Call to Order:
T. Gibbs, called the meeting to order at 3:55pm

I. 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
Valarie Zapata (absent)
Edd Williams (present)
Health, Human & Public Services
Bob Fontaine (present)
Cindy Ovard (absent)
Humanities & Social Sciences
Eric Thompson (present)
Donald Foster (present)
LaTonya Parker (present)
Math, Science & PE
Ellen Lipkin (present)
Nicolae Baciuna (present)
Public Safety, Education, & Training (PSET)
Natalie Hannum (present)
Associate Faculty (Part-Time Faculty Rep).
Michael Schulz, EMT (present)

Visitors:
Vice President, Student Services
Greg Sandoval
Interim Dean of Instruction
Carlos Tovares
Dean, PSET
Cordell Briggs
Library/Communications, SPC Faculty Co-Chair Elect
Debbi Renfrow
Communications, ESL
Olga Dumer
CSEA/IMC
Angela Thomas
ASMVC
Frankie Moore
Michelle Christenson
Cesar Torres

II. Approval of Agenda
Motion: E. Lipkin, Second: B. Fontaine. Discussion: move VI.c to VI.a to accommodate Olga Dumer’s schedule. No objection. Unanimous approval.

III. Approval of Minutes:
3/5/12, Motion: L. Parker, Second: S. Soto, Discussion/clarification about item V., Unanimous approval.
4/2/12 B. Fontaine, L. Parker, Discussion: Adjournment time was 6:00pm, Unanimous approval.

IV. Student Academic Services: Phase III, Furniture update: Eddy Chi & Frankie Moore
Eddy Chi/Frankie Moore: Powerpoint Slide showing Exterior view and interior 3 floor plans as well as a summary of the various interior items. Discussion about “library space” and “food services” since there is already a renovated Lion’s Den, and also since there is a Library Building in the queue. Sandoval reminded the Senate that the Library Building might not even be coming until 2015-2018. T. Gibbs is asking about the SPCs opinion on the furniture consultants. Much discussion occurred about the fact that we can only change 1% of the Final Project Proposal. T. Gibbs will move the item to Old Business.

V. New Business:
a. Faculty Co-chair: Student Equity Committee
LaTonya Parker to be the Co-Chair: Motion: S. Soto, Second: C. Honore, Discussion:
Thanks to Ms. Parker. Unanimous approval.
VI. Old Business

a. ESL Certificate Program

Olga Dumer presented a Program Outline of Record for Advanced Academic English as a Second Language. She addressed the history of the program, and the culmination of the process of it becoming a Certificate, the impact of the Certificate when ESL students are entering the job market, and remarked that it helps them to be better prepared for transfer level courses. Course offerings will be rotated among the three Colleges so that offerings will always be available. She also added a response to how the ESL program will be affected and/or respond to the budget cuts. Dr. Dumer also expressed her understanding to the Senate’s concern that completion of the Certificate may not necessarily be awarded to MVC, but that credit might end up going to one of the other Colleges. She also noted that many ESL students are already doing that since they are taking classes at all three Colleges. Any courses that were taken away from the MoVal catalogue have been reinstated.

Motion to approve: N. Hannum, Second: E. Williams. Discussion: N. Hannum would like to have Dr. Dumer come back once it is up and running to see how the program is doing and to serve as a “tracking mechanism” to report back. S. Soto reminded the Senate that this has a huge implication on Financial Aid for some students. Dr. Dumer will also take the Senate’s comments to the discipline meeting scheduled for this Friday. Unanimous approval.

b. MVCAS Constitution and Bylaws.

Tabled until the May 7, 2012 meeting. There are no real constitutional changes, but there was a minor hitch on the language of the SPC becoming a standing committee of the Senate.

c. Order of Registration updates.

G. Sandoval: Students Success Act 2012 in Sacramento is working on this, so we might be held to a State-wide mandate.

d. Academic Dishonesty Form proposal: Nick Sinigaglia

Tabled.

e. Committee assignments: Where are we now?

C. Honore and S. Soto are working on it. Tabled.

f. SPC as standing committee of the Senate.

