

MC GOVERNANCE

GERMANTOWN CAMPUS COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 06, 2021; 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Present: Tonya Baker, Amanda Darr, Mais Alraee, Jennifer Capparella, Christopher Cusic, Charlie Jackson, Brandon Mollock, Paul Jenkins, Lori Kelman, Sharon Anthony, Maurice McCambley

Absent: Abo-keze Ewimbi, Blessing Anyim

Guests: Megan Barrett, Ja'Bette Lozupone, Beverly Coleman, Angela Rhoe, Sally McClean, Marcus Peanort

Liaison: Margaret Latimer

Call to Order

There is a quorum to conduct business. The meeting was called to order at 2:01pm by the chair.

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

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

Constituent Concerns

- Sharon Anthony brought forth a concern that there is no function to forward information to an entire class roster.
 - Chris Cusic will talk to IT and follow up
- Lori Kelman brought forth a concern about not being able to get rid of titles (Mr./Ms./Dr.) in Blackboard. Mike Mills and Robin Cook are looking into issue but no follow up yet.
 - Chris will look into and follow up

GT Student Senate Update – Megan Barrett

- Continue to encourage campus involvement and engagement.
- Mental Health Workshop Series and Student Success Series Workshops
- Great increase in the number of students applying for Student Senate.
- Directed students with needs to available resources.
- Virtual complaint box – not a lot of complaints but received some concerns about graduation.
 - No email confirmation after applying for graduation – lack of communication.
 - Working on report – suggestion for automated message
- Question – For the mental health program, who are you partnering with?
 - Partnering with SHaW Center for several events

- Will make sure to encourage students to reach out to counselors
- Marcus Peanort will reach out regarding Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT)
- Question – In your opinion, do students feel comfortable calling IT for help?
 - Haven't heard about anyone having challenges – wonderful and easy to access
 - Chris – let us know if there are suggestions for improvement
- Question – How do you communicate with other students?
 - Social media – formed a social media team
 - Follow in Student Life's footsteps and make sure everything is posted
 - Email is a great way of communication but there are also many who don't read emails.
- Question – What's the status of the Student Senate?
 - Handful graduating but will still have many old faces and recruiting new members
 - Tonya – will reach out to see if any students are interested in joining the council

Ascend Parent Initiative – Ja'Bette Lozupone and Beverly Coleman

- Aspen Postsecondary Success for Parents Initiative at MC
 - Student parents are a large, often invisible high-risk population with high stop out and dropout rates.
 - Many are impacted by food insecurity, housing insecurity, and homelessness.
 - Purpose – systematically Identifying parenting students
 - Center and amplify parent voices and experiences
 - Expand opportunities, implement strategies and innovations to support parenting students
 - How can MC improve support to parenting students at the micro and macro level?
 - Assess, leverage, and build capacity through a lens of equity and inclusion and a culture of care
 - Two Generation (2Gen) Approach – move child and parent towards educational success and economic security
 - How will we accomplish our work?
 - Increase campus dialogue about student parent issues
 - Identify and hear from student parents
 - Collect institutional data about student parents
 - Increase visibility of existing supports and improve services
 - Learn about practices at other schools
 - Develop recommendations and an Action Plan
 - Where are we in the process at MC?
 - Formed task force, profiled existing resources, and identified challenges
 - Fall 2020 Accomplishments
 - Student Success Lead and API Taskforce Co-Stewards identified
 - Core taskforce composed of Student Affairs representatives convened five times
 - Invitations to Extended taskforce composed of Collegewide representatives from critical areas of the College were finalized
 - Preliminary recommendations for Spring 2021 are ongoing
 - Action plan submitted to Ascend in December 2020
 - Introduced Extended Task Force Membership – some have personal experience

