

MC GOVERNANCE

Montgomery College
College Council Meeting #14 Minutes
Tuesday, May 18, 2021
1 – 3 PM
Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Present: Dr. Tracey Smith-Bryant (Chair), Shakenna Adams-Gormley (Vice-chair), Tonya Baker (Secretary), Christine Crefton, Transcie Almonte-Sabio, Dr. Eric Benjamin, Rebecca Adegeye, Michael Leblanc, Dr. Benita Rashaw, Colleen Dolak, Kimberly Jones, Timothy Kirkner, Dr. David Torain

Absent: Ed Riggs

Proxy: Christina Devlin (for Ed Riggs)

Guests: John Hamman, Melissa Gregory, Susan Madden, Katherine Goldstein, Leslie Jones, Yvette Taylor, Dr. DeRionne Pollard, Dr. Meghan Gibbons, David Sears, Alice Boatman, Donna Schena, Dana Baker, Dr. Monica Brown, Dr. Michelle Scott, Sally McClean

Liaison: Dr. Steve Cain

Governance Director: Dr. Clevette Ridguard

Call to Order

There is a quorum to conduct business. Chair Tracey Smith-Bryant called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. The meeting was recorded for internal use only.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The agenda was approved as corrected. The minutes for April 27, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

Constituent Concerns

- Faculty Council presented a response to online proctoring concern from students.
 - Maintain academic integrity while respecting privacy – balancing both sides
 - Some universities refuse to accept distance learning for transfers
 - Use of Examity – may provide more privacy
 - Tabled for further discussion

Chair's Report

The College Council Chair provided the following information and updates:

- Recommendation 20-03: Tuition Benefit Waiver for Dependent Children
 - Moved forward as a proposal to change Procedure 35001CP
 - HRSTM Director to present to PEC for approval in the fall of 2021.
 - Possibly begins Fall 2021
- MC's [Digital Storytelling](#) Intern Showcase – 5/20 at 2-3:30pm
- Nursing Honors Society students give back to the community and support pandemic recovery
 - Completed nearly 200 hours of volunteer service
- Dr. Michael Mills selected to International Advisory Board for online learning
- [Virtual Commencement 2021](#) – 5/21 at 10am
- Welcome New Governance Council Members August 2021 – May 2022
 - Introduced incoming Council Chairs
- Expressed gratitude to all Council Chairs, Dr. DeRionne Pollard, Dr. Steve Cain, Dr. Clevette Ridguard, Shakenna Adams-Gormley, Tonya Baker, Yvette Taylor, Michelle Quach, and Nghi Nguyen

Survey of Entering Student Engagement (SENSE): Overview of the results

John Hamman, Chief Analytics & Insights Officer, and Melissa Gregory, Associate Senior Vice President for Student Affairs

- What is student engagement?
 - Amount of time and energy students invest in meaningful educational practices
 - Institutional practices and student behaviors that are highly correlated with student learning and retention
- SENSE helps community colleges understand the experience of entering students and how engaged these students are in the first weeks of their college experience.
- Presented data on student respondent profile (extra large community colleges vs. MC)
- Six SENSE Benchmarks
 - Early connections
 - High expectations and aspirations
 - Clear academic plan and pathway
 - Effective track to college readiness
 - Engaged learning
 - Academic and social support network
- Shared data of 2018 SENSE Benchmark Scores vs. 2020 SENSE Benchmark Scores
 - Increased outreach
- Raise expectations – help them understand what it means to be a good student
- Build and encourage relationships
- Ensure that students know where they stand
- Integrate student support into learning experience
- Put questions in chat – will send to John and Melissa

Dr. Pollard expressed thanks to the College Council and leadership team.

Election of Council Officers

Dr. Clevette Ridguard, Governance Director

- Provided description of the roles of each officer
- Nominations and elections
 - Shakenna Adams-Gormley was nominated and elected as the Vice Chair of College Council.
 - Tonya Baker was nominated and elected as the Secretary of College Council.

