

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE
Faculty Council
October 3, 2024

Attendees

- **Members present:** Amanda Darr, Vijay Advani , Megan Van Wagoner, Brandon Wallace, Miriam Zemen, Alla Webb, Joseph Stumpf, Brenda Knopp, Tamesha Robinson , Anestine Theophile-LaFond, Diego Hernandez , Harry Singleton , Kimberly Driver, Stephanie Landon, Antonio Del Castillo-Olivares, Linda Robinson
- **Proxies present:** N/A
- **Members absent:** Angela Ingram
- **Guest Speakers:** Anna Donahue, Paul Miller
- **Invited guests:** N/A
- **Guests:**
- **Council Liaison:** Dr. Price (represented by Dr. Benmouna)
- **Governance Director:** Clevette Ridguard

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Anestine Theophile-LaFond, co-chair. There was a quorum to conduct governance business.

Approval of the Agenda / Minutes

The agenda for today's 10/03 meeting was approved as written. Motion by Harry Singleton, seconded by Diego Hernandez

The Minutes for September 19 2024 were approved. Motion by Diego Hernandez, seconded by Linda Robinson .This meeting was recorded for internal use only.

Constituent Concerns

At this time, guests were invited to speak by Brenda Knopp.

Co-Chair's Report: Co-Chair's report presented by Co-Chair Amanda Darr.

Highlighted general announcement from the college community. The report is attached to the minutes.

Committee Reports * See Supporting Documents for full reports

- **College-wide Curriculum Committee (CCC): Harry Singleton**
 - Last meeting took place on 9/20/2024
 - No formal proposals.
 - Consent Calendar items were presented.
 - Shelving Lists : deals with courses that have not run for last three years.
 - CCC has one vacancy : Faculty from a Counseling Department. Brenda Crist was presented as a candidate for the open vacancy. Motion by Del Castillo-Olivares, Antonio F, seconded by Diego Hernandez. Approved unanimously.

- **General Education Standing Committee (GEC): Kimberly Driver:**

- Last meeting was on 9/27/2024. Meeting minutes are attached.

- **Academic Regulations Committee (Regs): Diego Hernandez**

The report from Academic Regs meeting is attached.

- Presented a new language for the regulation AR 9.3. Asked to approve.

9.3 – Academic Forgiveness

I. Description

A student may petition to have any number of credits removed from GPA calculation. To be considered, the request must meet all of the eligibility criteria in Section II below. Grades applied to a previously awarded degree or certificate may not be removed from GPA calculation. Grades removed from GPA calculation will remain visible on the student's transcript. Academic Forgiveness may only be used once. Credits removed from GPA calculation may not be used toward any degree or certificate. Academic Forgiveness actions are irreversible. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that any institution or program to which they are applying will accept Academic Forgiveness from Montgomery College.

II. Eligibility

- 1) The student received grades of D or F for these credits.
- 2) The student has been absent from the college for at least 5 consecutive calendar years since the end of their most recent semester.
- 3) The student has returned to the college and earned at least 6 post-return credits, which need not be taken concurrently; finals grades have been submitted for each of those post-return credits; and a minimum grade of C was awarded in each of those classes.

II. Procedure A student whose request meets all the above criteria should meet with a counselor (not a program advisor) to initiate the process. After meeting with the counselor, the student will submit their request to the Dean of Student Affairs. The Dean of Student Affairs reviews the request. The Dean of Student Affairs shall notify the student of the result in writing.

III. Finality clause The decision of the Dean of Student Affairs regarding the removal of credits from GPA calculation is final. No appeals to any committee are permitted.

- By the majority of the votes the regulation AR 9.3 language was sent back to the Academic Regulations Committee for revisions.
- Motion by Brenda Knopp, seconded by Harry Singleton

- **Campus Reports**

- Germantown Faculty Senate – Tamesha Robinson
GT Senate does not have a faculty yet.
- Rockville Faculty Senate – Antonio Del Castillo
- TPSS – Presented by Anestine. 8 people are interested. First meeting will be at the beginning of October.

- **Guest Speakers : •Anna Donahue & Paul Miller Title: Transition to Bb Learn Ultra**

Visit transition hub website: <https://mcblogs.montgomerycollege.edu/thehub/stay-connected/blackboard-learn-ultra/>

Please email the team if you have any questions: UltraTransition@montgomerycollege.edu

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Faculty Council Business:

- Discussed and finalized the 2024-2025 Faculty Council Goal

Goal #1: What goal would the council like to accomplish by the end of the academic year?

1. Identify any existing communication and or consultative processes used when engaging in major consequential changes in technology and classroom space design
 - a. Review Policy and procedures
 - b. Meet with operational services to share concerns and listen
 - c. Meet with Facilities to share concerns and listen
2. If processes are already in place design a plan to make process more visible as well as communication plan to ensure awareness among all faculty
3. Circulate findings to all faculty via email blast and reporting to various disciplines by Faculty Council representatives.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by , Brandon Wallace, seconded by Miriam Zemen. Motion to adjourn at 1:52 pm.

**Any presentations or supporting documents shared at this meeting will be available on the Faculty Council AY 2024-2025 Teams site.*

Meeting adjourned at 1:52 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Alla Webb, Faculty Council Secretary