

**MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
UTICA AND ROME, NEW YORK**

**Strategic Planning Council
Friday, May 8, 2015
2:00 pm-PH 300**

Present: Franca Armstrong, Marianne Buttenschon, Jennifer DeWeerth, Maryrose Eannace, Nick Gioppo, Jill Heintz, Paul Katchmar, David Katz, Don Kelly, Ron Labuz, Jim Lynch, Tamara Mariotti, Bill McDonald, Michael McHarris, Nelissa Nowicki, Stephanie Reynolds, Norayne Rosero, Roman Santos, Matthew Snyder, Geri Sultenfuss, Jim Sunderhaft, Randall VanWagoner

Chair Buttenschon called the meeting to order at 2: 07 pm.

1. **Review/Approval of the Minutes of the April 24, 2015 Meeting:** On a motion by Stephanie Reynolds,, seconded by Maryrose Eannace and unanimously approved, the minutes of the April 24 meeting were approved as submitted.
2. **Review of Revised Mission and Vision Statements:** The group discussed the revised statements distributed after the April 24 meeting. After discussion, the statements were revised as follows:
 - a. **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.”
 - b. **MVCC Vision Statement:** “ Transforming lives through learning”

Members were asked to share the revised statements with their constituencies. The statements will be presented to the College Senate at its May 18 meeting.

3. **Identification of Major Initiatives and Vocabulary:** The four work groups discussed the items identified at the April 24 meeting and proposed for inclusion in the next strategic plan. Major themes were identified. These “big ideas” are listed in the attachment.

The group discussed the structure of the new plan, including the number of “levels” the plan should contain, and how specific each of the statements should be. There was consensus that there should be no more than two levels, with some support for the plan having only a single level, consisting of clearly stated, measurable objectives.

4. **SPC Retreat:** The council will hold a retreat on Thursday, May 21 from 8:30-12:30 in PH 300. During this session, the strategic plan will be drafted for submission to the Board of Trustees.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Kelly
Recorder