

MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Utica and Rome, New York

COLLEGE SENATE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 18, 2015, IT 225

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

Present: J. Baumann, C. Bolton, K. Capuana, L. Charbonneau, N. Chrisman, A. Doughtie, S. Frisbee, A. Haines-Stephan, K. Hartman, D. Ianno, L. Kahler, D. Kelly, R. Labuz, M. Leahy, R. Mink, B. Molinaro, S. Myalik, A. Radlowski, J. Rahn, M. Taverne, M. Treis, G. Warchol, J. Wilcox, J. Woodrow, and President R. VanWagoner.

Student Senators: none attending

Absent/Excused: J. Brown, K. Capone, J. Coleman, S. Dar, D. Elseth, K. Hartman, M. Henningsen, P. Katchmar, J. Livadas, D. McDermott, M. McHarris, C. Miller, R. Pucine, M. Radlowski, J. Roberts, R. Rosero, and R. Spetka.

Guests: J. Boulanger and D. Katz.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A. Haines-Stephan moved, and M. Leahy seconded, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2015, meeting, with a few minor corrections pointed out by A. Doughtie. The motion carried, with none opposed and one abstention.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

D. Kelly announced that the Senate election results are in and that the new Senators have been notified. D. Kelly was nominated as Chair of the 2015-2016 Senate, and was elected with none opposed and no abstentions. J. Rahn was nominated as Vice Chair, with none opposed and no abstentions. D. Kelly announced that nine Senators expressed an interest in serving on the Senate Advisory Committee: M. Henningsen, C. Bolton, A. Doughtie, M. Treis, A. Radlowski, A. Haines-Stephan, R. Spetka, R. Mink, and R. Rosero. Since only six are needed (in addition to the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary), an election will be needed. A. Doughtie moved that it be an electronic rather than a paper ballot. J. Woodrow seconded the motion. R. Labuz pointed out that only two candidates are non-faculty. D. Kelly replied that, according to the bylaws, half of the SAC must be faculty, which doesn't mean that the rest of the members can't also be faculty. However, he agreed that it would be better to have more non-faculty. The motion to make the ballot an electronic one passed, with three opposed and one abstention. It was suggested that the language in the bylaws be included in the ballot. D. Kelly called for any other nominations to the SAC. R. Labuz and J. Wilcox volunteered. The nominations were approved with none opposed and no abstentions.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None.

FACULTY COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES REPORT

Since the newly revised bylaws allow for an alternate FCCC delegate, R. Labuz moved that one be appointed for the 2015-2016 academic year. S. Frisbee seconded the motion, which carried with none opposed and no

abstentions. D. Kelly will appoint an alternate in the fall. R. Labuz encouraged younger Senators to attend FCCC meetings. The FCCC will pay for attendance. Alternates vote and serve on committees.

OLD BUSINESS

Senate Values Committee: R. Labuz presented the charter for the Senate Values Committee, and moved to accept it. L. Kahler seconded the motion. R. Labuz stated that ten members of the Values Work Group are willing to serve on this committee. After enough Senators arrived to form a quorum, the motion passed, with none opposed and no abstentions.

NEW BUSINESS

MVCC Mission and Vision Statements: D. Kelly reviewed the draft revisions to the MVCC Mission and Vision Statements, as follows:

MVCC MISSION STATEMENT:

MVCC is a college of learners dedicated to providing accessible, high-quality educational opportunities to meet the diverse needs of our students. We are the community's college, committed to student success through local partnerships, transfer and career pathways, and to offering opportunities for lifelong learning.

MVCC VISION STATEMENT:

Transforming lives through learning.

The Strategic Planning Council is seeking any suggestions or comments from Senators.

Employee Recognition Council: D. Katz asked on behalf of the Employee Recognition Council for feedback on the number of awards given, the methods of selecting winners, and the timetables. It was suggested that not all the awards be handed out in the spring, or that nominations for awards be requested earlier. D. Kelly stated that, for Chancellor's Awards, candidates need to be given more time to compile their response. It was pointed out that some people feel it is too much work to nominate someone for an award. Please send other suggestions and comments to D. Katz.

OTHER

D. Kelly announced that the Senate Advisory Committee would be meeting with the President's Cabinet for a joint retreat in June, date TBA.

D. Kelly thanked the college community for their contributions to the Senate in the past academic year.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next College Senate meeting will be **Tuesday, September 1, 2015, at 2:30 p.m. in IT 225.**

The next Senate Advisory Committee meeting will be Monday, August 24, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. in PH 304.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Hartman
Senate Secretary