

Montgomery College
Faculty Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 17, 2020
12:30 – 2:45 PM
Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Present: Michael Leblanc, Tim Kirkner, Erin Marcinek, Rebecca Thomas, Comfort Mingot, Kimberly Yost, Esther Schwartz-McKinzie, Dana Louise Baker, Norma Winffel, Soyini Richards, Sonja Fisher, VedhamKarpakakunjaram

Absent: Anthony Solano, Antonio F. Del Castillo-Olivares, John Quah, Erica Hepworth, Alan Stover, Katie Mount, Belle Scheibner, Jennifer Haydel, Christopher Fallon

Liaison: Carolyn Terry

Call to Order

There is a quorum to conduct business. The meeting was called to order at 12:43pm by the chair.

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

The agenda was approved as written. The meeting was recorded for internal use only.

- Will approve 9/3 minutes at next meeting

Constituent Concerns

No constituent concerns were presented.

Chair's Report

The co-chairs provided the following information:

- Conversation with Leadership
 - Submit questions and comments to [Resilient MC](#) by 9/18
- Applications for [Shoenberg Fellowship](#) due 10/16
 - Support for part-time faculty
- Can we share union related documents relevant to discussions?
 - Only share portion that is related
 - Will consult Dr. Ridguard before sharing documents
- Will send out SRT survey by the end of the weekend
- As a council, do we want to make any comments about the 7-week classes in the spring?
 - A council member suggested to have a forum for faculty to ask questions and address confusions.
 - Carolyn Terry suggested to ask these questions at the leadership discussion next week.
 - A council member expressed that better communication with students is needed.
 - Need to communicate a consistent message
 - Tabled for further discussion

Committee reports

- General Education Standing Committee Report was reported by Kimberly Yost.
 - Meeting last week
 - Working on recertification process
- Academic Regulations Committee Report was reported by Norma Winffel.
 - Working on Article 4 – Registration
 - Need to fine tune regulations made during summer
 - Still need a full-time faculty from Germantown and a counselor from TPSS
- Germantown Faculty Senate Report was reported by Sonja Fisher.
 - Will meet on 9/18

Letter of Support: Counseling – Kimberly Yost

- A council member suggested to soften the tone and emphasize support.
- A council member expressed that it's important to show support for the counselors while also welcoming broader discussion.
- Send to Katie Mount and Erica Hepworth for feedback
- Important to consider the different interpretations of one's statement
- Need to get to the core of the problem
- Acknowledge problem and work together to solve it
- Tabled for further discussion

Goals for 2020-2021

- Suggestions?
 - Look back at previous goals
 - How to improve communication and trust
 - Reach out to Student Council and get students' perspective on 7-week classes
 - Comprehensive onboarding package
 - Smart Start Committee
 - Raptor Central
 - Should invite Jamin Bartolomeo to meeting
- SMART goals
- Tabled for further discussion

New Business

- Council picture
- Discussion about 7-week classes and communication
- Will reach out to Student Council and Jamin

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm.