

MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Utica and Rome, New York

COLLEGE SENATE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 7, 2017, ACC 116

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

Present: C. Albrecht, D. Ayers-Darling, J. Baumann, K. Carhart, L. Charbonneau, S. Frisbee, S. Fryman, R. Huyck, D. Hyldelund, B. Jubenville, P. Katchmar, S. Kenyon, D. McDermott, S. McGovern, B. Molinaro, A. Radlowski, J. Rahn, J. Roberts, R. Santos, B. Scantlebury, G. Searles, N. Snyder, R. Spetka

Student Senators: D. Bennett, T. Moore, J. Rothrock

Absent/Excused: S. Dar, D. Gibbons, A. Haines, M. Henningsen, M. Kelly, P. Lotto, M. McHarris, C. Miller, S. Myalik, T. Palumbo, T. Thomas, R. VanWagoner, T. Weimer, J. Wilcox

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:39 p.m.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Joyce B. moved and T. Moore seconded to approve the minutes of the Oct 3rd meeting. The motion carried with 2 abstentions.

STUDENT CONGRESS REPORT

D. Bennett shared information about a student-led campaign against harassment and discrimination at MVCC titled "Hawks Against Harassment." Fliers and wallet cards are being distributed with information about the campaign, as well as lists of resources. J. Rothrock made a motion that the Senate support the campaign. G. Searles seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

In order to encourage students to meet with their advisors so that they can graduate on time, student club delegates must meet with their academic advisor or club advisor and complete a Student Congress scheduling form to demonstrate that the delegate has the appropriate courses for their spring schedule. It is recommended, but not required, that other club members complete the form as well.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

T. Squires shared updates on several ongoing and future projects, and explained some of the different ways funds are obtained for projects. The ACC Commons renovations are complete, and the stairs by Payne Hall are nearing completion. Upcoming projects include the following:

- upgrading the IT infrastructure to increase the capacity and speed of Wi-Fi across campus, as well as phone servers
- new sewer lines to help curb flooding in the ACC basement
- beginning the design work on renovations to the ST building
- renovations to the athletic field, including the track and women's softball field
- continued work on the wayfinding project
- a 4-year plan to remove asbestos and renovate all of AB, as well as PH102

T. Squires will send the budget worksheet and instructions to budget managers before the end of December. Dual Credit continues to be a significant factor in budgetary concerns. If dual credit is removed, enrollment at the College is down about 1.8% from last year, which is less than the 2.7% decline that was budgeted. It is still unknown how the recent SUNY interpretation regarding tuition for dual credit students will impact enrollment.

Lastly, T. Squires encouraged attendance at Campus Conversations to help facilitate communication between the College community and the Cabinet.

HEART & PRIDE OF THE HAWK

M. Eannace presented the Heart of the Hawk Award to Nathan Roscup and the Pride of the Hawk Award to Kristin Raab.

FACULTY COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES REPORT

J. Roberts recently attended the FCCC Plenary, and shared the following highlights:

- The SUNY Chancellor and the Presidents Association have agreed to propose a new funding model, moving away from the per FTE model and move toward a base level funding instead.
- A task force for SUNY general education requirements will be formed to determine whether the standards should be updated and, if so, to what extent and by what process.
- The SUNY BOT passed new regulations permitting charter schools to design their own teacher certifications. FCCC is arguing that the new regulations are a breach of SUNY policy and that it was passed despite widespread general opposition. The primary concern is that there should be consistency between public and charter schools.
- A Guided Pathways Panel, comprised of members from Monroe Community College, explored the level at which shared governance is being used to implement guided pathways.

J. Roberts also sits on the Governance Committee for FCCC, which has been tasked with researching the effectiveness of performance-based funding, as well as the unintended impacts. Current research indicates mixed results, including modest positive outcomes, and some negative unintended impacts, including narrowing of the Mission. Those interested or who wish to contribute should contact J. Roberts.

NEW BUSINESS

TRANSFER CREDIT POLICY RECOMMENDATION FROM APSC

There was some discussion concerning the updates to the Transfer Credit Policy proposed by APSC, including establishing a time frame for periodic reviews (under *Credit Based on Articulation Agreements*) and revising the section titled *SUNY Transfer Credit Appeal Process*. A motion to accept the policy with these changes, along with some grammatical and informational corrections, was made (Spetka, Santos). The motion carried (18 approve, 5 abstain).

ASSESSMENT IN THE SELF-STUDY

N. Rosero presented on the importance of assessment in the MSCHE self-study reaccreditation process, with an emphasis on using assessment results to improve. MVCC does well in stating its published learning outcomes and conducting program assessments, but needs to focus on having a more consistent collection of assessment results, as well as documenting how assessment results have been used to improve student outcomes, teaching, and learning. CORE Workshops will be held in January and February to prepare for the MSCHE team visit in March.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting of the College Senate will be **Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. in IT 225.**

The next meeting of the Senate Advisory Committee will be Monday, November 27, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. in PH 304.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Radlowski