
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

Germantown Campus Council

Minutes

October 1, 2019

PK 105, 2-4 p.m.

Attendees:

T. Baker, J. Hare, J. Capparella, R. Razavi, B. LaPilusa, J. Bonnycastle, P. Turcios, A. Stroud (proxy for Njie), P. Jenkins, J. Washington, S. Anthony, M. McCambley

Call to Order:

Paul Jenkins made a motion at 2:00 p.m. to begin the second Germantown Council meeting of the year. The agenda was approved. Minutes from the September 3, 2019, meeting were approved, pending suggested revisions.

Constituent Concerns:

Professor Jennifer Capparella and Tonya Baker identified a need for “You Are Here” maps to be posted on campus, particularly in the BE Building. Many campus visitors and new students are unfamiliar with the names of the campus buildings, and when they try to navigate their way to their destinations, they become confused. A discussion ensued as to who would produce such maps and the available funding. The Council will look into who would handle such requests.

Professor Sharon Anthony identified malfunctioning INK printing kiosks during the first few weeks of the fall semester. Other Council members explained that these problems have been happening in the library as well as other locations. The MC staff member in charge of these machines has been notified, and the Council Chair Paul Jenkins will ask at the College Council meeting if such printing kiosk problems have been occurring Collegewide. Council member Tonya Baker asked us to notify Provost Latimer if the campus problems persist.

Professor Barb LaPilusa expressed concern about the dirty bathrooms and kitchenette floor in the SA building. Mr. McCambley recommended she file a work order requesting a cleaning of these rooms, specifically noting the areas of concern.

Council member Tonya Baker suggested signs be placed at campus walkways to alert pedestrians to look both ways before crossing campus roads. Such eye contact would improve pedestrian safety.

Professor Sharon Anthony reported textbook shortages at the campus bookstore in the first three weeks of the fall semester. Required textbooks for English composition courses (for IERW 001, IERW 002, and ENGL 101/A) were completely out of stock by the third day of the semester. While the campus bookstore manager did her best to obtain necessary supplies, a full supply was not received until September 19th, which negatively impacted students who rely on federal financial aid to purchase their textbooks. Professor Jennifer Capparella explained that textbooks for BIOL 150, 130, and 210 were also in short supply. The Math department reported no such shortages. The Council Chair, Paul Jenkins, will look into the bookstore supplies on the other campuses to see if we should take steps to prevent this from happening again in the spring semester.

Germantown Campus Council FY20 Goal Plan Discussion and Vote:

The following goals were identified and approved by the Germantown Campus Council as their goals for fiscal year 2020:

- Goal #1 – The Council voted to designate as its first goal for this year will be to support the campus food pantry. The Council will make sure that the food pantry is well stocked. This goal was suggested by Paul Jenkins, seconded by Tonya Baker, and accepted through a unanimous vote.
- Goal #2 – The Council voted to designate its second goal for the year to support the MC's award-winning baseball team. The Council will work with the team's coach to identify an appropriate home game and encourage the campus faculty, staff, and students to attend the game. This goal was suggested by Tonya Baker, seconded by Maurice McCambley, and accepted by a majority vote. Jennifer Capparella abstained.
- Goal #3 – The Council voted to designate its third goal to establish an end-of-the-year student award to recognize the campus's "Unsung Heroes." This award will be recognized at the Germantown campus closing meeting in May, and several Council members suggested recognizing the MC baseball team, as well. This goal was suggested by Paul Jenkins, seconded by Barb LaPilusa, and accepted by unanimous vote.
- Goal #4 – The Council voted to designate as its fourth goal to assist with the Germantown Oktoberfest parade. Campus volunteers will help with the actual parade, with the Raptor, with the Germantown table at the festivities at the end of the parade, and with the campus-based shuttle bus. The Council voted unanimously to accept this goal.

The Council also discussed how it could help establish campus maps and signs. The Council decided this was not a goal but an action it hopes to pursue this year. At the November meeting, the Council will discuss setting up a subcommittee to figure out how to have the campus maps produced and funded, even if paper copies are the final product.

The Council also discussed how it may help with the campus transition into the newly renovated SA Building. The Council decided this is not a goal, but an action. Further discussion will take place in November.

Provost's Report:

Provost Margaret Latimer's report was presented by Tonya Baker who reviewed the Oktoberfest parade and festivities and how MC volunteers may help. Additionally, Ms. Baker introduced the new staff in the WRL Center and the campus childcare center and explained upcoming activities, including the October Cybersecurity Month and the November Carnival of Animals event.

Chair's Report:

Council Chair Paul Jenkins urged Council members to review changes to MC's policies and procedures, as posted online for feedback: <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/policies-and-procedures/>. He emphasized the need to be a strong voice for colleagues and students. Chair Jenkins also presented the dates for the health van to visit the campus and offer students free flu shots, and he reminded everyone about the equity and compliance dialogue events.

Announcements:

Council member Rebecca Razavi explained the Hillman Entrepreneurs Program will be officially changing its name to the Southern Management Leadership Program, as of October 11, 2019.

Council Chair Paul Jenkins mentioned the tragic passing of the Germantown campus beloved Public Safety Officer, Dan Blumgart.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Pamela Turcios, Germantown Campus Council Secretary