

MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Utica and Rome, New York

COLLEGE SENATE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 1, 2013, IT 225

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

Present: J. Baumann, C. Bolton, L. Charbonneau, N. Chrisman, J. Coleman, D. Elseth, S. Frisbee, A. Haines-Stephan, K. Hartman, D. Ianno, D. Kelly, R. Labuz, M. Leahy, J. Livadas, M. McHarris, G. Melendez, R. Mink, S. Myalik, W. Perrotti, R. Pucine, M. Radlowski, J. Rahn, M. Sorrentino, R. Spetka, M. Thomas, M. Treis, G. Warchol, J. Woodrow, J. Yager, and President R. VanWagoner.

Student Senator: S. Teater.

Absent/Excused: J. Brown, K. Capuana, S. Dar, C. Miller, B. Molinaro, R. Rosero, J. Wilcox.

Guests: S. Akhavi, D. Ayers-Darling, D. Bogan, J. Boulanger, M. Buttenschon, R. Christman, T. Coulson, M. Czarnecki, J. Dewan, A. Doughtie, M. Eannace, S. Engel, A. Friedberg, R. Haubert, L. Kahler, D. Katz, J. Myers, M. Noti, S. Reynolds, N. Rosero, R. Santos, T. Schwaner, G. Searles, R. Shulman, T. Squires, S. Tandon, R. Thomas, and C. Zupancic.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

M. McHarris moved, and J. Baumann seconded, to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2013, meeting, with four corrections. The motion carried with none opposed and no abstentions.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

D. Kelly introduced new Senators Gail Warchol, Melissa Thomas, Magan Leahy, and John Coleman, all replacing Senators who are unable to serve.

D. Kelly reported on his attendance at the Faculty Council of Community Colleges Campus Governance Leaders Conference, held September 20-21 at Herkimer County Community College. The theme was understanding college budgets. Topics discussed included a new SUNY shared services initiative, Middle States planning and assessment, and performance-based funding. The latter will start as early as February 2014, but they are still working on the criteria for awarding the money. Colleges in other states who also have performance-based funding say that the money goes to the big schools, not to the community colleges. In discussing college budgets it was pointed out that colleges get their money from three sources—the state, student tuition, and local contributions. The state share is going down, and the local seems to be remaining level; therefore, any increases would have to come from raising student tuition and fees. Attendees were asked what their Senate's role was in the budget process. In the case of MVCC, it is nothing.

STUDENT CONGRESS REPORT

S. Teater reported that responses are coming in from the call for volunteers to serve on campus committees. She thanked M. Eannace for coming to their Student Congress meeting, and invited

Senators to come to the Halloween meeting, at which they are welcome to dress up along with the students.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

R. VanWagoner stated that he recently attended a SUNY President's meeting at which he found nineteen initiatives to work on, including the "Start Up New York" program, which gives tax-free incentives to businesses starting up on or near a SUNY campus. He will be working with the Senate Advisory Committee to align this initiative with the college plan.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Eannace was asked to address a series of seven questions concerning the academic reorganization. Pre- and post-reorganization statistical questions can be directed to Mark Radlowski.

FACULTY COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES REPORT

R. Labuz will report on the fall plenary meeting, which he will attend later this month. He noted that a leadership academy is being created to develop leaders at every level of the college. Twelve to fifteen people will be invited to participate, with more again each year.

OLD BUSINESS

Ad hoc Curriculum/College Catalog Committee: J. Rahn has scheduled a meeting.

Flag policy: D. Kelly and R. VanWagoner drafted a flag policy, which D. Kelly presented to the Senate. P. Katchmar asked about the length of time the flag remains down (at half mast), which is not stated in the policy. M. Treis suggested three days. T. Squires noted that security personnel, who do the raising and lowering of the flags, will inform the appropriate people on these occasions so that the rest of the campus community can be notified. W. Perrotti moved, and R. Spetka seconded, to endorse the policy. The motion carried, with none opposed and no abstentions.

NEW BUSINESS

Smoking policy: K. Hartman presented a proposal to amend the campus smoking policy to clarify what substances cannot be smoked in campus buildings. This proposal is in response to an incident in the library in which a student was smoking an electronic cigarette. The college's smoking policy does not define smoking and does not specify the substances. K. Hartman found policies at other SUNY colleges which included these definitions. D. Kelly suggested that a draft of the suggested wording be prepared for the next Senate meeting, and that, for the current month, the Senate agree to support security, faculty, and staff in the idea that a cigarette is a cigarette, including electronic ones.

ADJOURNMENT

J. Woodrow moved, and C. Bolton seconded, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. by common consensus.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next College Senate meeting will be **Tuesday, November 5, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in IT 225.**

The next Senate Advisory Committee meeting will be Monday, October 28, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. in PH 304.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista E. Hartman

Recording Secretary