

# MC GOVERNANCE

## GERMANTOWN CAMPUS COUNCIL

### MEETING MINUTES

Friday, September 16, 2022; 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

#### Attendees

*Present:* Amanda Darr, Tonya Baker, Marcus Peanort, Kiersten Newtoff, Patricia Robinson, Brandon Mollock, Kayla Yost, Katie Mount, Nichole Land

*Absent:* Joanna Kilby, Charlie Jackson, Fawwaz Mustafa, Ana Gabriela Rojas

*Guests:* Kimberly McNair, Fizie Haleem, Sally McClean, Janine Askins, Clevette Ridguard, Yvette Taylor

*Liaison:* Margaret Latimer

#### Call to Order

There is a quorum to conduct business. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am 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

1. From Joanna, reported by Amanda - Mask use is unclear on website – confusion with students and others. Needs to be clarified.
2. From Marcus: Cafeteria up and running. Where is vending in buildings? Would be nice to know where they are – wayfinding would be nice. Could website include that info?
3. From Sally McClean – Wayfinding. Saw an event taking place in HS011 but didn't know where that was. Also, internal TV screens not working, but IT is aware and working on fixing it.
4. Last year constituent concern – the cross walk that was requested is now there.

#### Student Thoughts

**Erika Boone** digital media major, no plans to transfer yet. Involved in the FYE student ambassador program

- Classes: Taking 3 virtual and one in person this semester– love ability to do virtual – what made her comfortable to go back to college was the fact that it was virtual. Taking one class in person to get toes wet. More comfortable being in-person with masks being required.
- Only used in-person student services but appreciates the options.
- Likes the mask requirement.
- Suggestions: Have more activities like spirit week. She really enjoyed it. Helped to get excited for semester and bring people together. Had a “university” feel.
- Would you use an app to learn about info from the College? Yes.

**Eva O’Hara** business major, plans to transfer to UMD to pursue a management degree. She is involved as editor in chief of RV student-run journal, The Red Jacket. Also, an FYE Ambassador.

- Classes: in second year. First year was all virtual. In-person now - much better for her because it suits her learning style. Value in virtual – makes more things accessible. She is doing FYE virtually from RV. In virtual setting, she found it hard to know about campus resources and challenging to get to know her peers.
- Student services – has only had virtual advising which she loves because she can fit it in no matter what her schedule. BUT 2 out of 3 of her appointments had bad connections and she spent over half of her advising time trying to reconnect, which made things feel really rushed. She has done in-person tutoring, but her friends really like the virtual tutoring.
- Appreciates that masks are required.
- Suggestions: 1) Is there a way to provide info to students outside of email? Students get too many emails. She found out about The Red Jacket from a flyer she saw on a bulletin board. She does not use social media. 2) Could there be an “internship rush” event – where students could learn about all the various internships available to them? 3) would like to be assigned to a single advisor so can build a relationship with one person, 4) Provide a list of classes that do not transfer to UMD as a reference (Katie noted that this does exist already on the counseling & advising website on the transfer page)
- Would you use an app? More appealing if things were divided into categories and students could turn on or opt out of certain notifications (like “unsubscribing” to certain “newsletters” offered by a single entity).
- Sally noted that the Writing Centers are now fully open and able to help students in person, or classes could be taken to the learning centers so they know where they are. Eva suggested having professors share about the resources.

**GT Council Meeting Schedule** – Third Friday of every month for the fall semester, 10 am – 12 pm. For the spring, third Friday does not work. At December meeting, we will have space on the agenda to figure out spring schedule.

**FY23 Goal Plan Discussion – similar to last year**

1. Partnering with one MC group in the fall and spring to provide resources for our students. Mobile Markets – could a few of us volunteer for each of the mobile markets at GT?
2. Rebuilding community with those on campus and reconnect with constituents by participating in at least one event that everyone is invited to. Suggested the pre-inauguration celebration in the fall (Oct 12).

Will finalize at next meeting.

**Pre-Inaugural Celebration (Wednesday, October 12)** – Tonya gave a report out on all that will be taking place. Asked for a few more volunteers. Will send an email to note where volunteers are needed.

