

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE  
**Faculty Council**  
February 20, 2025

**Attendees**

- **Members present:** Amanda Darr, Megan Van Wagoner, Miriam Zemen , Alla Webb (Proxy Amanda Darr, Alla joined later), Joseph Stumpf, Tamesha Robinson , Anestine Theophile-LaFond, Diego Hernandez , Linda Robinson, Brenda Knopp, Brandon Wallace (Yeve Montgomery Proxy), Stephanie Landon, Harry Singleton, Antonio Del Castillo-Olivares, Pierre Harges,
- **Proxies present:** Yeve Montgomery for Brandon Wallace, Amanda Darr for Alla Webb
- **Members absent:** Angela Ingram, Kimberly Driver
- **Guests:** Zenobia Garrison, Michael Mills, Julie Levinson, Pam Trotter, Carolyn Terry
- **Council Liaison:** Dr. Price
- **Governance Director:** Clevette Ridguard

**Call to Order**

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

**Approval of the Agenda / Minutes**

The agenda for today's February 20 meeting was. Motion by Brenda Knopp, seconded by Diego Hernandez.

The Minutes for February 6, 2024 were approved with edits. Motion by Diego Hernandez, seconded by Harry Singleton. This meeting was recorded for internal use only.

**Constituent Concerns**

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

- **Presenter Stephanie Landon:**  
  
2/20 There is a concern regarding access to the DSS office in SV Building. Often both elevators are not working which decreases the accessibility to the office. Can the office be moved so it is more accessible or create an access point on the first floor so students can access support if/when the elevators are down?

**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.

**Guest Speaker:** Deidre Price , **Title:** Academic Affairs Updates

Discussed the update on the continuation of the Academic Master Plan development.

We are right now in the phase of drafting and preparation. The goals are established and they are focused on creating strong foundations for the future. The focus is on student access, completion

and post completion success, but thinking about those things that students can't do without building a really strong core of what we do with an academic affairs and how we can further student success through some of these basic initiatives.

**Guest Speaker:** Zenobia Garrison, **Title:** AAWCC - Update on the American Association of Women in Community Colleges and the Annual Conference of 2025

- MC has a AAWCC Chapter. The doors are opened to join.  
<https://info.montgomerycollege.edu/offices/aawcc/index.html>
- Upcoming conference : April 4 2025

**Guest Speaker:** Michael Mills, Julie Levinson, **Title:** Academic Advising Workgroup report

- Cross divisional work that brings us closer to a revised advising Model.
- Presented Academic Advising Workgroup- Project Roadmap Recommendations
- Use of Starfish

- **Campus Reports**

- Germantown Faculty Senate – Presented by Anestine and Alla  
Working on recruiting faculty.
- Rockville Faculty Senate – Antonio Del Castillo
  - We had no new constituent concerns
  - Had a presentation by Vijai Aanand , author of the New Immigration Secrets: How To Navigate The Laws Of Finance, Business, And Real Estate To Build Your Future And Thrive In The New Era Of The United States
  - Discussed the meetings' schedule. Might not hold meeting in March, but have the agenda for the April.
- TPSS Faculty Senate– Presented by Pierre Harges  
No update

**Committee Reports** \* See Supporting Documents for full reports

- **College-wide Curriculum Committee (CCC): Harry Singleton**
  - The curriculum committee met on February 7th
  - Deadline to submit the course and program revisions for the 2025-2026 catalog is March 7th.
  - Faculty are advised to contact CCC CAP or email CCC co-chairs as soon as you can for any revisions.
  - 2025-2026 catalog goes live on Friday 4/11
- **General Education Standing Committee (GEC): Presented by Amanda Darr on behalf Kimberly Driver**

- Last meeting was held in person.
- Completed the round of recertifications this academic year with the geology and history courses.
- There are currently four students working towards the Career Readiness badge and they're also working on their presentation for the AAC&U conference on the Career Readiness Badge.
- **Academic Regulations Committee (Regs): Diego Hernandez**
  - Presented AR 9.3 Academic Forgiveness ; II Procedure

Students seeking academic forgiveness will submit a form through the College website.

Requests will be sent for review and approval to the academic dean overseeing the program of study for the student in the Office of the Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs/College Provost. Requests will be processed within 10 business days. Results will be shared with the Office of Records and Registration who will process the request and shall notify the student of the result in writing.

The decision of the academic dean to deny advancement of a request is final. No appeals to any committee are permitted.

**Vote for : AR 9.3 Academic Forgiveness - II Procedure**

12 yes; 1 no; no abstain

What are the results of the electronic vote conducted last week:

**Per co-chairs: Results of the FC Electronic Vote due 2/17COB - Removal Academic Dishonesty Policy from Academic Regs**

Yes – 6 ; No – 4 ; Abstain - 1

**Faculty Council Business:**

- Other Business

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- Motion by Miriam Zemen, seconded by Stephanie Landon. Motion to adjourn at 1:45 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 1:45 pm  
Respectfully submitted by  
Alla Webb, Faculty Council Secretary