



October 21st, 2010

PRESENT: Chris Abbott (President) S. Adrion, A Benjamin, P. Bishop, S. Crews, B. Connell, (Vice President) B. Dery, B. Edelbach, M. Ernsthause, S Farrington, M. Fine, C. Forde, K. Frantz, M Fugate, K. Mooney-Graves, E. Grissing, S Hagreen, L. Judd, R. Kennedy, E. Lanzafame , J. Mahar, M. Ofsowitz, H. Pierre-Philippe (Secretary) C. Powers, E. Ripton, P. Sarantis, T. Schichler, D. Shaw, C Silvio, D. Smith, J. Smith, R. Stevens, J. Volland, S. Weider, A. Wilson, M. Witz, H. Wynn-Preische.

ABSENT: D. Augustine, L. Bartholome, B. Bower, A. Conte, G. Fazekas, J. McKenna, D. Olaode, P. Ornt, , P. Peterson, S Battista-Provost, C. Sardone, H. Williams,

GUESTS: D. Burke, D. Cecero, C. Cooper, C. Downing, M. Reyes, R. Rigoni, R. Shea, B. Smith

I. Meeting called to order: 3:40pm

All College Meeting:

C. Abbott asked if anyone had for any ideas for the Faculty Senate to review this year.

R Rigoni talked about the process which began last June, to discuss and define the general education courses. She is concerned that this may be taking a different direction , that we may be setting up a system with Liberal Arts courses approved by the State Education Department are different from the MCC general education courses. That would complicate the advisement process as well transfer credit evaluation for incoming students.

C. Abbott gave an update on the following items from the June meeting:

It was suggested that the plagiarism policy be reviewed and the Academic Policies Committee is working on that.

There should be better monitoring of the various wait lists to provide students with better access to classes.

Green Saver Student Parking issues were brought to L. Struble, Director of Public Safety. The department will continue to monitor this policy, to determine its effectiveness.

S. Salvador, Vice President, and R. Ryther, Assistant Vice President – Student Services discussed the possible changes to the 2011 Commencement ceremonies. The committee is recommending that the graduation be moved from the traditional Thursday evening to Saturday morning. The decision is based on several factors including feedback from the college community: Thursday night may be difficult for

working family; parking may be an issue; difficult for graduate and family to celebrate. These things may set up some uncivil behaviors. The advantages to a Saturday morning program: no parking issues; graduation celebration would not be an issue; travel time for family members living outside of the Rochester area; increase faculty participation; faculty with evening classes can attend graduation. The committee is also thinking of the following: asking faculty to sit with their students to encourage them to remain for the entire ceremony; they could also sit behind the students rather than in the stand; Working to put the focus back on the students; will be enhancing communication to students about graduation protocol; working on streamlining the ceremony; and changing the on stage photography process.

The following were suggestions from faculty: invite some students to Convocation; parts of Convocation could be shown at graduation. A final decision will be made shortly, as both Thursday night and Saturday morning have been reserved.

II. Announcements (C. Abbott)

Met with Dr Kress and updated her on the areas that the Senate will be working this year. They also talked briefly about the search process for the Provost/ Vice President, Academic Services. The interviews will be held on November 13th and 14th and the committee will then recommend those candidates that will be part of the college-wide interview/open forum process.

III. Approval of minutes

Minutes of September 23rd Faculty Senate meeting approved.

IV. Action Items

PR22S - Addictions Counseling (AS) **Motion passed**

V. Standing Committee Reports

Academic Policies – E. Grissing

It has been suggested that the wording of FS Resolution 1.10, which deals with Course Information Sheets, could be made more precise. The Committee discussed this at our last meeting and recommends changing the sentence “The CIS will be distributed during the first week of class...” to “The CIS will be made available in hard copy or electronic form during the first week of class....”

[Rationale: This allows more flexibility in the way course information sheets are distributed but maintains the requirement that they be made available to students at the beginning of a course; it also brings policy into concurrence with current practice.]

APC also reexamined Resolution 1.2.1(4), dealing with incoming transfer credits. It suggests adding the clause “but subject to departmental prerequisites” to the first sentence. The amended sentence would read “Students whose cumulative average at a previous college was 2.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) may have all their courses considered for transfer credit, provided the courses are applicable to the degree program desired at Monroe Community College, but subject to departmental prerequisites.”

[Rationale: This addresses the concerns of some departments that have a prerequisite that a minimum grade (such as ‘C’) be achieved in a lower-numbered course before a higher-numbered course can be taken.]

Both of these recommended Resolution rewordings will be voted on as action items at the November Senate meeting.

In addition, the Committee will discuss in the near future the perennial academic calendar issues and the self-consistency of statements regarding academic honesty and plagiarism wherever they appear, e.g. the College Catalog and the FS Resolutions.

Curriculum – M. Ernsthausen

The curriculum committee has given final approval for the following:

One program revision:

PR22S Addictions Counseling (AS)

4 course deactivations

CD1F PLA 210 Injection Molding

CD2F PLA 211 Plastic Product Design

CD3F PLA 110 Introduction to Plastics

CD4F PLA 212 Introduction to Polymeric Materials

1 course revision

CR65S ACD MAS 240 Shiatsu

2 New Courses

NC1F GEO 195 Field Studies in the Geosciences

NC27S PSY 180 Fundamentals of APA Style

The curriculum committee has posted the following for faculty review:

2 course revisions

CR1F Statistics II

CR40F Graphic Arts

As stated in the Characteristics of Excellence, “and accredited institution is characterized by: a program of general education that incorporates study of values, ethics, and diverse perspectives ... information literacy, which includes critical analysis and reasoning” is a fundamental element of Standard 12. MCC should develop an accountability system to make sure that information literacy; critical analysis and reasoning; and the study of values, ethics, and diverse perspectives are incorporated into each student’s general education program.

NEG – A. Wilson

No report

SCAA – M. Fine

M. Fine is encouraging everyone to attend the open forum for the VP for Economic Development and Innovative Workforce Services. She would appreciate your feedback. The search process for the Provost/VP, Academic Services is going well. They have narrowed down their choices, the candidates are being contacted by the consultant for additional information, and the interviews are on November 13th and 14th. The final list of candidates will be invited to campus for open hearings in early December.

Planning – D. Shaw

Will be meeting with B. Cunningham to discuss the various renovations projects across campus.

Professional Development – C. Powers

The deadline for the NISOD award nomination was October 29th. Feel free to contact C. Powers if you have any questions. PDC is planning a ‘brown bag’ to discuss all the awards.

VI. Student Announcements
None

VII. Business
None

VIII. New Business
None

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Abbott,
President

Harry Pierre-Philippe,
Secretary

Minutes approved at the November 18, 2010 Faculty Senate meeting.