
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

Germantown Campus Council

April 4, 2017

PK 105

3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Attendees

- Members present: Tonya Baker, Britney Green, John Hamman, Jennifer Haydel, Pauline Kelly, Allison Kraft, Mary Robinson, Harvey Stempel, Chris Verdak, Norma Winffel
- Members absent: John Bilos (proxy for Matt Sandee), Weiss Hamidi, Kelly Rudin
- Leader Liaison: Margaret Latimer

Call to Order

Chair Norma Winffel called the regular meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Constituent Comments

Pauline Kelly raised a concern about cars parked in front of the main entrance to the PK Building while drivers are waiting to pick up students or running in to get something, making it difficult for other cars to get by. Chris Verdak noted the need for greater visibility of visitor parking at the PK Building.

Troy Shaw raised concerns about the book adoption process for the summer semester, saying there was a lack of communication, poor customer service, and no training on the new system. He said the issue is collegewide and needs to be addressed immediately since the deadline for fall semester book adoptions is April 15. Jennifer Haydel added that there have been mixed messages about how to do OER adoptions.

Norma Winffel brought up a concern that there is no paved pathway from the parking lot behind the HS building because of construction, and when it rains, the pathway becomes muddy and slippery.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March 7, 2017, meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Pauline Kelly asked how the council was following up on the constituent comment regarding course cancellations on the Germantown campus. Margaret Latimer explained how the College is looking to address the issue of scheduling across the College to minimize cancellations. Where facilities are not driving where courses are offered, the College is looking to adopt a 1-2-1 ratio (for every two sections of a course offered at Rockville, one section will be added and not cancelled at both Germantown and Takoma Park/Silver Spring campuses) so that students can find a spectrum of courses they want at their home campus.

Provost's Report

Margaret Latimer's report included updates on

- MC advocacy efforts on behalf of the budget at County Council hearings;
- recruiting efforts at local high schools to reach students with what the College has to offer before they have made up their minds;
- an open house for parents on the Germantown Campus April 24 focused on STEM;
- the importance of attending and providing input at Middle States listening tours and Blue Ribbon Task Force on Spending for Student Success idea sessions;
- campus facilities, including new furniture in the BE Building, construction projects, and a visit to campus by the new vice president of Facilities and Security; and
- a visit to campus by members of the Board of Trustees, who shadowed students for a day.

A campus schedule of events and deadlines was distributed.

Chair's Report

Norma Winffel updated the council on Student Council and Faculty Council recommendations endorsed by the College Council and forwarded to College leadership for consideration. She also reported that David Anthony was elected College Council chair for the 2017–2018 academic year.

Britney Green informed the council about a College Council presentation on the review and redesign of the classification and compensation program and a Staff Council proposal endorsed by the College Council and forwarded to College leadership for consideration. She reported that the College Council has scheduled Sanjay Rai to speak on the class cancellation policy and other scheduling issues at its April 11 meeting.

Announcements & Adjournment

Tonya Baker made a motion to adjourn at 4:11 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Jennifer Haydel
Germantown Campus Council Secretary