A meeting occurred today between E. Thompson, C. Briggs, C. Torres, G. Segura, and T. Gibbs to have a campus-wide round-table forum about this. Tabled.

VII. Officer and Student Liaison Reports

a. President: Travis Gibbs

Meeting with the Chancellor this Wednesday. There was a major snafu and the presentation scheduled for J. Duran “First 5 to Thrive” is not happening. Sharon Crasnow has invited Jose Duran to come to the Norco date in May meeting.

b. Vice President: Sal Soto

Richard Mahon has written a check for $1665.74 for our Trust account. President and Senator-at-large elections are coming up. B. Fontaine and S. Soto are working on this tonight. Some CSEA positions will be cut tomorrow night, and blue ribbons are being provided for people to wear to show solidarity with our Staff.

c. Secretary/Treasurer: Don Foster

No report. C. Honore reminded us to have a “pledge drive” once our account is truly established to be able to garner even more funds for our Fund.

d. Senator At-Large: Nick Sinigaglia

No report.

e. Interim College President: Tom Harris

No report.

f. Associate Faculty (Part-time Faculty): Michael Schulz

No report.

g. Student Liaison

Michelle Christenson: Had the Egg Hunt before Spring break. Noemi Jubaer has been elected as the new Student Trustee for the 2012-2013 Academic Year. An E-Waste and recycling drive as well as voting for Faculty of the Year, and Budget Hearings for the ASMVC clubs are coming up soon.
T. Gibbs remarked that he hasn’t seen such student involvement in all his years of being on the Senate. He really appreciates it.

VIII. Committee and Liaison Reports
a. Classified Staff Liaison: Angela Thomas
   Ms. Thomas thanked the Senate for its support at the last BOT meeting. MVC did something special in maintaining positions. We made a statement to the District that we had some proposed cuts that would not be tolerated. 10-28 bumps are possibly affected. 1 person (maybe 2) is being affected at MVC. Tomorrow the Board meeting is on our campus and that is when the blue ribbons will be worn. The central theme is to keep the cuts away from affecting the students.
b. Basic Skills Committee: Sheila Pisa
   No report.
c. MVC Faculty Assessment Committee: Sheila Pisa
   No report.
d. Strategic Planning Committee (SPC): Don Foster/Lisa Conyers
   D. Foster: The next SPC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 19th at 12:50 in PSC#11. Dr. Conyers is back from her Fulbright visit in India.
e. Academic Planning Council (APC): Sal Soto/Carlos Tovares
   Hannum: Program Review process to align with Comprehensive Program Review. Curriculum is still the number one thing. CORs updates are imperative. Assessments are also important. Will also avail themselves to disciplines and departments to make Program Review process smooth.
f. Curriculum Committee: Natalie Hannum
   Requested through D. Clark that Open Door workshops for Curriculum work. The CurricuNet process is a mess on the District level. Workshop for the Curriculum Handbook will be held, also addressing the CurricuNet process. Will go out to MV-All to advertise.
g. District Program Review (DPR): Bob Fontaine
   Not really moving a whole lot right now because the three Colleges are figuring out how they are going to proceed, therefore the District has been a little stagnant since there has been no business.
h. Safety Committee: Cheryl Honore
   No report.
i. District Academic Standards (DAS): Kim Metcalfe
   No report.
   Gibbs asked for a motion that the Senate send its condolences to Dr. Metcalfe for her recent loss.
   Motion: Soto; Second: N. Baciuna. No discussion. Unanimous approval.
j. District Professional Growth & Sabbatical Leave Committee (PG&SLC): Kathy Saxon
   No report.
k. Faculty Development Committee: Dan Clark
   No report.
l. RCC District Faculty Association (RCCDFA)/CCA/CTA/NEA
   No report.

IX. Open Hearing
   Thanks from N. Hannum for figuring out how to get the funding to send her to the Curriculum Institute Conference in July. E. Williams has a Fast Track ENG 60B (M-Th, 2:00pm) with open seats. F. Moore: reminder that Student of Distinction deadline is approaching.

X. Adjournment
   Motion: C. Honore, Second: M. Schulz
   The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm