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## MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

College Council  
November 22, 2016  
MKE 115  
2:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

### Attendees

- Members present: David Anthony, Amy Crowley, Maria Adams Davidson, Cathy Giovannetti, Linda Griffin, Nancy Lineman, Ben Nicholson, Rick Penn, Ed Riggs, Steve Taylor, Laurie Williams
- Proxies present: Jonell Malone for Christian Gbewardo
- Members absent: Page Whittenburg, Norma Winffel
- Guests: Carlo Sanchez, Melissa Gregory

### Call to Order

Chair Ed Riggs called the regular meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. Ben Nicholson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### Constituent Concerns

Jonell Malone asked the council to consider two recommendations approved by the Student Council:

1. *The Student Council respectfully requests that the College administration explore the options for MC students to be enrolled in the WMATA University Pass program where students could ride unlimited times both Metro bus and train during the semester for a token fee. We further request that the College explore how it could use students' transportation fees to defray or subsidize the WMATA University Pass token fee.*
2. *The Student Council recommends that the College administration examine the feasibility of opening one building on each campus 24 hours a day to give students access to WiFi and computers to enable students without Internet access at home and odd working hours to have a place to complete their assignments and study. We believe this would contribute to student success.*

### Approval of Minutes

Rick Penn made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2016, meeting as written. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### Security Updates

Carlo Sanchez discussed campus safety and security issues, including how to reach students with emergency training, reminders about alerts for weather delays and closings, updates on active shooter training for faculty and staff, and the security planned for the new parking garage on the Rockville Campus and the new Central Services building. He asked council members to help get the word out about a public safety forum November 29 in the Theatre Arts Building in Rockville. Council members offered suggestions to engage more students, including visiting the Student Senates; making training available online for students, and perhaps making it a requirement when students register for classes; and looking at some of the more populated areas on campus during the week, like the cafeteria, and talking with students where they are about security.

### Student Affairs and Success Updates

Melissa Gregory provided updates on on-time registration, general enrollment and retention goals, financial aid program pathways, assessment centers, and several other subjects. Regarding on-time registration, she noted that the most requested exception was for students who didn't register late but who needed to make a schedule adjustment during the first week of school. Ernest Cartledge and Jamin Bartolomeo are currently looking at how other schools handle drop-add periods and will be making recommendations for fall 2017 registration. She informed the council about efforts the College is

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undertaking to make sure students are aware of federal requirements that prohibit them from receiving financial aid for courses that are not required to complete their degree programs. She also addressed concerns about the Assessment Center hours, which she said was a result of reduced staffing, and said there may be a need to reconsider the role of the centers.

### **Recommendation on Post-Graduation Celebration**

The Student Council approved the following recommendation at its November 17 meeting:

*The Student Council recommends that Dr. Pollard and her administration examine the feasibility of reinstating the post-graduation celebration for students. While we understand the need for fiscal constraint, we also recognize the importance of celebrating completion and giving faculty and staff the space and reason to gather together.*

The Faculty Council approved the following resolution at its November 17 meeting:

*The Faculty Council would like to add its voice to resolutions put forth by the Student Council and request that the post-graduation reception be reinstated. Achievement of a college degree is an accomplishment deserving of both recognition and celebration. It is the biggest day in the lives of our students and their extended families and their first day as members of the Montgomery College family of alumni.*

Jonell Malone made a motion to have the president reconsider the post-graduation celebration. The motion was seconded and discussed.

Cathy Giovannetti made a motion to amend, replacing the word “reconsider” with “reinstate.” The motion to amend was seconded, discussed and passed unanimously.

The amended motion passed unanimously.

### **Council Discussion on Student Success**

Members reported on ways each council is working to support student success.

### **Announcements & Council Member Concerns and Input**

Ed Riggs shared an email with a link to a blog on the updates of the MC website and asked council members to make comments through this link. He noted that Workforce Development and Continuing Education currently does not have a home page link.

Ed Riggs reported that the presentation to the President’s Executive Council (PEC) on the proposed Code of Ethics and Employee Conduct policy and Employee Code of Conduct procedure went well. He will keep the council informed when the PEC has discussed and voted on it.

Meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Cathy Giovannetti  
College Council Secretary