

MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Utica and Rome, New York

COLLEGE SENATE ROLLOVER MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 8, 2007, PH 300

Present: S. Bice, D. Boyce, A. Broski, T. Capraro, E. Dailey, D. DiGiorgio, A. Doughtie, T. Fournier, T. Haroon, K. Hartman, M. Kohl, R. Jubenville, D. Larson, J. Maio, D. Morgan, M. Pearson, W. Perrotti, N. Rutishauser, M. Schafer, S. Selden, S. Senior, R. Spetka, R. Stempien, and D. Willner.

Excused: C. Domser, R. Feola, B. Kurtz, B. Quist, J. Smrtic, and R. Thomas.

Absent: H. Cross, C. Degennaro-Ho, A. Glidden, D. Katz, D. McDermott, A. Marchio, G. Slade, and J. Zegarelli.

Guests: J. Andrek, F. Armstrong, R. Button, S. Coleman, S. Engel, P. Fox, S. Frisbee, J. Gifford, R. Haubert, K. Lynip, and M. Radlowski.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:30.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Perrotti presented his report.

OLD BUSINESS

Faculty/Staff Memorial: S. Bice stated that the \$571.00 raised thus far is not enough to Purchase the plaque and put in the sidewalk that was planned for the memorial. She called for a decision to be made on what to do with the memorial. T. Capraro suggested putting the money into a scholarship fund. R. Jubenville suggested that the money be added to the campus beautification scheme and the memorial be incorporated into that project. R. Spetka moved, and A. Broski seconded, to incorporate the faculty/staff memorial into the existing landscaping master plan as an area of reflection memorializing past employees of the college. The motion carried, with one opposed and one abstention.

Proposed academic calendar for 2008-09: The College-Wide Calendar Committee has not yet submitted a calendar for consideration.

Proposed Diversity and Global View plan: The Diversity and Global View Committee asked the Senate to consider the proposed Student Plan for advancing diversity/global view at MVCC. S. Engel, J. Gifford, and S. Coleman explained that the plan requires all graduating students to prove that they have been exposed to diversity and global views. Proof would consist of a variety of options, such as completing a course that addresses diversity and global issues, attending diversity/global view events on campus, participating in a club with diversity/global view aspects, writing a one-semester log of international media coverage of current events, completing an Honors Project dealing with diversity/global view issues, or taking one or more short online tutorials. K. Lynip showed the Senators a sample online tutorial on Islam. A Summer Institute workshop will be held to show interested instructors how to create a tutorial, which is Microsoft Word-based. The tutorials would be non-credit-bearing and free. Question was raised as to when this requirement would take effect. M. Schafer suggested 2008-2009 because it would need to go into the College Catalog, and it is too late for 2007-2008. W. Perrotti questioned

whether the College-Wide Curriculum Committee and the General Education Committee are in agreement with this. R. Spetka pointed out that the Chairs of both committees are members of the Diversity and Global View Committee. M. Radlowski also added that part of the General Education Committee's charge involves assessment of global view. W. Perrotti felt that nevertheless a joint letter from the Chairs of both committees should be drafted in support of the proposal. S. Bice moved, and R. Spetka seconded, to approve the Student Plan with the contingency that a support letter be generated from the College-Wide Curriculum and General Education Committees. The motion carried, with none opposed and three abstentions.

Green Campus Task Force "green campus" strategic initiative: N. Rutishauser proposed, and R. Stempien seconded, to ask the Strategic Planning Committee to consider making "green campus" a strategic initiative (college-wide goal). Since college-wide goals dictate where the money goes, the Task Force felt that more would get done if "green campus" became part of the Strategic Planning Committee. M. Schafer felt that the Task Force should become a Senate Committee, because college-wide goals are mission-oriented, which "green campus" is not. N. Rutishauser commented that "green campus" needs to become part of the college community's consciousness to truly work. She felt that the scope of the task was so large that a Senate Committee could not accomplish it all. Some Task Force members have even recommended that the College hire an individual to coordinate this. T. Capraro suggested that the College Facilities Committee add "green campus" to their charge. The question was called, and the motion carried, with 5 opposed and 1 abstention.

OTHER BUSINESS

Safety and Security Committee smoking ban on campus: J. Palmer, Chair of the Safety and Security Committee, requested that the Senate consider a total smoking ban on campus. S. Bice moved that it be referred back to the Committee for justification, as none was given in the written proposal. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

D. Boyce moved, and R. Stempien seconded, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m. by common consensus.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting of the College Senate (the first meeting of the 2007-08 Senate) will be on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in PH 300.

The next meeting of the Senate Advisory Committee will be: TBA.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Hartman
Senator and Recording Secretary