
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

Academic Services Council

April 13, 2017

SC 151

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Attendees

Members Present: Gloria Brewer, Debra Bright, Amanda Darshanie Gamage, Cathy Giovannetti, Cathy Henley, Jason Lee, Kathy Michaelian, Valerie Tanner

Members Absent: Monique Davis, Jona Colson, Lori Kaufman, James Kennedy, Julie Levinson

New 2017-2018 Members Present: Shahid Busera Awel, Carol Burbage, Seth Kamen, Joel Levine

Guests: Jonell Marlone

Call to Order

Chair Cathy Giovannetti called the meeting to order at 2:10pm. A motion to accept the agenda was approved unanimously.

Open Comment

As no constituents were present, the Chair used the time to welcome and hold introductions for new council members elected for the 2017-2018 governance term.

Cathy Giovannetti passed out copies of the Council tracking report for review and discussion. She informed the Council that the latest Council effort to increase online historical term scheduling information as presented to the Council by Jason Lee had been positively received by Ernest Cartledge and has been implemented. Cathy Henley noted that she would send Cathy Giovannetti an updated version of the Council's tracking report. Cathy Giovannetti agreed to send a copy of the Council goals to all members.

Approval of Minutes

The March 9, 2017 minutes were approved unanimously.

Presentations

Student Council

Student Council member Jonell Marlone, the TPSS Student Senate President, shared information about various projects that the Student Council had taken on this past year. Their efforts included:

- expanding shuttle bus hours and ride schedule for students
- working on procuring metro access passes for students
- providing 24hr study rooms
- student leader retaliation protection
- maintaining and expanding accessibility to campus gyms.

Cathy Giovannetti noted two other projects that had been brought before the College Council on behalf of students:

- online syllabi
- increased web availability of historical term scheduling information for planning purposes.

Continuing Business

Committee Updates

Cathy Giovannetti gave a brief description of the Communications and Student Success committees. She included a review of the work being done by Lori Kaufmann and Council members to increase communication outreach to Council's constituents. Included in this was a review for new members of the governance council's areas of services chart. Valerie Tanner spoke about the Council's role in supporting student success and the work that she and Julie Levinson have done on their service survey. Passing out a copy, she explained the goal of acquiring and sharing information in order to determine service priorities

relative to student success. Seth Karmen suggested the addition of a non-applicable (NA) option as an answer to each question. It was agreed that the option should be added.

New Business

2017-2018 Officer Elections

Cathy Giovannetti described council roles and responsibilities in preparation for the election. Elections were held and positions filled by unanimous approval.

- Chair – Cathy Giovannetti
- Vice Chair – Joel Levine
- Secretary – Jason Lee

Announcements and Adjournment

Cathy Giovannetti asked the membership to propose ideas for the Council to focus in the coming year. The following topics were provided.

- Additional online resources to lower student material costs
- Consistency in counseling and advising possibly through scheduling and materials to help students through the process
- Increased opportunities for students to meet with and learn more about the academic community and resources at MC such as department showcases, major fairs, and casual social gatherings with faculty and administration.
- Additional opportunities for peer mentoring or navigation of advising tools and resources
- Expanded understanding and support of WDCE non-credit programs and students
- Expanded support for adult and non-traditional students
- Expanded and well-advertised open study resources during exam periods.

Amanda Gamage made an announcement about the upcoming MC theater 12th Night performances on the Rockville and TPSS campuses and Willpower workshops and lectures being held on the Rockville campus. She noted that additional information was available through Theater Arts.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and accepted unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Gloria Brewer
Academic Services Council Secretary