

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

**COLLEGE SENATE MEETING MINUTES**  
Tuesday, April 2, 2013, IT 225

College Senate web page: <http://www.mvcc.edu/senate/senate-home>

**Present:** M. Adler, J. Baumann, J. Brown, L. Charbonneau, N. Chrisman, S. Dar, J. Dewan, D. Elseth, S. Frisbee, E. Hantsch, K. Hartman, J. Hicks, D. Hyldelund, D. Ianno, P. Katchmar, D. Kelly, R. Labuz, M. McHarris, G. Melendez, J. Mihevc, S. Myalik, B. Molinaro, R. Pucine, M. Radlowski, R. Spetka, J. Wilcox, and President R. VanWagoner.

**Student Senator:** D. Sonne.

**Absent/Excused:** K. Capuana, S. Cummings, L. Flynt, J. Livadas, D. McDermott, W. Perrotti, G. Searles, M. Sorrentino, J. Smrtic, and J. Yager.

**Guests:** J. Bullis, A. Doughtie, S. Engel, D. Gibbons, L. Geary, R. Haubert, J. Myers, S. Reynolds, N. Rosero, C. Rudka, T. Schwaner, B. Shaw, and S. Zohne.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:38 p.m.

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

J. Wilcox moved, and J. Dewan seconded, to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2013, meeting. The motion carried with none opposed and no abstentions.

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

President VanWagoner presented the Heart of the Hawk Award to Brandon Shaw and Lindsay Geary and the Pride of the Hawk Award to Claire Rudka.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

D. Kelly announced that N. Chrisman is accepting nominations for open positions on the Senate and committees through April 19. Elections will be April 22 through May 3, with the results to be announced at the May 7 Senate meeting.

**STUDENT CONGRESS REPORT**

D. Sonne announced that several revisions have been made to the Student Congress Constitution. Nominations will be taken in the next couple of weeks for Student Congress positions in the fall.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President VanWagoner presented the Administrative Services report. The newly hired Vice President is Thomas Squires, who will be starting in April. A \$2 million shortfall is expected in next year's budget. The state gave MVCC a \$150/FTE increase. A balanced budget is hoped for in April, which will then go to the Board of Trustees in May, to the county in June, and to the state in July. The recent public safety operations assessment resulted in recommendations, of which number 11 was arming the campus peace officers. However, the assessors also recommend taking care of recommendations number 1 through 10 before moving on to number 11. Our student loan cohort default rate on student loan repayment has been increasing but over the last two years has gone down 2%.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The President announced that the college received a \$389,000 grant through a combined effort of the SUNY colleges. The money will go for equipment. The door is now officially open for performance-based budgeting. The plan for the Graduation and Achievement Program, to increase student complete rates, will be in place in 2014, to be implemented in 2016. The MVCC Foundation will be holding a retiree luncheon tomorrow. Elections to councils will be incorporated into the Senate elections. 396 out of 440 full-time employees attended the recent core workshops on student success. The college would like to do these annually and is looking for suggestions for possible topics. Anyone with a suggestion may contact the President's office.

## **FACULTY COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

R. Labuz reported that the Council met for three days last month. He presented an FCCC Resolution on SUNY's proposed 64-credit limit which he requested Senate endorsement of. S. Frisbee moved to endorse it with the correction of one typo; R. Labuz seconded. The motion carried, with 1 opposed and no abstentions.

R. Labuz presented a second FCCC Resolution which did not require endorsement. The Open SUNY goal is to have 100,000 students enrolled in online courses by 2014. SUNY would like to combine all these students into one group, which means all online classes in all SUNY colleges would be listed together, and any SUNY student could take any of them. The FCCC feels this will involve several issues, including consistency of curriculum and the difference in academic calendars; therefore, they resolve that faculty should be involved in any issues connected with this goal. P. Katchmar asked what platform SUNY will use for all these distance learning courses. Ron replied that they will use Blackboard.

R. Labuz also reported that MVCC currently does not participate in the Distinguished Faculty honorific, which consists of Distinguished Professorship, Distinguished Service Professorship, Distinguished Teaching Professorship, and Distinguished Librarian. (See: [http://www.suny.edu/provost/academic\\_affairs/Dist\\_Prof\\_Awards.cfm](http://www.suny.edu/provost/academic_affairs/Dist_Prof_Awards.cfm)) However, MVCC might want to consider participating in the future. The FCCC has endorsed the resolution for an Excellence in Adjunct Teaching Award.

SUNY has had to decide whether to close Downstate Medical Hospital, as it loses \$60 million per year. The crisis has to do with how doctors are paid. The hospital on Long Island has been closed, and Upstate Medical may be next. Medical education in SUNY will be drastically cut if Downstate closes.

As the President mentioned, performance-based funding is now available. Currently there is only \$3 million to be divided among multiple deserving campuses, which is not much.

MVCC is currently the eighth lowest in the state for full-time tuition, and lowest in the state for part-time tuition.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Status of the Periodic Review Report: Norayne Rosero stated that the report, which must be submitted entirely online, is due May 31/June 1. She plans to answer all the recommendations and suggestions that Middle States presented five years ago, as well as include over thirty other suggestions and "commitments" that the college has made. The report can be found on the M-drive under the folder "2013 PRR." Please contact Norayne or John Bullis for any information contained in the review which is inaccurate or unsubstantiated.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Diversity and Global View Committee report: The report was received with no questions or comments.

Academic Policies and Standards Committee report: There have been no meetings in 2013.

Facilities Committee report: The committee recommends that one person with a budget be responsible for the purchase of furniture and equipment in the classrooms. This request was endorsed by the Senate at the November 6, 2012, meeting. The committee will be conducting a limited survey about the classrooms that have been re-outfitted.

Continuing Appointments for Faculty Committee report: The committee recommends that its members be notified as soon as possible when the packets are ready, and that a roomier, secure location be found in which the packets may be reviewed.

Career Appointments Committee report: The report was received with no questions or comments.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

R. Spetka moved, and M. Adler seconded, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by common consensus at 3:45 p.m.

## **NEXT MEETINGS**

The next meeting of the College Senate will be **Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.** in **IT 225**.

The next meeting of the Senate Advisory Committee will be Monday, April 29, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. in PH 304.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Hartman  
Recording Secretary