
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

Rockville Campus Council

September 7, 2021

via Zoom

4:00–5:30 p.m.

Attendees:

- Members present: Katherine M. Goldstein (Chair), Sullivan Voss (Vice Chair), Jennifer Page (Secretary), Andre Ferguson, John Coliton, Beth Ridings, Matthew Sandee, Elizabeth Melanson, Lisa Hackley, Matt Hicks, Joanne Carl
- Proxies present: none
- Members Absent: Emma M. Munoz
- Invited Guests: Dr. Kimberly Kelley, James Gillis, Clevette Ridguard

Call to Order

- The regular meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m., by Chair Katherine M. Goldstein.

Approval of Minutes

- May minutes were approved. Andre Ferguson motioned. Matt Hicks seconded.

Constituent Concerns

- No constituent concerns.

Dr. Kimberly Kelley, Rockville Campus Provost

- There are about 30% classes on campus, including Workforce Development and Continuing Education.
- There has been little trouble with people refusing to wear masks. People have been fairly supportive and understanding.
- There have been no issues with parking, which used to be a big issue for the Rockville Campus Council.
- The RV Metro and Shady Grove Metro stations will undergo remodeling, so they will have additional buses, and the commute time will be elongated for students.
- Shuttle has been running again, with good ridership. It's a large shuttle, particularly at rush hour times.
- When we started the semester, the Rockville cafeteria had yet to pass a required health inspection, but they have since passed the inspection. Dr. Kelley walked through today, and the cafeteria was open, so there is the availability of food on the campus. The MBI (Macklin Business Institute) Café, in the Campus Center, is not open yet; they are currently trying to hire a café manager and they rely heavily on students to manage the café – it's their learning environment so they need to learn how to run it. There are hopes that they will begin to offer some services later in the semester, but they do need to get back to students, hiring students, students who are trained, and a campus MBI Café Manager who is able to run the facility.
- We worked very hard over the summer to make sure that the digital learning centers, the Ackerman Center, and the library were available here for student use virtually and in person. One of the issues that we were very concerned with were the students who had a face-to-face class, usually in lab sciences, would also have the ability to take their Structured Remote

Teaching classes (SRT); what was not anticipated was the 8am time for SRT classes, when library wasn't open, but we did have the ability to put them in the Campus Center and they can be in the lobby at my building here at the Long Nguyen and Kimmy Duong Student Services Center.

- There was a huge summer push for wi-fi coverage. OIT is to be commended. They expanded significantly at every campus. Every student can sit in his/her car, safely outside, and have very strong wi-fi coverage. The strongest coverage is in the North Garage.
- The Rockville campus is a location for free COVID-19 testing and vaccination through end of October, after which will be reevaluated. It's currently in the CB building. They are not that busy. They are currently offering the booster shot for a very narrow group of people – will need proof of eligibility.
- Performance arts center has been remodeled and is re-opening. There are new seats (we didn't lose any seats), new center aisle, and a new carpet. Sept. 19 is the first event.
- Beth Ridings has received question from students about when the college will give authorization for student rec hours in the fitness center. We currently do have some use, but there is no AC except in the fitness center and weight room. Currently only using it for classes and athletics. Dr. Kelley will find out.

James Gillis, Director of Facilities

- The pool is currently under construction but near completion. It will remain closed throughout this semester but should be ready for use next semester.
- All campuses and CT are going through a key change from the old access control system to a new generation system. This will impact everyone. The old swipe locks, especially at Rockville, will end in November 2021 - those locks are preprogrammed to die mid-November. Everyone will have to request access through the Facilities Help Desk as this is not an automated process, to ensure that everyone has the correct access.
- There is work being done on the chilled water loop that's going to impact access to the west side of the Humanities building and a portion of the Macklin Tower entryway. Work has already started and is scheduled through mid-November. There is a memo with more details forthcoming tomorrow.
- The Humanities building has had issues with the air conditioning. Problem is being taken care of – 2-3 weeks out before repairs will be done.
- Facilities staff have been on the campus all throughout remote working, so James is excited to have people back on the campus.

Chair's Report

- Vaccines and testing:
 - Campus vaccination and testing site on the Rockville campus at the Counseling and Advising Building (CB), open daily from 9 am to 6pm to students, staff, and the general public. Walk-ins welcome as well as [appointments](#).
- Face coverings and self-assessment reminder:
 - Masks are required of all individuals inside every college building.
 - A [self-assessment](#) must be completed before coming to MC
- COVID-19 positive test reporting procedure to Public Safety:
 - Email: publicsafety@montgomerycollege.edu
 - Phone: 240-567-3333.

