Review Committees for their input. The motion carried, with none opposed and 3 abstentions.

Additional Reports: W. Perrotti handed out annual reports from the General Education and Adjunct Excellence in Teaching Award Committees.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Senate Officers for 2009-2010: The following people were elected as Senate officers for the 2009-2010 academic year:

Chair: D. Katz

Vice-Chair: B. Quist

Advisory Committee: J. Maio, R. Pucine, N. Chrisman, M. Radlowski, C. Miller, and J. Yager.

Senate Assessment: W. Perrotti reviewed his assessment of the College Senate's Mission, Vision, Goals, Objectives, and Action Plans. K. Hartman moved, and D. Willner seconded, to accept the assessment. The motion carried with none opposed and no abstentions.

OTHER BUSINESS

D. Katz thanked W. Perrotti for his service as College Senate Chair. He then handed the meeting over to M. Eannace, who had been invited to answer any questions about the reorganization of academic departments. M. Eannace stated that the deans would meet tomorrow to establish communication lines (who everyone reports to, especially if they fall under more than one department). D. Horton asked that information be gotten out over the summer to the faculty. M. Eannace also stated that money has been budgeted for 18 new full time faculty to replace those who have been promoted to non-teaching positions and positions where they are teaching fewer courses.

ADJOURNMENT

D. McDermott moved, and D. Ianno seconded, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned by common consensus at 2:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING(S)

The next Senate meeting will be **Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. in ACC 116.**

The next Senate Advisory Committee meeting will be **Monday, September 21, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. in PH 391.**

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Hartman
Senator and Recording Secretary