I. Call to Order: by Travis Gibbs at 4:00 pm

II. Roll Call:

President
Vice President
Senator-at-Large
Business & Information Technology Systems Communications
Health, Human & Public Services
Humanities & Social Sciences
Math, Science & PE
Fire Tech/Fire Academy Program Director
Part-Time Faculty

Visitors:
Student Activities Coordinator
MVC Dean of Instruction
MVC Dean of Student Services
MVC Dean, Health Sciences VP, Educational Services VP, Business Services President, MVC Dean, PSET

III. Approval of Agenda: M/S/C – Lipkin/Marshall/unanimous

IV. Approval of Minutes 10/05/09: M/S/C Thompson/Fontaine/unanimous, excepting abstention from Natalie Hannum

V. Officer and Liaison Reports:

a. President: (1) Draft resolution from City campus regarding the process for certificate and program development was distributed to the MVAS. (2) The DAS expects information flow from the various subcommittees to the DAS, not the reverse. (3) Travis Gibbs thanks Teri Currie for helping to organize senate documents for the senate office.

d. College President: (1) The district committee on athletics had its first meeting of the academic year. Senators are encouraged to ask fellow department members for ideas relating to the development of athletic programs at MVC. (2) The campus master plan needs revision, and MVC is in the process of finding architects to help with this revision. (3) Phase I in the construction of new bioscience labs will begin November 2009. (4) Plans for the construction of the administration wing on the second floor of the Humanities building will take some time to reach fruition.
e. Part-time Faculty: (1) Sal Soto reports that the MVCAS has not yet received any nominations for the position of Part-time Faculty Senator. Senators are requested to inform members of their respective departments about the search.

f. Student Liaison: (1) Seven students from MVC attended the Fall Leadership Conference. (2) Pink Ribbon Week takes place this week. (3) There will be a blood drive on campus Wednesday, October 21, from 9 am to 5 pm.

VI. Committee Reports:

a. SPC: (1) Lisa Conyers reports that new bylaws for the SPC were recently passed, and that the first meeting of the year was a congenial affair. (2) Travis Gibbs thanks Lisa Conyers and Don Foster for keeping the lines of communication open with the MVCAS.

b. APC: (1) At the October 9 meeting of the DAPC it was decided that the DAPC should not play the role of a decision-making body, but serve as a mechanism for keeping each campus aware of developments in academic planning at the separate campuses.

c. DAC: (1) Sheila Pisa reports that one common problem noted by DAC personnel regarding submitted program reviews is the lack of commentary concerning how assessment data might be addressed.

d. DPG&SLC: (1) In response to questions raised by Cyn-D Gobatie, Travis Gibbs and Ray Maghroori will work to polish the language in the document detailing policies relating to the advancement to full professor.

e. DPR: (1) The senate requests that senators consider serving as the MVCAS representative to the DPR committee.

f. BSI: (1) Sheila Pisa distributed a copy of the BSI Action Plan for the academic year. Highlights include efforts to generate more faculty input into BSI efforts on the campus and plans for the possible implementation of a summer “Jumpstart” program for students testing at the lowest levels of math and English. Copies of the action plan are available from Sheila Pisa.

g. Curriculum: (1) Natalie Hannum distributed copies of a document detailing the discipline adoption process. Senators are requested to discuss the document with members of their respective departments.

VII. Old Business:

a. Professor Emeritus Status: Each campus senate and the Board must approve before emeritus status is granted.

b. 18 to 16 Semester Unit Limit: Administration has moved back to the 18 unit enrollment limit.

c. BP 7250: The most recent draft of a document detailing administrator and academic retreat rights was distributed to the senators. Senators are requested to discuss the document with their respective department members. There will be a vote to approve or disapprove of the current draft at the next senate meeting.

d. Senate Parliamentarian: The senate determined that there is no need for a formally recognized Parliamentarian at this time. Frankie Moore will provide a summary of Robert’s Rules of Order to the senators.

VIII. New Business:

a. Nominations for Senate Vice President: Sal Soto is elected senate Vice President for a term of one year. M/S/C Lipkin/Thompson/unanimous

b. Nominations for Senate Secretary/Treasurer: Nick Sinigaglia is elected senate Secretary/Treasurer for a term of one year. M/S/C Hausladen/Honore/unanimous

c. AP 3506: A document detailing Academic Emergency Procedures for Significant Events was distributed to the senators. Senators are requested to discuss the document with members of their respective departments.

IX. Open Hearing (none)

X. Adjournment at 5:30 pm M/S/C Hannum/Soto/ unanimous

Recorded by Nick Sinigaglia, MVCAS Secretary