

MC GOVERNANCE

GERMANTOWN CAMPUS COUNCIL FY 2025-2026 MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 17th, 2026 | 1:00-2:30 pm
Zoom Meeting

ATTENDEES

Current Members Present: Tonya Addleman (Chair), Katie Mount (Vice Chair), Teresa Lew (Secretary), John Wysong, Lemuel Espinosa, Luc Desir, John Rouse, Heidi Russell-Kalkofen, and Hortencia Navarrette-Lopez (Proxy for Shawn Carr).

Liaison: Sharon Anthony

Absent: John Billos, Autumn Fritts, Page Whittenburg, and Anita Teopista Namubiru

Guests: Clevette Ridguard

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm by Chair Tonya Addleman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes from the December 9th, 2025 meeting were approved as written.

CONSTITUENT CONCERNS

New Concerns:

- Sharon Anthony shared a request from faculty member Kay Ahmad for a campus-wide Soccer for Peace planning committee under the Germantown Campus Council to help oversee the planning and implementation of the annual Soccer for Peace event. Tonya will start an email conversation regarding this proposal, and then the topic will be placed on the agenda and explored in more depth at the next Campus Council meeting.
- Luc Desir raised the concern that Germantown students have felt like “second-class citizens” in regards to the current Slingshot book distribution process occurring out of the Rockville campus.
- Heidi Russell-Kalkofen raised the concern of not being able to send mass emails to part-time faculty in her role due to new policies restricting access to mass email distribution lists.

STUDENT AFFAIRS UPDATE- DEAN KATIE MOUNT

- Food Pantry is open with regular hours to provide access to food, snacks, and other necessities for students.
- The food dehydration event was positive as it showed how Mobile Market food can be preserved and sustained for longer amounts of time.
- Student Life has a cabinet for “Stay Smart” kits which include hygiene and reproductive health items. The package can also be mailed discreetly by filling out an online form. Contraception is provided to all students who fill out a request, which is in compliance with a state bill on contraception access.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tonya shared dates for the Germantown Campus Council to volunteer at upcoming Mobile Markets.
- Governance will be going through an assessment. Tonya shared a PowerPoint from Debbie Van Camp which describes the purpose of the assessment and how it aligns with the Middle States Self-Study and the College’s Strategic Plan.

CAMPUS DEAN’S REPORT – SHARON ANTHONY

- Sharon shared her gratitude to the college community, especially the Campus Facilities team, for clearing the snow and keeping the campus safe during the snow storm that occurred the first week of the semester.
- Monday, February 23rd is the Transfer Fair, and students are encouraged to attend to learn about important transfer, application, and scholarship information.

- Wednesday, March 18th is Staff Enrichment Day.
- Thursday, March 19th is MC Experience Day on the Germantown campus, an event for MCPS middle school students. Over 100 volunteers are needed. The other campuses will also have their MC Experience Day during the same week.
- Honors and awards convocation will take place Tuesday, May 5th at 2pm, and faculty should submit nominations for student awards by March.
- Take Your Child to Work Day will take place on Thursday, April 23rd.
- The Middle States Self-Study report is currently being drafted and feedback is needed.
- The College is moving to a holistic advising service and there will be focus groups to share feedback on the types of advising services needed for holistic advising.

CHAIR'S REPORT – TONYA ADDLEMAN

- Tonya shared Alton Henley's updates on Strategic Plan Goal 4 and how the College is increasing preparation for employment and decreasing gaps in earning potential as well as how the College is embedding skills in curriculum, leveraging AI, and tracking competencies.
- Staff Council recommended that the Staff Distinguished Service Award specify how many times a staff member can receive the award within a set number of years.
- During the January Governance Officer's Training meeting, IT discussed how to set up secure Zoom meetings and protecting Zoom links by not sharing them publicly.
- Tonya shared how Susan Madden, the Chief Government Relations Officer, has been advocating for the College's needs before County Council and state legislatures. The college community should also advocate for the FY27 operating budget to be fully funded as well as the inclusion of the RV Theater Arts renovation in the County's Capital Improvement Program budget by emailing County Council Executive, Marc Elrich.
- Tonya led a discussion regarding how we can better reach constituents, especially those whose vantage points might not be typically captured or heard. The group discussed how to involve those who might typically not participate in governance and the importance of seeking feedback from past governance members.
- Nominations and elections for governance will take place over the next several weeks.
- Tonya shared the Policies and Procedures that are under reviewing for public comment.
- There are updated hours for Raptor Central and Food Services.

ADJOURNMENT

- Tonya asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:32pm. Katie Mount motioned and Lemuel Espinosa seconded.

Respectfully submitted by:
Teresa Lew, Secretary