

MC GOVERNANCE

GERMANTOWN CAMPUS COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 5, 2021; 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Present: Tonya Baker, Amanda Darr, Patricia Robinson, Marcus Peanort, Joanna Lyon, Charlie Jackson, Sharon Anthony, Lori Kelman, Christopher Cusic, Paul Jenkins

Absent: Brandon Mollock, Margaret Latimer, Belynda Akantoa and Naadir A. Bakari

Guests: Elizabeth Schlackman, Sally McClean, Sharon Wilder (CEIO), Jeanette Rojas, George Rice III, Clevette Ridguard, Kimberly Jones, Jalen McBee Green

Liaison: Margaret Latimer

Call to Order

There is a quorum to conduct business. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm by the chair. Open to the college; only appointed members can speak or vote.

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

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

Constituent Concerns

- **No constituent concerns**

Old Business

- **Vending machines** – Sent pictures of empty vending machines to Brad Bridges of Auxiliary Services. They have started filling a few of the machines, but it is slow starting. Germantown is not the only campus having an issue with the vendor. The last message we received is that all the vending machines are full, but the drink machines are still empty. We will continue to work on this.
- **Bottle filling stations** – water safety – Facilities was asked to test all the water supplies. They have gone through and inspected the water filling station and tested the water. All tested areas are negligible for bacteria.
- **New Elevator in SA that had been out of service** – repaired 9/30/2021 and is now fully functioning.
- **New Elevator in HT needs additional work** before final inspection.

- **New laptops for students in the spring** – Laptops used in the middle college program at Northwest High School were freezing and crashing. The laptops are owned by MC. The main problem was connectivity at the high school. MCPS puts blocks on internet connectivity that interfere with the program's needs but some of the computers are older and need to be upgraded. This problem is being worked on and should be rectified by spring. When students are vocal, we can step up and help them.
- **Food trucks & Pizza** –In the chat, Marcus mentioned food trucks coming to campus since the cafeteria is closed. Brad Bridges had said previously that food trucks are cost-prohibitive. Marcus mentioned that he has a contact at California Tortilla, and they may be able to help. It was recommended that he contact Brad Bridges to see if this is an option.

Council Picture

- Tonya took a screenshot the Zoom meeting for GT Campus Council Member picture

Mental Health Awareness – Stephanie Will presents stephanie.will@Montgomerycollege.edu

- Upcoming Mental Health Day on Monday, October 11, 2021. T-shirts available. Requesting that if anyone is interested to send/post a picture with their T-Shirt on and a sign about mental illness to the Shaw Center instagram and/or twitter sites with the hashtag #mentalhealthishealth
 - Instagram @mcshawcenter/ Twitter @centershaw
- Purpose – destigmatize mental health on campus; suicide; mental health 101; other training. Mental Health is part of overall health. People with health issues are more likely to have mental health issues as well. Within Pandemic, stress has increased, and physical health has suffered, affecting their mental health but not in a specific way. Importance of mental health.
- Have class on campus, take a few minutes and talk about mental health. Check in with ourselves. Members asked for talking points.
- Mental Health first aid – first aid for the mental health crisis. General info of mental health. Disabilities caused by MH. Signs and symptoms. Ability to apply it. Registration is in MCLearns. Once complete the class, you'll have a 3-year certification. \$24.95. 8 hours. 11/6/2021 then 1/14/2022 and additional dates. <https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/take-a-course/what-you-learn/>
- Link to give to students (montgomerycollege.edu/shaw-center; county crisis line 240-777-4000)
- Marcus – BIT Reporting – All incident reports can be found here, including "Behaviors of Concern" - <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/offices/student-affairs/submit-incident-report.html>.

Office of Equity and Inclusion: Upcoming Events – Sharon Wilder, George Rice III, and Jeanette Rojas

- Sharon Wilder, Chief Equity and Inclusion Officer–
 - Office of Inclusion partners and works with: The Centers, LGBTQIA+ needs, Gender & Women's Studies/SJIU, Antiracist Roadmap and antiracism badge; PACIE Meeting, training, and more; Let's Talk Series; Student Affairs; Newsletters, trainings, pop-ups, dialogues and summits, surveys/evaluations, assessments and more; Search Advocates
 - Partner with SVP Liaisons; Inclusion Centers – working on getting them up and running. First to open in the Spring.

- Jeannette Rojas
 - 10/11 11-1 – Event on Rockville Campus – Indigenous people day, National Coming Out Day, and still in Latinx Heritage Month.
 - 10/28/2021 1:30-5pm Fall dialogue hybrid Events on Takoma Park campus. Critical Race Theory is the topic of the event. Open to students, faculty, staff, and community. bit.ly/CRTForum2021 – Is it on workday for registration.
- George Rice III– Office of Equity and Inclusion's goal is to create a home away from home, whatever community the student/person/faculty/whoever attaches to within the community—working with career centers, 4-year schools, and more. We are currently looking for partnerships.

