

Montgomery College Governance

Academic Services Council

25 January 2018

SC 151, Rockville

2:00 p.m. -- 3:30 p.m.

Attendees

Members Present: Debra Bright, Carol Burbage, Cathy Giovannetti, Jason Lee, Joel Levin, Ngan (Kim) Huynh [student], Amanda Stroud, Gregory Wahl.

Guests: None

Call to Order

Chair Cathy Giovannetti called the meeting at order at 2:04 p.m.

Agenda and Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on 14 December 2017 were approved by consensus.

Reports

Part-time Instructor Conference (Passport to Student Success), reported by Joel Levine

On Saturday, 13 January 2018, the second part-time faculty MC conference was held, around 190 attended, both credit and non-credit part time faculty were held.

Several breakout sessions were held, including special introductory sessions on college resources for part-time faculty relatively new to Montgomery College and professional development sessions, including a range of topics including formative assessment in action, writing effective learning outcomes for students, use of Blackboard, and reducing DFW rates.

The goal of the Conference was to provide part-time faculty with an enhanced understanding of MC and instructional resources contributing to student success.

Credit and Non Credit Partnership in Early Childhood programs and Prior Learning

Credit Recap Discussion, reported by Cathy Giovannetti and Joel Levine

What can the ASC do with the reports we received and discussions we had? There seems to be an openness to moving this idea forward.

We might consider asking the presenters from last meeting come back to re-present.

Joel Levine has reached out to Seth Kamen for more information.

Updates on ASC items

Liaisons

Gregory Wahl: Assessment Centers -- Move towards adding Anytime/Anywhere Testing. Students would have to pay for the opportunity for this. We're waiting to hear more information about this, and we might consider getting a presentation from them.

Amanda Stroud: Met with the Managers of the Germantown Writing Center, the MAPLE Center, Virtual Tutoring, Science Learning Center, and Library. The goal is about outreach/marketing. How do we advertise to students? The Writing Center does not have a marketing budget. However, the MAPLE Center and the Science Learning Center are well used, and may not need further advertising. The Library did not have a marketing budget, but does not.

SMART Thinking is a third party online tutoring service, free for MC students, in many subjects. This wasn't mentioned by any of the aforementioned managers. This service seems to be not very well know by students.

We'll refer this to the Student Council, to try to get feedback and more awareness.

Chair Report

The Equity and Diversity Survey Results have come out, President Pollard issued a report. President Pollard is committed to seriously addressing the issues therein. Debra Bright is involved with the eight subcommittees to explore the Equity and Diversity Survey Results. They will be trying to determine what should be done in response to the Survey Results, to create a plan over the upcoming academic year. There will be forums throughout the coming year to give people the opportunity to voice their concerns. Some issues will be related to both employees and students.

Middle States comes for a campus visit in March 2018. Dr. Wormack gave an update on this in a video recording.

MC Alert has changed their method of delivery, College personnel must re-sign up for alerts.

Closing of the Meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and accepted unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Academic Services Council will be on Thursday, 8 February 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in SC 151 on the Rockville campus.