
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE
STUDENT SERVICES & SUCCESS COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Zoom
MINUTES

Attendees

- Members Present: Ernest Cartledge, Jessame Ferguson, Edie Johnson, Fikir Mantegaftot, Brenda Crist, Rosa Garcia, Judith Taylor, Claudia Salas, Guillermo Laya
- Members Absent: Eurae Muhn, Israel Bayolana, Debbie Van Camp

Call to Order

Chair Cartledge called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Constituent Concerns

Rosa raised a concern about MC's designation as a Hispanic Serving Institution and that staff in support services and ATPA coaches are not representative and it is falling to few Latino/Hispanic staff to do the equity and social justice work needed. We have more ELAP students whose first language is not English. We should be hiring staff that are responsive to our increasing Latinx and immigrant population.

Fikir agreed that Raptor Central should have more staff who can speak other languages, students in ELAP classes need help locating their classes and navigating the college.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from last month's meeting were approved.

Chair's Report

- Feb 13 College Council Meeting
 - Concerns raised:
 - TPSS Nursing program requesting return of cafe on West campus
 - Being consistent about how the telework policy is being interpreted. Asking for feedback on how to communicate the policy to their units.
 - [Inside Higher Ed article about Governor Moore's cuts to higher ed](#), will this mean cuts to MC and increases in tuition?
 - Evening student concern raised by DSS regarding assessment centers hours inconsistencies. Guillermo mentioned that they have not heard from any DSS counselors about concerns related to access to the assessment centers. He will be reaching out about it.
 - President Williams made comments about commencement, Staff Dev Day, and advocacy and making our voices heard in Annapolis.

- CC Chair reminded people about Staff and Faculty awards, and nominations for governance and upcoming elections. Also reminded people about the Innovation grants. Shaw Center was doing tax support. Supervisors are reviewing job profiles in Workday.

Meeting Date for Elections

We may know who will be rotating in or out of SS&SC by our April meeting date, so we could do our elections at that meeting. Please consider putting yourself forward to stay on the committee if interested and taking on a role.

May Meeting Date

May 14 isn't going to work, the committee voted to move the meeting up to Tuesday April 30.

Goals

- Ernest will send information about Student Council meetings to try and attend on either Feb 26, March 11, 25, April 8, 22 from 4:00-6:00 pm SV 104A
- Working on a flyer to share around campuses to let people know about us and how to submit a constituent concern. It's been designed so that we can use it year after year and share with various student councils. Thanks go to Fikir for their work on this!
 - Suggestions:
 - The QR code for the constituent concerns will be changed to the SS&SC email address since that is always the same.
 - Guillermo mentioned asking the Language Advisory Group to help us translate this into different languages.

Announcements

- Ernest: MC's Got Talent on March 21, Black History Month Discussion on Feb 22, MC Serves Volunteer Fair Feb 21 at RV (other campuses are past)
- Edie: Women's Basketball will be playing CCBC-Essex on Saturday at the RV Gym
- Judith: February is Financial Aid Awareness Month and they're having lots of activities. Go to the Financial Aid website to the section on "Outreach Services" to find details. Please encourage students to file for financial aid now even though there are a lot of problems with the DOE application, students who get theirs in first will hear back first. Point people to the Financial Aid workshops for help. EOC is also here to help in Gudelsky at RV from 9:30 – 6 PM. April 16 is Turn it in Tuesday.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Jessame Ferguson

Student Services and Success Council Secretary