Germantown Campus Council FY22 Goal Plan Discussion

- **Return to campus survey – data for future – SMART Goals – Do we have the capacity and are we able to do it? Is this more than a campus concern? Is this really a college concern?**
 - SMART Goals need to be submitted by the end of October.
 - Joanna Lyon met with people at the SHaW Center. “Mental Health” was too vague. The one problem that is most relevant to Germantown is food and clothing support. They have the funds to initiate a project. Consider a campus Food Drive. Create a list of acceptable items. They would help us organize and support us in the project.
 - Get on board with at least one project/activity a semester? **Everyone agreed**
 - Timing is short, and we don't want to take too much time. Let's get it moving.
- Agree to continue to support the baseball team in the spring, if possible.
- Finalizing SMART Goals and will start working on the first project.

Student Thoughts –

- **Jalen McBee Green**
 - Elementary Education Major – Ambassador; CREATE cohort; ATPA/ACES/Educator Rising
 - Her experience – started 2018, changed major. Doesn't want to transfer. Wishes could get BA/BS here. Loves MC.
 - She has been on campus and remote. She loves in-person classes. She doesn't like completely virtual learning, but the remote classes are not as bad as DL. There was accountability and had an in class/in-person feel. Likes the SRT format and flexibility with life.
 - She has taken regular and accelerated courses via SRT, but she liked the 7-week course.
 - What she really loved about MC overall was the CREATE cohort (early education) – helped a lot with everything: financially, transferring, building a network of peers.
 - What can be improved at MC? Financial aid; more access to communication with FA. Difficult to reach them which is stressful for students that can't pay for college.
- Tonya – Did you have trouble reaching FA before COVID or during our current situation?
 - More difficult when in person. Like to turn docs in online.
 - Mostly when you are starting at MC, not so much when you are a current student.

Virtual Transfer Fair

- October 11 – 14 - Virtual Transfer Fair - <https://mdacc.org/vtf-fall-21>
 - 90 colleges and universities
 - 10:30am-12:30pm and 4:00pm-6:00pm
 - Pre-registration available but not required.
- Virtual Fairs not going away. In-person fairs will happen only once a year, but hopefully more.

Provost's Report

The provost provided the following information and updates:

- County is redistricting for sake of County Council. 7 council districts for 7 members apply to 2022 and will now consist of 11 members: the 7 members and 4 at large.
- Germantown Campus is a vaccination site again. 1st floor BE building by conference center. Open 9-6 daily. Scheduling appointments, but are doing walk-ins.
- No testing. Are giving vaccines and boosters.
 - Paul Jenkins – slow going but should start growing. Separation of students and people getting vaccine. Trying to get more signs.
 - Do they have all 3 vaccines? Not sure. All three are listed on website. Doesn't say if that includes boosters.
 - Keep the BE parking spaces open for the vaccine site.
- PIC MC
 - Hoping for some good news. More to come. Two other companies ready to align with the college.
- America's Promise Grant has ended 9/30/2021. The folks from WDCE were working in PK. Placed about 500 people through this program.
- County Executive hosting Budget Forums for FY2023.
- Looking forward to being back on campus as of 11/8/2021. Be aware of different comfort level for all colleagues.
- Shout out to Public Safety – they haven't missed a day – HUGE THANK YOU!
- Vaccination is a requirement now; vaccinations available at all campuses. See website.
- Facilities – Outdoor classroom for the sake of our astronomy folks. They are building a concrete plaza with 3 “true north” piers for the telescopes. The darkest area of campus was selected, back of Parking Lot #4, behind BE. Telescopes will be housed in SA and rolled to site when used.
- HS will be slightly renovated so that all WDCE faculty and staff can be altogether to make it easier for students to find them.

Chair's Report

The chair provided the following information and updates:

- Communications and Elections Committee – put together an education campaign for those at the college to understand governance and how to be involved and to participate in nominations and elections. If interested in volunteering, let Tonya know. Do not have to be on governance council to participate.
- College Council updates
 - Set Two Goals: 1. Communications and 2. Mental Health

- Goal to work more with equity and inclusion events
 - 400 souls – book club for fall
 - Hope to collaborate on event for spring book club, Caste.

- Due October 11 - College is currently reviewing policy and procedure. There comes a time when it is open for public comment. Currently there is one out there that is specific to part-time faculty.
 - Public comments will be accepted through October 11th.
 - [Policies and Procedures | Montgomery College, Maryland](#)

- Upcoming events
 - National Hispanic Heritage Month
 - World Mental Health Day – October 11th
 - Free Biometric Screenings at GT – October 15th
 - Employee Flu Shots – at CT on Oct. 21st and TP/SS on Oct. 27th, need to schedule in advance
 - Humanities Days – October 25-29 – See website.
 - Critical Race Theory Forum – Reframing the Narrative – October 28th
 - New online jobs board – CollegeCentral.com/MontgomeryCollege
 - SHaW Center has some funding for student emergencies.
 - Mental Health First Aid Class – November 5, 2021 from 9am – 4:30pm – 3 year certification

Patricia Robinson Sharpe asked if the next meeting date. Tonya Baker acknowledged that it is November 2, 2021.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 pm.