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- All reports are confidential.
 - Emergency financial assistance, resources, and support:
 - Emergency funding is still available for students. A sizable grant was given yesterday for more financial support.
 - <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/coronavirus/students/financial-assistance-resources-support.html>
 - Mobile Market Fall 2021:
 - Rockville, October 13 in the North Garage.
 - Volunteers are needed. <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/life-at-mc/student-health-and-wellness/index.html#get-involved>
 - Everyone must be wearing a mask, despite the market being held outdoors. No one will be permitted without one.
 - Kudos to OIT!
 - Welcome and ITY flyer for students: [MCStudentResourceOneSheet_Aug2021_final.pdf](#)
 - Spaces at each campus offer students a location to participate in their virtual class. These locations are: Ackerman STEM Learning Center (SW 109), Library (MT 110), Campus Center cafeteria, WRLC (MT 020), Parking garage/lot (WiFi access), and the Digital Learning Centers (HU312 and HU314)
 - Dr. Dukes and presidential search: College Council met with Dr. Dukes. Governance will be very involved in the search process. Hoping for a new President for the spring semester.
 - The Presidential Profile: https://info.montgomerycollege.edu/_documents/offices/human-resources/mc-presidential-profile-2021.pdf
 - Student Life Virtual Club Rush, September 8, 2-3pm for virtual club marketing, recruitment, and activities. To register: <https://bit.ly/clubmra2021>
 - Shout-out to Lisa Hackley in Student Life.
 - Lisa Hackley reported that they sponsored a movie night last Friday in Parking Lot 11. They had alumni, students, parents, and pets. There were about 120+ people. There will be another movie night in October.
 - There were many questions from new students during the event, especially about where to eat and the location of the gym.
 - In future meetings, Katie is looking for announcements from the Rockville Campus Council members. If you know ahead of time that you'd like something in the Chair report or a presentation spot, email her.
 - Congratulations to Joanne Carl for the Excellence in Service to the Institution and/or the Community award, Full-Time Faculty, 2020-2021!
 - September is National Suicide Prevention month. There are activities all month from various organizations.
 - The MC SHaW Center is offering three September events on QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) on 9/14/21, 9/23/21 and 9/29/21 from 12:00-1:00pm. Register at: <https://bit.ly/SHaWQPR>
 - National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, available 24/7, 365 days a year
 - 1-800-273-TALK, press 1 for Veterans Crisis Line

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- <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org>
 - Text TALK to 741741 at the @CrisisTextLine
 - Montgomery County Crisis Hotline: 240-777-4000
 - Online chat support at <https://iamlive.org>
 - National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-7233
 - Students Mental Health Resources:
 - <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/counseling-and-advising/personal-counseling.html>
 - www.montgomerycollege.edu/can
 - www.montgomerycollege.edu/shaw-center
 - Faculty/Staff Mental Health Resource:
 - <https://info.montgomerycollege.edu/offices/human-resources/faculty-staff-assistance-program.html>
 - MC Athletics at Rockville: Volleyball, Men's Soccer, and Women's Soccer are in full swing. Check out the gym and the new soccer stadium: <https://www.mcraptors.com>

Goals Discussion

- Two goals are needed.
- Goals plan needs to be submitted by October
- Last year's goals:
 - Support of the Arts: each member attended a performance and took a selfie. This was included in the council's Annual Report.
 - Produce a Rockville Campus Newsletter

Announcements

- Sullivan:
 - October 11 is World Mental Health day. Sign up to get a shirt to wear to help engagement on mental health. There will be more information coming in the next Council meeting. Anyone interested can contact Sullivan.
- Andre:
 - On behalf of the Student Senate, if professors and administrators know of students interested in joining the student senate, the deadline to submit applications is Sept 17. Interested students can contact Andre Ferguson at afergu38@montgomerycollege.edu
A flyer is also available.

Action items:

- Art Institute presentation will be scheduled for the next meeting
- Lisa Hackley: students and SHaW will work together, update on any opportunities
- Joanne: start to generate a list of local Rockville businesses – Student Life works on a list of local businesses that participate, so Joanne will look for that list

Meeting Adjourned at 5:30 p.m. Andre motioned, Sullivan seconded.

Respectfully submitted by
Jennifer Page, Rockville Campus Council Secretary