I. As there were not enough senators present to make a quorum until 4:35 pm, the following information items were introduced before the formal call to order (from item VIII on agenda):

a. MVCAS President: (1) Reagan Romali reports that signage in classrooms indicating maximum occupancy has been updated. Remaining problems may be reported to her office. (2) Electronic Teaching Assignments for the Spring 2010 semester should be distributed via email today. (3) Faculty should expect noise from campus construction projects during finals week and over the winter term. (4) DAS is not in danger of being cancelled, despite some comments made at the last MVCAS meeting which may imply the contrary.

b. MVCAS Vice President: (1) Campus presidents have been forwarded a list of faculty members recommended for advancement to full professor by the District Academic Rank Committee.

d. College President: (1) The Resources subcommittee of the MVC-SPC is collating suggestions for reducing expenditures. (2) The details of the “golden handshake” agreement are being finalized, and should be decided by the Board as early as January 2010. (3) Physical education programs will be downsized across the district, by as much as 50% by next summer. (4) Freezes on salary increases and travel will continue into next year. (5) Each campus has been asked to submit to the chancellor campus-specific reorganizational schemes, detailing especially the desired structure of student services. Drafts of such proposals will be completed in late December, with announcements on final decisions coming March 1, 2010. (6) A website allowing voting on the preferred name for our new parking complex should be linked from the main campus web page soon.

II. Roll Call:

President Travis Gibbs (present)
Vice President Sal Soto (present)
Senator-at-Large Nick Sinigaglia (present)
Business & Information Technology Systems Cheryl Honore (present)
Communications Susan Ingham (absent) Valarie Zapata (present)
Health, Human & Public Services Lisa Hausladen (present)
Humanities & Social Sciences Eric Thompson (absent) Ann Pfeifle (present)
Math, Science & PE Ellen Lipkin (present) Shara Marshall (absent)
Fire Tech/Fire Academy Program Natalie Hannum (absent)
Part-Time Faculty Jean Bocharova (absent)

Visitors:
Student Activities Coordinator Frankie Moore (present)
MVC Dean of Instruction Patti Bufalino (present)
MVC Dean of Student Services Daria Burnett (absent)
MVC Dean, Health Sciences Wolde-Ab Isaac (absent)
VP, Educational Services Lisa Conyers (present)
VP, Business Services Reagan Romali (absent)
President, MVC Monte Perez (present)
Dean, PSET Cordell Briggs (present)
ASMVC President Marilynn Zaragoza (absent)
Outcomes Assessment Specialist George Zottos (present)
Librarian Debbi Renfrow (present)
III. Approval of Agenda: M/S/C Soto/Pfeifle/unanimous, with amendments to the order of items to be addressed in section X,
Old Business (see below)

IV. Approval of Minutes 11/16/09: M/S/C Pfeifle/Hausladen/unanimous, excepting abstentions from Ellen Lipkin and Valarie Zapata

V. Scholarship Applications: Scholarship applications will be reviewed beginning March 15, 2010. Student Financial Services would like at least 15 faculty and staff members from MVC to serve on the scholarship application review committee. Sal Soto will take the lead in organizing this, and any recommendations regarding the process or offers to volunteer for the committee may be submitted to him.

VI. Electronic Texts: As Paula McCroskey was unable to attend today’s meeting, Travis Gibbs will distribute the relevant information to senators via email.

VII. United Way Information: Daria Burnett has applications available for MVCAS faculty and staff that would like to donate to United Way through a program with the college. With other senators in agreement, Ann Pfeifle requests that additional campus programs with other charities be developed.

X. Old Business:
   a. The senate decides to leave it to senate’s discretion whether a given voting item must be discussed with faculty constituents before a senate vote is called.
   b. Retreat Rights: The senate votes to table discussion. M/S/C Soto/Fontaine/unanimous
   c. Athletics at MVC: 432 total student surveys were collected by the SAC regarding student opinion on the development of athletic programs at our college. 316 surveys expressed interest in the development of such programs, with 18 uninterested and 98 leaving this survey question blank. Basketball was listed as the most desired sport for both men’s and women’s sports. Complete data is available from Frankie Moore upon request.

20 minute meeting extension: M/S/C Pfeifle/Lipkin/unanimous

d. APC recommendations resulting from September 23, 2009 meeting: When making determinations on whether to drop sections for under-enrollment, predictions of future enrollment should not be based solely on past enrollment data. The APC also recommends that in these decision processes data concerning average efficiencies of disciplines and departments should be given at least as much weight as data concerning efficiencies of isolated sections. Travis Gibbs asserted that the language on this point may be too strong, and that in some circumstances giving the efficiencies of isolated sections more weight than discipline/department efficiencies may be appropriate, hence the suggestion that the APC’s recommendations be amended to state that discipline and department efficiencies should be included for consideration in decisions about whether to drop individual sections for under-enrollment.

10 minute meeting extension: M/S/C Pfeifle/Soto/unanimous

XI. David Torres offered the senate basic data on demographics and student success rates in the district. This information will be distributed to all faculty and administrators by email.

XII. New Business
   a. The senate agrees to meet February 22 and March 1 of 2010.

XIII. Open Hearing (none)

XIV. Adjournment at 6:00 pm M/S/C Honore/Soto/unanimous

Recorded by Nick Sinigaglia, MVCAS Secretary