Germantown Campus Council

Tuesday, September 8th, 2026
2:00-3:30pm
Zoom link is available on the Governance Website

Attendees:

- Members present - Mark Levine (Chair), Katie Mount (Vice Chair), Teresa Lew (Secretary), Tonya Addleman, Howard Bernstein, Luc Desir, Lemuel Espinosa, Paul Thompson, and John Wysong
- Proxies present - Anna Marie Gordin (proxy for Heidi Russell-Kalkofen)
- Members absent - Page Whittenburg
- Invited Guests - none
- Guests – Alice Santoro and Sally McClean

Call to Order

- The regular meeting was called to order at 2:04pm by Chair, Mark Levine.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from the last meeting were approved with one correction to the proxy's name.

Constituent Concerns

New Concerns:

- Luc shared the concern that the campus should take more steps in welcoming adult students over the age of 25 since data shared at the 2026 Data Summit point to a decreasing number of students over the age of 25. He suggested that the campus consider more food options for nighttime students.
- Mark relayed a counseling faculty member's concern about the water refilling station in the SA building, and this counseling faculty member has asked for the water to be retested. There are also concerns about the quality and speed of the water station. Paul asked if there is a regular maintenance schedule for the water fountains and refill stations.

Chair's Report

Council Goals:

- Mark reviewed some possible goals from the suggested list provided by governance leadership, and councilmembers voted in a poll for their preferred goals.
- Some goals that the council discussed are:
    - Learn more about student employment opportunities
    - Help promote existing events where employers and other community organizations come to campus and volunteer to serve during the event
    - Increase constituent participation at governance meetings
    - Organize staff and faculty appreciation events
    - Research how faculty, staff, and students get involved with the governance process and create a broader reach around campus
    - Hold faculty and staff appreciation events to build a greater sense of campus community

- Prepare and help communicate the objectives and activities for the upcoming MSCHE visit

In addition to discussing goals, Mark Levine also shared the following:

- Next scheduled meetings have been bumped up to 2:30pm.
- Governance photo is next Wednesday, September 16th
- Councilmembers are encouraged to attend upcoming campus events to spread the word about campus council and constituent participation

Campus Dean's Report:

Dr. Weston announced several upcoming events on campus:

- New-to-Germantown Breakfast on September 17th
- Campus-wide Ice Cream Social in late September (exact date TBD)
- Employer Networking event on September 24th
- 6th Annual Summer Honors Research Colloquium on September 11th at 1pm in BE 151/152
- Remembering and Honoring Heroes from 9/11 event on September 14th from 12-1:30pm (SV 104A)
- Financial Aid Night on September 22nd at 6pm (a great opportunity to find out about aid and scholarships)

Dean of Student Affair's Report:

Katie Mount shared the following:

- Enrollment is still underway for late-starting classes
- Advising redesign is in progress
- October 20th is Advising Day
- Counseling faculty have returned to normal advising hours and appointments

Unfinished Business

- No unfinished business.

New Business

- Other than confirming the council's goals, there is no new business.

Teresa Lew made a motion at 3:30pm that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded and passed with unanimous support.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Teresa Lew, Germantown Campus Council Secretary