College Council Chair Goals Report Out

- Employee Services Council
 - Elected officers
 - Great team work
- Staff Council – completed all goals and recommendation was moved forward
 - Completed governance videos – will make into 1 video to be posted on site
 - Reached out to 2nd and 3rd shift employees
- WDCE Council – completed goal to provide students with knowledge of existing resources
 - Worked with SHaW Center
- Academic Services Council
 - Increase student participants – at least 1 student participated in each meeting
- Rockville Campus Council
 - Supported arts by attending and support online performances and virtual events
 - Created campus newsletter
- Student Services and Success Council
 - Develop common landing space for students to view upcoming events and activities
 - In process of creating a series of short videos in all areas of student services
 - Finalizing SHaW Center videos
 - Will continue next year
- Administrator Council
 - Mostly worked on goal 1 – Developing a new Administrator Onboarding Assessment
 - Tabled second goal for next year
- Faculty Council
 - Respond to the new challenges of teaching online and engaged with other constituencies
 - Came up with proposal around microphone and camera use
 - Discussed issues around online proctoring
 - Elected council officers

- Student Council
 - Increased awareness of Student Council and increased participation
 - Created Instagram account
 - Guests presented at meetings and provided information on available resources
- TPSS Campus Council
 - Elected council officers
 - Worked on changing the negative perspective towards TPSS Campus and addressing inequities between campuses
 - Worked with Equity and Inclusion to create a program during Equity Week
- Operational Services Council
 - Increased awareness of OSC – some issues may be resolved quicker if they were brought directly to OSC
- Germantown Campus Council
 - Educated themselves about available resources and shared with students
 - Be advocates for students
 - Continue sense of community
 - Virtual events
 - Reached out to colleagues
 - Nominated someone from the Germantown Campus for Equity Award

Budget Advocacy

Susan Madden, Chief Government Relations Officer

- Council Member Will Jawando introduced legislation to help advance and improve the training and education provided to police officers.
 - Dr. Eric Benjamin led a team and produced a report on community informed policing.
- Received full funding for furniture and equipment for Leggett Building on TPSS Campus
- Cade Formula – slightly revised the formula to ensure it is calculated properly
- Updates on Bills
 - House Bill 460: Transfer with Success Act
 - Provide document and reason for denial
 - House Bill 466 – require student ID cards to carry suicide hotline numbers on the back
 - House Bill 156: Student and Military Voter Empowerment Act
 - Digital Connectivity Act
 - Ensure students have access needed to get the education they need
 - Financial Outreach Plan and Reporting – require K-12 to do more outreach to students to ensure that they complete FASFA while in high school
- Virtual Student Advocacy Day was very successful.
 - Better to hear from students
- Council agreed to fully support budget request for FY22
 - Final votes will be made by the end of next week.

- Susan's Office increased social media presence
- Will send a copy of the legislative report to Tracey to be sent to the council members

Governance Information, Dr. Ridguard

- Expressed thanks to all outgoing Council Chairs and leadership team.
- Welcomed Kimberly Jones as the newly-elected College Council Chair and the incoming Council Chairs.
- Training and governance information
 - [Governance Website](#)
 - Governance Blackboard (Click on Community)
 - Governance Competency Badging (4 modules)
 - Coming soon: 7/1 (2 modules)
 - Complete 2 modules by August 2021
 - Self-paced online training
- Fall Professional Week Training – 8/26 via Zoom
 - All day training for governance leaders and half-day for members
- Meeting with Dr. Pollard and Governance Leadership – 6/8 at 3-4pm
 - Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary of each council
- Reminders
 - Goals and Constituency Reports are due 5/28
 - Review chair committee work
 - Check governance website to ensure completion of minutes and agendas
- Evaluations
 - Meeting with individual chairs to get feedback, lessons learned, and enhancements for governance
 - Will send out end of the year survey
- Review governance council roster and make sure everything is correct
- Want to get a complete roster of all the committees that council members served on
 - Will send out roster to Chairs to review and update as needed
- Thanked everyone once again for their service and participation in governance.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08pm.