

**MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
Utica and Rome, New York

**COLLEGE SENATE MEETING MINUTES**  
Monday, May 15, 2017, IT 225

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

**Present:** J. Baumann, L. Charbonneau, S. Dar, S. Frisbee, A. Haines, R. Huyck, B. Jubenville, P. Katchmar, M. Kelly, C. Miller, B. Molinaro, S. Myalik, A. Radlowski, J. Roberts, R. Santos, B. Scantlebury, N. Snyder, M. Sykes, R. VanWagoner, and J. Wilcox

**Absent/Excused:** D. Gibbons, M. Henningsen, D. Hyldelund, S. Kenyon, P. Lotto, D. McDermott, M. McHarris, T. Palumbo, J. Rahn, G. Searles, R. Spetka, T. Thomas, G. Warchol, and T. Weimer

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m.

**REVIEW & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

J. Baumann moved and R. Santos seconded to approve the minutes of the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

A. Haines reported on the College Senate Assessment Review and the Senate elections, and remarked that some committees are in the process of being staffed. He then welcomed new and returning members of the Senate.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President VanWagoner gave an update on the budget. Projections include significant reductions in revenue and state aid, a 2.7% enrollment decline, and a 2.5% increase in county support. Some considerations when forming the budget include mandatory expenses, vacancies, requests from budget managers, programs and services, and grants, with an emphasis on remaining lean and focused while stimulating progress. For example, rather than replacing entire computers, the replacement cycle can be cut in half by replacing only hard drives.

One program has been deleted for being redundant, six employees have been laid off, 16 vacancies were eliminated, and 17 vacancies were filled. Full-time tuition will increase by \$166 (4%) and part-time tuition will increase by \$8 per credit hour (4.8%). Decreases in ATD costs are being applied to Guided Pathways, which will be fully implemented in Fall 2020. It is unknown how the SUNY Excelsior Program will effect enrollment for 2017-18, and potential changes to the Dual Credit program may result in a decline in 2018-19.

Upcoming renovations include ACC Commons, residence halls, Public Safety (through a State grant), the Utica library, and re-carpeting areas of the I.T. building (including IT 225). Capital project requests include the Wayfinding/Signage project, restoring the ACC basement, and renovating the S.T. Building and athletic fields.

In response to a question about the Master Plan, R. VanWagoner commented that the Utica Plan is still the Master Plan, which included the recent renovations to the Rome Campus, as well as \$100 million to create a new building next to Payne Hall and renovate A.B. There is a four year plan to remove asbestos from A.B, and, with the emergence of nano science and technologies in the area, we are seeking funding to renovate the S.T. building.

### **ELECTIONS**

A. Haines requested nominations for Senate officer positions and the Senate Advisory Committee.

A. Haines and J. Rahn were elected as Senate chair and vice-chair. The Senate Advisory Committee will include A. Haines, D. McDermott, C. Miller, A. Radlowski, J. Rahn, J. Roberts, and R. Spetka.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

M. Sykes moved and J. Rahn seconded to adjourn. By common consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETINGS**

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

The next meeting of the Senate Advisory Committee will be Monday, August 28, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. in PH 304.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anna Radlowski