**Provost’s Report**

1. Cafeteria “lite” is open. Will be expanding services and offerings. Get into the space – very nice.
2. Family parking places are coming – wider spaces, closer to crosswalks, etc.
3. Carpeting in HT going to be completed over winter term.
4. Vaccination site in BE continues.
5. PIC MC update – groundbreaking on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> - Near Hughes Headquarters – their advanced manufacturing facility is going to be built – would like to do internships of all kinds. Experiential learning – high impact experiences.
6. First Athenaeum on Monday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup> in person, Globe Hall.
7. From Margaret: Thank you to everyone – has been an adventure, honor to serve on GT Campus Council. Thank you for your commitment to college and campus and students!

### **Chair's Report**

1. Need to take a GT Campus Council photo – will take it at our October meeting.
2. Collegewide enhancement of directories, recommendation from College Council at the end of the year last year, is moving forward.
3. MC received a Tech MAP pathway grant.
4. National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept 15 – Oct 15) – take advantage of activities being offered
5. Athenaeum – Sept 19<sup>th</sup>
6. Mental Health First Aid Training, all day training – register through workday – various dates
7. Soccer for Peace – Sept 21<sup>st</sup> – Noon – 4 pm – open to everyone collegewide
8. President's Town Hall Meeting – Sept 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm - virtual
9. Mobile Markets – 10 am – 12 pm, GT Dates: Oct 5, Nov 2, Nov 30
10. October 19<sup>th</sup> – Inauguration at Strathmore
11. Oct 12<sup>th</sup> – GT pre-inauguration celebration
12. Virtual Transfer Fair – Oct 13 & 14<sup>th</sup>. Spring – planning for an in-person transfer fair.
13. Montgomery Connects – County giving away free Chromebook computers to those who are eligible.
14. COVID 19 Protocols – President visited to get feedback from College Council. Amanda asked for feedback from GT campus council.

### **Discussion about MC's COVID-19 Protocols (campus council):**

1. Thoughts on transitioning to a mask optional protocol?
  - a. Keep masks required – faculty know of students in their class who have COVID or have just had COVID. Moving into flu season. Classroom are close settings. Students signed up for classes with the expectation that masks would be required for the semester – wouldn't recommend a change in the middle of the semester. Students seem to choose to wear them even when they are not required (e.g. in the hallways)
2. Thoughts on transitioning to vaccination optional for new employees?
  - a. Should be consistent between students and employees. What about those who left the College because of the mandate early on – matter of equity. Students are in tighter spaces for a longer period of time. Appreciate the College has opted to err on the side of safety. Have found that students are willing to put on their mask if you ask them to. Do we know if there has been spread within departments? Feel as if people have been good about trying to be careful.
3. Thoughts on enhancing education efforts?
  - a. Doing a good job already.

### **Strategic Enrollment Management – Kimberly McNair (See PPT for more details)**

1. Definition of SEM – an institution-wide responsibility, an organized concept that helps institutions fulfill their mission and students' educational goals, is NOT a quick fix.
2. Examples of SEM Activities:
  - a. Outreach - everyone
  - b. Teaching and Learning – classroom and co-curricular
  - c. Assessment & Data Analysis – student satisfaction, operation performance
  - d. Policies and Procedures
  - e. Create a Sense of Belonging – beyond welcoming students; get connected.
3. What's Next for SEM at MC?

- a. SEM Information Sessions – Through MC Learns – coming soon
  - b. Feedback Opportunities
  - c. SEM Planning – how does it connect to overall college plan – how can we scale what we are already doing well.
4. Q&A – Q: Germantown most diverse town in the United States – came from Wallethub.  
Planning – are we doing enough things to embrace that diversity? A: Lots of individuals doing a lot of good things, but collectively not so sure we are doing that.

#### **Announcements**

1. In response to Mental Health First-Aid Training - Logan Robertson, student, committed suicide. Professor shared SHaW Center resources with her students. Many students thanked her for sharing resources and stories – let them know you care. Professor didn't know how many students needed to hear that. Out of the Dark Walk this weekend.
2. Phone Transition – begin dialing full number, even when calling across the campus
3. Baby Changing Stations – in all buildings across the campus
4. Open Gym Hours for Students – M-R, 3-5 pm
5. Humanities Days (Oct 24-28)
6. Student Life is partnering with English and Humanities to bring guest speaker to campus. Tuesday, Sept 27<sup>th</sup> – in Globe Hall. Collegewide email will be going out today.

#### **Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 pm.