- Goals for Spring 2021
 - IRB Approval for an internal self-evaluation/needs assessment
 - Administer survey and focus groups
 - Begin amplifying and centering parenting students' voices at MC by implementing PLC Action Plan in alignment with Dr. Pollard's vision, API Taskforce goals, and MC 2020-2025 Strategic Plan
- Expected Outcomes
 - Confirm parenting status and assess barriers
 - Family-friendly institution that provide financial supports responsive to parents and create networks for parents to remove social stigma
 - Identify mental health and well-being interventions
 - Add high-quality non-degree pathways for parents
 - Leverage state and federal policy opportunities to support parent success
- Question – Can you expand on "space for our students' children" and "family friendly campus"?
 - Understand the liabilities and implications but want to create opportunities for students who are parents to bring children to campus in a safe way
- Question – Contact email?
 - mcstudentparents@montgomerycollege.edu
- Question – Will we be able to identify and make outreach to this group easier?
 - Need to first define “student parents” and think about how to gather this information
- Pizza Event for student parents on 5/7 – will get pizza kit in the mail
 - Have conversation about their challenges
 - Email [Benita Rashaw](#) for more information
- Single Parent Conference is scheduled for 8/14 – registration will open in July
 - [Inspirational Parenting webpage](#)
 - Will reach out to Student Life and other organizations on campus to increase the participation of MC student parents

Academic Affairs: Articulation Agreements – Angela Rhoe

- Partnerships in Fall 2020
 - University of Maryland Global Campus – reviewed and renewed transfer maps
 - Dreamers and international students – will provide more information
 - Southern New Hampshire University Online – 10% discount, no application fee
 - Health Sciences, Nursing, Criminal Justice, and Business
 - Arizona State University Online – 400+ undergraduate majors
 - Universal agreement – guarantee admission, as well as into the major of choice, if all the requirements are met
 - George Mason University
 - AAS in Cloud Computing and Networking to BAS in Cloud Computing
 - Patriot Transfer Scholarship
 - Virginia Polytechnic Institute (VA Tech)
 - AA in Computer Science to BS in Computer Science and Technology
 - Guaranteed Admission Agreement with culminative GPA of 3.2
 - SANS Technology Institute – 100% online

- Cybersecurity AAS to BACS
- Check out the updated [MC transfer website](#)
- Working to update scholarship page

Provost's Report

The provost provided the following information and updates:

- Operating largely in remote environment with some exceptions (labs)
- Vaccination site on Germantown Campus – [map](#)
- Provided facilities update
 - Elevator construction is close to completion.
 - Biotech Lab HT 405 is being converted to a space for Honors Students
 - Serenity space – will have a larger space – HT, third floor
 - Some office reassignments
- Question – Will all labs meet in some capacity in the fall?
 - Yes – online lab courses are in discussion
- Question – BE building is currently being used for vaccination site. Is there a timeline?
 - Expected to stop sometime during the summer (subject to change)
- If need to go to campus, check in at SA building.

Chair's Report

The chair provided the following information and updates:

- Voting for governance elections are open until 4/9
- Germantown Campus Council meeting on 5/4 – please send proxy if you can't attend
 - Will elect council officers
- College Council updates
 - Sharon Bland presentation about anti-racism strategy
 - [Equity Week](#) – 4/5-4/9
 - Excellences in Equity Award – 4/7
 - 4/13 College Council meeting – student panel scheduled for 1:30-2:30pm
 - HRSTM spoke about the modification to compensation procedures
 - Liz Greaney provided a budget update
- Upcoming events
 - State of the College Address – 4/11 at 11am
 - MC Student Employment Services: Spring Virtual Job Fair – 4/16 at 11am-3pm
 - Athenaeum: Mr. Leth Oun – 4/22 at 11am
 - Virtual Honors and Awards Convocation – 5/14 at 3pm
 - Collegewide Closing Meeting – 5/19 at 10am
 - Campus Closing Get-together – 5/20 at 10:15am

Announcements

- Upcoming collegewide survey on perception of BIT
- Virtual Commencement – will have meeting next week
 - Student Life is hosting virtual events for graduating students
- Open computer lab on each campus for students – please share this information

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56pm.