

MC GOVERNANCE

GERMANTOWN CAMPUS COUNCIL FY 2025-2026 MEETING MINUTES

Friday, October 10, 2025 | 10:00-11:30 am

Zoom Meeting

ATTENDEES

Current Members Present: Tonya Addleman (Chair), Katie Mount (Vice Chair), Teresa Lew (Secretary), Luc Desir, John Rouse, Page Whittenburg, John Wysong, Heidi Russell-Kalkofen, Shawn Carr, and John Billos

Absent: Lemuel Espinosa, Autumn Fritts, and Anita Teopista Namubiru

Proxy: John Billos for Lemuel Espinosa

Liaison: Sharon Anthony

Guests: Sokol Mato, Carla Pullen, Shikha Nagpal, Amanda Darr, Matt McGoldrick, and Valeria Da Silva

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Chair Tonya Addleman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes from the September 12th, 2025 meeting were approved as written. Page Whittenburg motioned to approve the minutes and Luc Desir seconded.

BOOKSTORE RENOVATION UPDATE

- Shikha Nagpal, the project manager for the campus bookstore renovation project, shared an update on the project which will take place in two phases. Ms. Nagpal also provided dates for community engagement sessions and surveys for feedback on the architectural design concepts for the bookstore renovations.
- Sokol Mato, Director of Auxiliary Services, discussed rationale for the auto-fulfillment services for student course materials and spoke about the addition of new vending machines to address concerns over where students can find food and beverages around campus.

CONSTITUENT CONCERNS

Old Concerns:

- Tonya shared information about an upcoming college council meeting on October 21st which will address the constituent concern raised last meeting about having a leave bank for employees, and she read some prior council notes on the topic from 2016.
- Sharon addressed the prior concern raised about the cost of course materials for students and shared information about e-books available through the library, hardship copies of textbooks via department chairs, and the foundation budget.
- Page will be attending a meeting regarding the concern over hungry students searching for food around campus.

New Concerns:

- Shawn Carr raised a concern about incoming students who are not able to test into a college-level math course via ALEKS and the required Math PowerBoost course that is not covered by financial aid. The fee for the course has to be paid upfront, and some students are unable to pay this cost. He has asked if there are any funds around the college to support students who cannot afford this fee.

DISCUSSION OF FY26 GOAL

- Tonya reviewed a draft for FY 26, and the council approved the goal to partner with at least one MC group this academic year to nurture a sense of belonging for the college community.

CHAIR'S REPORT – TONYA ADDLEMAN

- Tonya shared updates from the last College Council meeting. She started by describing how current College Council constituent concerns are being addressed.

- Updates were given on the academic master plan Year 1.
- Dates were shared for MSCHE information sessions.
- Information was shared about the enrollment management plan.
- Dates were provided for the Office of Inclusive Excellence and Belonging's Cupcakes & Conversations sessions.
- An announcement was made about the expanded college shuttle service, in-person meetings with student council, and a basics needs survey.

CAMPUS DEAN'S REPORT – SHARON ANTHONY

- Sharon gave an update on the success of the Germantown Octoberfest which had over six thousand people in attendance.
- Sharon shared MC Day (Oct 21) preliminary plans on advising sessions, a resource fair, breakfast for students, advertising for the event, and more.
- Over 400 students attended the Transfer Fair at Germantown.
- Middle States GT Snack and Learn will be in PK 105 at 11:00am on Tuesday, October 14th.
- Sharon gave updates on the proposal and procurement plan for the campus pantry in SA 149.
- There are no weekly hours for the Germantown campus bookstore anymore. However, students can schedule to pickup online orders on October 28th and 29th.
- New vending machines will be placed in the area of the bookstore.
- Sharon gave updates on textbook and swag orders.
- The date and model (possibly one day on each campus) for MC Experience is still being determined and the event will take place over spring break.
- Manna Food Center will be distributing food every Wednesday from 2-4 in Parking Lot #1, and community members should register in advance to pick up food.
- Sharon shared upcoming campus events including meet-the-candidates for the Gaithersburg election on October 20th, Cupcakes & Conversation on October 22nd, livestreaming of poet Denice Frohman's performance on October 29th in Globe Hall, and the AI Summit on November 7th.

ADJOURNMENT

- Tonya asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 am. John Rouse motioned and Page Whittenburg seconded.

Respectfully submitted by:

Teresa Lew, Secretary