

MVCC COLLEGE SENATE MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

Virtual Meeting

Present: E. Bush, S. Crocker, M. Faitell, S. Frisbee, A. Haines, K. Herting, L. Holmes, B. Horender, R. Huyck, J. Ireland, L. Kahler, M. Kelly, J. Maio, S. McCall, M. Miknavich, A. Miller, C. Miller, A. Radlowski, J. Rahn, S. Reynolds, S. Selden, R. Spetka, C. VanNamee, R. VanWagoner, J. Wilcox, R. Wittenberg.

Student Senators:

Absent/Excused: C. Albrecht, S. Dar, S. Engram, R. Golden, A. Hazen, P. Kuhn, S. Lai, M. LaPaglia, T. Marshall, S. McGovern, M. McHarris, A. Simons, L. Williams, J. Woodrow, J. Yager.

CALL TO ORDER: C. Miller

The meeting was called to order at 2:31 pm.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 2022, MEETING

(E. Bush, S. Selden) (21, 0, 1)

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: C. Miller

Meetings:

- Attended April 28 IEC (Institutional Effectiveness Committee) meeting.
- Monthly Pre-Senate meeting with President R. VanWagoner
- Monthly meeting with VP T. Squires and Faculty Caucus Chair
- Met with J. Suriano, T. Squires, and E. Bush to discuss a potential new book program for students.

Senate Advisory:

- Built May agenda and reviewed April minutes draft.
- Planned end-of-year meeting with Cabinet.
- Discussed the final outstanding Senate Goals for the year-Netiquette guidelines for non-instructional areas of the college.
- Completed Senate Assessment Document for the 2021/2022 Senate cycle.
- Deadline for the next Agenda routing form: Tuesday, August 23.
- The next Senate Advisory Meeting will be Tuesday, August 30, 2:30 pm via Teams.

Other items:

- Sent out the template form to all Senate Committee Chairs for end-of-year reports.
- Worked with G. Karol on the Grade Change and Transfer policy document, which goes to Academic Student Success, and the entire Board.
- Communicated with Chair of APSC for follow-up on:
 1. Grade Change and Transfer Policy recommendation
 2. President and Vice President List recommendations
- Nominees for:
 - Senate Chair – C. Miller (nominated by R. Huyck)
 - Vice Chair – R. Huyck (nominated by C. Miller)
- Senate Advisory members for the year-seeking to fill two to six positions.
 1. A. Radlowski (nominated herself) to serve on advisory
 2. E. Bush (nominated herself) to serve on advisory
 3. S. Frisbee (nominated himself) to serve on advisory
- In addition, I will reach out for nominations via email to new Senate members for the 2022-2023 year.
- Thank you for your service and commitment to all outgoing Senators!
- A Special May Senate meeting will take place via Zoom Monday, May 16, starting at 1:00, representing the newly elected Senate membership.

STUDENT CONGRESS REPORT: L. Holmes

- Last month, we nominated and elected our new officers for Fall 2022.
President – L. Holmes.
- We have been doing tabling services around campus in the AB building, ACC snack bar, and The Learning Commons, and they have been very successful. We have handed out food and information about the student congress. There was positive feedback from both commuters and students on campus, stating it helps with the cost and getting through the day.
- We have changed the name of the MVCC student activities page to The Student Congress Unclassified. We meet live every Friday at 1:15 to review what happened in our Thursday meetings.
- The student trustee has helped students with the graduation link that was not working, and in the dining hall, food concerns of pork items touching other items have also been resolved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: R. VanWagoner

The President thanked everyone who attended the open budget forums. Due to the President presenting the budget to the Board of Trustees in the May Board meeting, he provided an overview of the Annual Plan and funding for the fiscal year 2023 and the Key Performance Indicators (KPI) framework.

KPIs will be located on the institutional research page.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: L. Kahler

VP L. Kahler first spoke about how in The School of Art, a new degree - The Motion Graphic degree, is on its way to approval. The digital animation program with students interested in 2d animation will draw new students without adding cost to the operational budget.

Secondly, MVCC was redesignated as The Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense education by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security. This was done at a ceremony at the US Naval Academy on April 25. That means our program is valid through 2028 and meets the highest national cyber security standards.

Lastly, an update about Brightspace D2L on cohort one they were having some difficulties with creating course shells. We are cohort four, and hopefully, the issues can be worked out before they get to us, as they go through two and three.

