

## MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

### Faculty Council

September 15, 2022

#### Attendees

- **Members present:** Baker, Dana; Darr, Amanda; Hurst, Teri; Jones, Shelley; Karpakakunjaram, Vedham; Theophile-LaFond, Anestine; Pointer, Jon; Prendergast, Michelle; Robinson, Tamesha; Sprague, Melissa; Thomas Desjardins, Ketely; Webb, Alla; Winffel, Norma; Wolin, Carole
- **Proxies present:** Ever Grier for Asia Lunn, Rick Pires for Susan Bontems
- **Constituents present:** Miriam Zemen
- **Members excused:** Martin, Chloe; Pavetto, Carl; Sullivan, Rachel;
- **Invited guests:** Kimberly, McNair
- **Council Liaison:** Terry, Carolyn
- **Governance Director:** Ridguard, Clevette

#### Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Dana Baker, co-chair. There was a quorum to conduct governance business. Melissa Sprague conducted roll call to verify attendance.

#### Approval of the Agenda / Minutes

The agenda for today's meeting was approved. Minutes from May 5, 2022 were accepted with corrections. This meeting was recorded for internal use only.

#### Constituent Concerns

At this time, guests were invited to speak.

- **COVID-19 policy:** Anestine shared that clarity is needed regarding the mask and vaccine policies. Dana reported that Chevelle Glymph addressed the policies at the College Council (CC) earlier this week. Vedham reminded us that Public Health sent an email on 9/7 to all, explaining the policy. Amanda Darr reported that at the CC meeting Dr. Williams said we are not in alignment with the CDC nor MCPS. He asked that the councils discuss and provide feedback. Shelley Jones noted that the website no longer has a ribbon at the top indicating the mask mandate for classroom, labs, and library spaces. Rick Pires reported that there was a communication about that indicated students not uploading proof of vaccine are not being dropped.
- **Gender Neutral Bathrooms:** Melissa shared a faculty concern about the lack of gender-neutral bathrooms. If we have gender-neutral bathrooms, many faculty, staff, and students don't know where they are located. Dana and Terri Hurst report that it depends on the age of the building. Newer buildings seem to have bathrooms with no gender specified.

Jon stated that all constituent concerns will be addressed and questions clarified.

#### Chair's Report

The council co-chairs, Jon Pointer and Dana Baker, shared a PowerPoint\* for their report. The report included College updates, reminders about upcoming events, and initiatives.

#### Committee Reports

- **College-wide Curriculum Committee (CCC):** Vedham reported that the full CCC will hold its first meeting tomorrow. However, the voting members met on 9/2 to discuss goals for this academic year. Angela Rhoe presented the updated website for transfers and articulation agreements. The CCC needs a representative from Applied Technologies and Gudelsky Institute.

- General Education Standing Committee: Michelle reported that the committee needs representatives from math, communications, and humanities. Michelle request approval from the Faculty Council to allow Sarah Campbell to serve as the general studies representative.
  - ◊ Anestine motioned to accept the nomination of Sarah Campbell as the general studies representative for the General Education committee. Alla seconded the motion. The Council unanimously voted to accept this motion.
- Academic Regulations (AR) Committee: Norma reported that the first meeting is tomorrow. They will present two regulations to the President's Advisory Committee next week. The committee has the following vacancies: ELAP or English from GT, Math from RV, an instructional dean from educational/social sciences, and a registrar.

### **Campus Reports**

- Germantown Faculty Senate – Amanda Darr reports membership is growing; they have added five new members to serve in the senate.
- Rockville Faculty Senate – Anestine reports they discussed faculty engagement and outlined a plan for this academic year.
- TPSS – tabled; the TPSS faculty senate has not been reconvened. Dana Baker will reach out to Brad Stewart about getting the TPSS faculty senate revived.

**Presentation:** Strategic Enrollment Management by Kimberly McNair

### **New Business**

- Goals for AY 22-23: Jon shared a PPT\* presentation and led the discussion about Council goals for the academic year. The plan is to consider goals that fit the SMARTIE framework and align with the College's 2025 plan. We will submit our goals by 10/31/22.
- Brainstorming: How to build back on-campus community, sense of belonging in the classroom, online community building, sense of belonging with faculty, mental health will be enhanced by building the community and sense of belong with faculty, staff, and students.
- Faculty engagement, increase student interest
- Build relationship between online and on campus experiences.

*\*Any presentations or supporting documents shared at this meeting will be available on the Faculty Council AY 2022-2023 Teams site.*

Meeting adjourned at 1:26 pm

Respectfully submitted by

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