

MC GOVERNANCE

Montgomery College College Council Meeting #11 Minutes

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

1 – 3 PM

Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Present: Kimberly Jones (Chair), Shakenna Adams-Gormley (Vice-chair), Tonya Baker (Secretary), Transcie Almonte-Sabio, Rebecca Adegeye, Katherine Goldstein, Dana Baker, Ed Riggs, Alice Boatman, Kimberly Robinson, Mark Levine, Dr. Eric Benjamin, Dr. Rebecca Thomas, Ramon De La Cruz

Absent: None

Guests: Dr. Jermaine F. Williams, Dr. Meghan Gibbons, Dr. Rachel Hagos, Stephanie Gallo Krasnoff, Dr. Michelle Scott, Dr. Shinta Hernandez, Chevelle Glymph, Adm Reid, Ray Gilmer, Joyce Matthews, Sherwin Collette, Nadine Hayles, Dr. Milton Nash, Raymond Gilmer, Dr. Monica Brown, Harry Zarin

Liaison: Dr. Stephen D. Cain

Governance Director: Dr. Clevette Ridguard

Call to Order

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

Constituent Concerns

There was a question about the status of the East County Campus. Dr. Williams disclosed the process is in place and the committee is working on the detail. More information will be communicated as the project progresses. Dr. Cain reported the advisory committee did a feasibility study in fiscal year 2020, which ended in July of 2021. The data involved in the study showed the benefit of the East County Center for the Montgomery College community; it is beneficial to be able to serve the East County residents. There will be more information forthcoming as the project progresses.

Closure of buildings on the Rockville Campus in August. What happens if the building isn't ready for the fall semester? This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The agenda was approved as revised. The minutes for March 8, 2022 meeting were approved as written.

Chair's Report (Kimberly Jones, College Council Chair)

- College Council Theme for 2022 Creating Connections and Collaboration for Students, Employees and Institutional Success.
 - The theme is centered around Mental Health and Communications and Election Committee
- Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget Recommendations from County Executive.
 - Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich announced his funding recommendations for Montgomery College's FY23 operation budget, \$321.3 million, which includes \$153.4 million in county support.
- Montgomery College Office of Equity and Inclusion.
 - Inspired by the Justice in June initiative, and USC School of Dramatic Arts, the OEI have created a 30-day guide of challenge prompts for individuals aiming to be better allies.
 - This guide of learning resources was curated from Anti-Racism Resources and 106 Things White People Can Do for Racial Justice. We hope that engaging in this work will continue to foster a culture of empathy and build a community rooted in truth, inspired to action, and committed to awareness and growth in every facet of our community.
 - Submit your reflection to: equityandinclusion@montgomerycollege.edu
- Mental Health Fair
 - Join us on Monday, April 25th in the Takoma Park Silver Spring ST Atrium from 10a.m.-2p.m. for our upcoming Mental Health Fair!
 - For additional information and/or disability accommodation, please contact Kimberly Jones at kimberly.jones@montgomerycollege.edu
- President's Roundtable with MC Students
 - Virtual Sessions:
 1. Tuesday, March 22, 2022 6-7pm, to register for Tuesday session, visit: <https://bit.ly/TUESROUNDTABLE>.
 2. Wednesday, March 23, 2022 6-7pm to register for Wednesday, visit: <https://bit.ly/WEDROUNDTABLE>.
 3. To request accommodations, please email accessibility@montgomerycollege.edu or call 240-567-5412 at least two weeks in advance of the event.
- Montgomery College Raptors Baseball – Fun at the Park with the Raptors Baseball, Tuesday, March 29th 1:30 – 5:00p.m. Germantown Campus Baseball Field (Sponsored by: Student Life/GT Campus Council and GT Student Senate)
Questions contact Michael Simone via email at michael.simone@montgomerycollege.edu .
 - Free Admission
 - Free Food
 - DIY Fan Gear
 - Prizes and Giveaways
- Reconsidering the Life of JFK: A discussion with Dr. Fred Logevall - Date and Time: Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 12:30p.m. via Zoom. Register here for this webinar: https://montgomerycollege.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5F9-qGA7Rem4ze9ZomKM4q

- Germantown Pantry Fundraiser.
 - Celebrate National Burrito Day by supporting the Germantown Campus in their second fundraiser for the Germantown Campus Food Pantry
 - When: All Day – Thursday, April 7th
 - Where: California Tortilla Paramount 263 Spectrum Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879, phone # 240-541-4170

***Uber Eats and other delivery services will not count for the fundraiser.**

- New Supervisor Orientation Program Returns March 23rd, 2022
 - March 23rd 9a.m. – 1p.m.
 - March 24th 9a.m. – 1p.m.
 - March 30th 9a.m. – 1p.m.
 - March 31st 9a.m. – 1p.m.
- Montgomery College Nominations & Elections
 - Nominations: February 25th – March 10th
 - Elections: March 28th – April 8th
- Caste book discussion is on the first Friday of every month.
 - Let's Dive In: Friday, April 1st from 1:30p.m.- 3:00p.m.

President (Dr. Jermaine F. Williams, President of Montgomery College and Sherwin Collette, Senior Vice President for Administrative and Fiscal Services, Updated the College Council on the Coronavirus Protocols and the expectations surrounding vaccinations).

- Dr. Jermaine F. Williams gave introductory remarks and reported to the College Council that he attended the Leggett building topping off ceremony. The Montgomery College budget request was supported that will include Montgomery College East County Education Center as well as the compensation increases for faculty and staff.
- Tuition for the third year has been frozen, which will be a benefit to help our students succeed in their goals toward completing their education.
- Montgomery College is expanding our access to our communities and also investing in our internal structures.
- There were ten Jack Kent Cook semifinalists, which is the most the College has ever had. Two critical language scholars. Dr. Williams had an opportunity to go to the Montgomery Scholars program capstone colloquium a week ago. Twenty students presented their projects on an array of disciplines including history, music and anthropology.
- The Men's and Women's basketball going deep into the playoffs. It has been a robust three week. The student's accomplishments are truly a testament of the dedicated faculty and staff who create the teaching and learning opportunities for our students, both inside and outside of the classroom.
- Dr. Jermaine F. Williams also attended Holocaust commemoration put on by the Paul Peck institute a couple of weeks ago. It really speaks profoundly to the ethic and social justice that is alive here at the College.

Dr. Williams engaged in a conversation with the College Council on the importance of attending the meetings so he can keep informed of the students, faculty and staff concerns and their perspectives, and to hear specific issues and get the Council's input which is very essential to the MC community. Dr. Williams provided an update on the College's health/safety protocol as it relates to the Mask mandate.

- Current Coronavirus protocol. Montgomery College will adjust our current policy to more align with the current health, environment on masking, based on research and guidance. Montgomery College is prepared to transition to a mask optional policy.
- The College will monitor and survey the conditions. If the circumstances change we will revise any protocols.
- Montgomery College will require masks be worn in classrooms and laboratories.
- The College Council requested that any memo outlining the new guidelines for masking, social distancing requirements and other preventative measures be sent in time for employees to process the information before new changes are effective. Dr. Williams will continue to engage the Community on vaccinations requirements. College strongly suggests employees receive their booster.

Chevelle Glymph, (Director of Public Health and Environmental Safety) made the following comments.

- Montgomery College will continue to do daily health assessment if you are not feeling well please stay home.
- The College will continue to supply the spaces with hand hygiene products.
- The College will continue to provide KN95 masks at Public Safety offices, Raptor Central locations, and by orders placed by departments through the Office of Facilities service desk.
- College will continue to require the Booster vaccination for the faculty, staff.
- Human Recourses and Strategic Talent and Management are processing the vaccination cards into a secured database program for faculty and staff.

BOT Meeting Summary (3/21/2022) (Alice Boatman, TPSS Campus Council Chair)

- Dr. Jermaine F. Williams was presented the County Seal from the Board of Trustees he is officially a member of the Board of Trustees. His wife and kids attended the official introduction.
- Dr. Jermaine F. Williams reported out to the Board of Trustees that he spent his first three weeks meeting Faculty, Staff and Students and attend meetings with senior leadership.
- Board Chair Knap reported the County Executive recommended Montgomery College's budget be approved.
- The committee and liaisons reported Pinkney Innovation Complex for Science and Technology is progressing. The PIC MC Foundation board reported out they discussed three major real estate additions at their last meeting. There will be more information to come.
- Montgomery College Foundation board reported a significant amount of private donations for specific purposes.
- Westfield site renewed their contract/least for ten years the renewing of this contract will not impact the new East County Education Center.
- The Union put forward a report of requesting a salary increase for faculty and staff.

Virtual Campus Update (Dr. Shinta Hernandez, Dean of the Virtual Campus) Presented a PowerPoint Presentation. Dr. Shinta Hernandez presented an overview of the Virtual Campus and provided a PowerPoint presentation. *To view the presentation, visit Montgomery College Blackboard governance community page.*

College Council's Equity and Inclusion Goal (Dr. Clevette Ridguard, Governance Director)

- Dr. Clevette Ridguard led a discussion about the two book readings sponsored by the Equity & Inclusion Friday Book Readings. The first video was a short interview by the authors of Four Hundred Souls, edited by Professor Ibram X Kendi and Professor Keisha Blain with Morning Joe Show on MSNBC. The second video was with the author of CASTE, Professor Isabel Wilkerson and PBS hour interviewer. Each video highlighted the African American historical experience. The videos provided a great overview of these books.

- The College Council is partnering with Equity and Inclusion to bring awareness to equity issues and provide a space and a place for these discussions, which aligns with our goals. Encouraged the Council members to take advantage of the first Friday book club readings.

Governance Information (Dr. Clevette Ridguard, Governance Director)

- Thank you to the communications and elections committee for all of their hard work. Governance has had a successful nomination season. We had 1342 nominations for governance. Tomorrow, March 23rd people can accept or decline their nomination. March 28th thru April 8th employees will be able to vote for the future governance members. Encourage all to vote.
- The final College Council meeting will be on May 10th where we will invite the incoming new chairs and the outgoing chairs. All individual council elections need to be held before May 10, 2022.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 pm.