EQUITY AND INCLUSION OFFICER REPORT: T. Marshall (presented by C. Miller)
The 21day challenge will be happening in October, and T. Marshall will send out information later this month. The challenge dates will be October 3 through the 23rd.

FCCC Report: A. Miller

The first resolution supports the legislative process by asking for the College Presidents to endorse the bill in the Senate and Assembly to help with funding to feed the students.

1. A. Miller motioned to endorse this resolution from FCCC, and S. Frisbee seconded it. The vote was taken, results: were unanimous (19,0,0)
2. The second resolution is for SUNY to update how community college presidential searches should be done. A. Miller motioned to endorse this resolution from FCCC, and S. Frisbee seconded it. The vote was taken, results: (17, 1, 0).

Lastly, a year ago, extra funding was to support mental health resources for students offered by SUNY. Not a lot of talk this year and where it went. SUNY is being asked to be a little more transparent for best practices.

FACULTY CAUCUS REPORT: E. Bush

Faculty Caucus invited students to share their responses to the questions below.

What are some things (circumstances) that have made you feel welcomed and/or included in classes, organizations, or other campus experiences? *Response: Welcoming interactions with staff and faculty; providing students with guidance concerning campus resources; participating in clubs and socializing with others inside and outside of class.*

-What are some things (circumstances) that have made you feel unwelcomed and/or excluded in classes, organizations, or other campus experiences? *Response: Lack of discussion concerning Office of Accessibility Resources (OAR); out-of-date syllabi regarding OAR services; forgetting student testing accommodations; online classes that do not engage students socially.*

What changes would you like to see to promote welcoming and inclusive environments? *Response: Invite OAR staff to the classroom; bring class to Learning Common for a tour; encourage social interaction during online courses; encourage students to have cameras on during online synchronous classes.*

E. Bush announced that she would be stepping down from the Faculty Caucus Chair position next year, and nominations for both the chair and secretary positions are being taken so that a May vote can occur. During the Faculty Caucus Chair report, attendees were informed that the Teaching and Learning Center is part of the Guided Pathway recommendations. VP L. Kahler

will be meeting with the Guided Pathway Council later this month to move forward with development.

During old business A. Lewis shared a draft of the MVCC Student Survey. Many favored the sub categories and student comment section for each category. The scaling of the different subcategories and simplifying the document's language were discussed to ensure student understanding. It was mentioned that additional questions and a comment section under the category of student self-assessment would be beneficial. The next item discussed under the old business was online strategic planning. The subcommittee that worked on the resolution draft reported to faculty following the April 12 meeting with VP L. Kahler, VP S. Reynolds, and D. McDermott. Wording changes were made to the resolution. The discussion then centered on the gap between the resolution's intent and its impact. The document title was revised from a resolution to a Faculty Caucus Recommendation Regarding Course Modality.

During the open forum, it was mentioned that some faculty must submit online grade changes multiple times. E. Bush will investigate and report back. A question arose concerning the Sustainability Council's activity and whether or not the council was still active.

A faculty mentioned that some students had experienced difficulty scheduling testing accommodations online.

E. Bush to investigate and report back.

The next Faculty Caucus meeting will occur on May 10, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS:

C. Miller asks for suggestions or ideas on how to get more engagement.

J. Maio reflected on the last few senate meetings stating that there is a 60-90 min. report out, and if you want more engagement from the college community, there must be more conversation and less reporting.

E. Bush suggested putting time limits on report-outs.

C. Miller says to share one big thing to go over.

S. McCall said to have a rotating month for different areas.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Radlowski made a motion to accept the academic program review as a Senate Committee, and S. Crocker seconded.

A vote was taken, result was a unanimous vote (21,0,0)

E. Bush presented the background and timeline for the Faculty Caucus Recommendation Regarding Course Modality. The document was shared for comments and questions. A. Miller shared the revisions made to the document during its creation into a final draft.

E. Bush asked if Senators had further comments as Faculty Caucus wished to get Senate endorsement.

M. Kelly made a motion to endorse the Faculty Caucus Recommendation Regarding Course Modality. A. Miller seconded the motion.

A vote was taken, results were (20,0,1).

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn meeting approved (S. McCall, A. Haines)

NEXT MEETINGS:

The next Senate Meeting, TBD if zoom or in person, is on **Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 2:30 pm.**

The next Senate Advisory Committee will be via Teams on **Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at 2:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Kathe Herting