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

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 (present)
- Health, Human & Public Services: Lisa Hausladen (present)
- Humanities & Social Sciences: Eric Thompson (present)
- Math, Science & PE: Ellen Lipkin (absent)
- Fire Tech/Fire Academy Program Director: Natalie Hannum (present)
- Part-Time Faculty: Jean Bocharova (absent)
- Student Activities Coordinator: Frankie Moore (absent)
- MVC Dean of Instruction: Patti Bufalino (present)
- MVC Dean of Student Services: Daria Burnett (absent)
- MVC Dean, Health Sciences: Wolde-Ab Isaac (present)
- 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)
- ASMVC Senators: Angela De La Cruz (present)
- Outcomes Assessment Specialist: George Zottos (present)
- Librarian: Debbi Renfrow (present)
- BSI/DAC: Sheila Pisa (present)
- Part-Time Faculty Visitor: Chris Miller (present)

III. Approval of Agenda: M/S/C Pfeifle/Ingham/unanimous

IV. Approval of Minutes 11/02/09: M/S/C Pfeifle/Fontaine/unanimous, excepting abstentions from Lisa Hausladen and Susan Ingham

V. Officer and Liaison Reports:

a. Secretary Treasurer: (1) Nick Sinigaglia attended the State Academic Senate Plenary Session, November 12-14. Present and anticipated budget cuts were the primary focus of discussion, which included attempts to develop strategies for maintaining both student access and quality of instruction in the coming months. Copies of the resolutions considered at the session and other relevant documents are available for perusal at the senate office in PS 11. Nick Sinigaglia is available for discussion of any resolutions or documents of interest.
b. College President: (1) A draft of the accreditation report should arrive the week of November 23. (2) The district hopes to save approximately $3.5 million through the “golden handshake” agreement, currently in development. There may be some new faculty hirings if savings are substantial enough. (3) President Perez is looking into resolving issues relating to the ESL full-time, tenure track faculty position this fiscal year (2009-10). He will further report on this item in the Spring of 2010. (4) Board approval for the new parking structure will be sought at the December 2009 meeting. The structure is scheduled to be completed December 2011. (5) The new Lion’s Den should be complete within 9 months. (6) Phase I of the construction of new labs will begin soon.

f. Student Liaison: (1) A special election for the position of Student Trustee will take place November 17.

VI. Committee Reports:

b. APC: (1) Electronic teaching assignments are in development, and emails detailing the process are forthcoming. (2) Faculty are reminded to lock their classrooms after use. (3) Any questions or concerns relating to high school student enrollment should be referred to Sal Soto for discussion at the next APC meeting. (4) Hours at PC 11 have been extended until 8 pm.

e. DPR (District Program Review): (1) Bob Fontaine is appointed to the DPR committee. Hannum/Soto/unanimous

f. BSI: (1) 35 people attended the recent two-day retreat event. The November 24 BSI meeting will focus on Student Learning Centers. All are welcome to attend.

g. Curriculum: (1) Natalie Hannum reports that Chris Rocco is working with technology services to address Senate concerns on the curriculum agreement.

h. DASC (District Academic Standards Committee): (1) DASC is developing a procedure for adding coursework requirements for Areas of Emphasis. (2) DASC is working on the question of how faculty equivalencies should be decided in a three college district.

VII. Old Business:

a. BP 7250: A district-level ad hoc committee will convene soon to discuss academic retreat rights. There will be two voting representatives from each campus. MVCAS finds it desirable for some administrators to be present at the meeting, and would prefer that a CTA representative from MVC attend as a voting member. Current drafts of the document are available from Travis Gibbs. Senators are requested to discuss the details of the document with members of their respective departments.

b. CurricuNET proposal: Tabled Fontaine/Hausladen/unanimous

c. Athletics at MVC: Tabled Fontaine/Hausladen/unanimous

d. Establishing Senate Quorum: Senators are requested to consider whether a senate position occupied by a faculty member studying abroad should count toward quorum.

e. Academic Rank: Travis Gibbs and Ray Maghiroori will meet soon to work out remaining issues with the policies governing academic rank, including Professor Emeritus status.

VIII. New Business:

a. Senate Decisions: Senators are requested to discuss with members of their respective departments the degree to which senators should feel comfortable exercising representative authority, as opposed to authority derived from thorough discussion of senate issues with department members before casting votes.

b. CTE requirements: The next senate meeting will include discussion of possible formal minimal academic qualifications for CTE instructors.

IX. Open Hearing (none)

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

Recorded by Nick Sinigaglia, MVCAS Secretary