

Rockville Staff Council Zoom Meeting, Thursday, April 9, 2026

Attendance:

Members Present: Jin Khademi (Chair/Secretary), Adetoro Oladokun (Vice Chair), Muhammad Kehnemouyi, Asith Gulanwaththa, Amir Khademi, Luis Mata Portillo, Denise Simmons Graves, Clevette Ridguard, Carla Pullen, Yvette Taylor, Elysse Meredith, Carla Pullen, James Gillis, Wendi Menkins, Greg, Ingrid Brown-Scott

Absent: Luis Botello, Elizabeth Huergo, PTF Representative, Student Representative, Alice Santoro

Invited Guest:

- Susan Cottle Madden – Chief Government Relations Officer
- Carla Pullen – Vice President of Facilities Management, Capital Planning, and Sustainability
- Elysse Meredith – Learning Commons Director

Call to Order:

- The regular meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm by Chair Jin Khademi.
- The meeting was recorded for internal use only.
- There was a quorum present.
- The meeting began with no roll call.

Constituent Concerns: None

Good News: Facilities has resolved the sidewalk problems Now stairs have been installed with crosswalks. Pictures of the finished project were shared. They are not ADA compliant steps, but they provide a means for walkers to traverse the campus without having to walk on the grass.

Campus Dean's Report, Dr. Muhammad Kehnemouyi:

- Good News: Campus had a Community Engagement Day on March 17th in the Student Services building atrium. Approximately 60 individuals for county government, business, and community members attended. Dr. William spoke followed by an MC alumnus from the Macklin Business Institute now working at the Federal Reserve. All SVPs gave presentation followed by round table discussions led by Dr. Sarah Campbell pertaining to job skills that make candidates stand out, internship opportunities for students, designing curriculum to industry's need. Minutes from the event are being compiled for internal use.
- Take Your Child to Work Day on April 23. Registration is now closed. 50 children for RV have been registered. Student ambassadors will be leading three rotations taking children to different events followed by lunch in the Science Center.
- Dr. Kehnemouyi along with other administrators and a group of MC students attended the April 7 County Council meeting where MC students gave presentations/testimonies advocating for the renovation of the Theater Arts building and support of the operating budget to keep tuition affordable.

- Mobile Market held April 8 inside the small gym due to weather – well attended.
- Retirements in the RV Campus Dean’s office

Susan Cottle Madden – FY27 MC Budget

- Big budget asks: request – decision makers – where we are in the process – and what we can do to help.
- Budget & Legislative Timeline: Know the process. Council operating budget hearings April 7, 8, and 9. Approximately 100 members of the MC community were in attendance at the April 8th meeting. Legislature adjourns Sine Die April 13. Council adopts budget May 21. An employer we partner with, BCCR, spoke on MC’s behalf advocating for MC’s budget’s request.
- Protect Cade Funding formula yielded \$2.9 million new funds in FY27 for MC as requested. Obtained FY27 capital funds:\$9.8 million which includes \$4.2 million for the TA modernization.
- The governor did not include in his budget, but the \$4.2M was ultimately added by the General Assembly.

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE COUNTY PRIORITIES 2026

- Operating budget: \$6.3M in new funds for FY27
 - Compensation adjustments
 - Part-time faculty for enrollment growth
 - Affordable tuition
- Capital budget: \$499.7M for six years
 - Key projects:
 - Theatre Arts Building –academic space to build the theater workforce
 - Information Technology

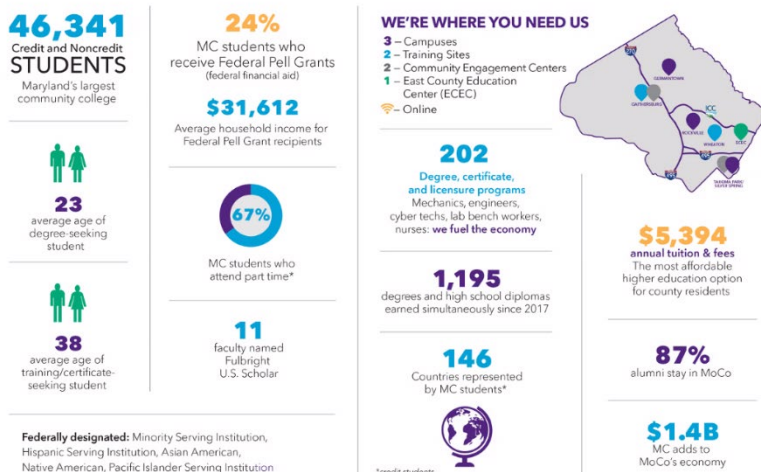
- MC community members are encouraged to write their County representatives advocating for full funding of the proposed budget – pay raises, need for PTF due to increased enrollment, and affordability. Say you work at MC and what you do – story tellers.

SPEAK FOR YOUR COMMUNITY’S COLLEGE WHAT YOU CAN DO

- **Write Montgomery County Councilmembers:**

- Councilmember.Balcombe@montgomerycountymd.gov
- Councilmember.Evans@montgomerycountymd.gov
- Councilmember.Fani-Gonzalez@montgomerycountymd.gov
- Councilmember.Friedson@montgomerycountymd.gov
- Councilmember.Glass@montgomerycountymd.gov
- Councilmember.Jawando@montgomerycountymd.gov
- Councilmember.Katz@montgomerycountymd.gov
- Councilmember.Luedtke@montgomerycountymd.gov
- Councilmember.Mink@montgomerycountymd.gov
- Councilmember.Sayles@montgomerycountymd.gov
- Councilmember.Stewart@montgomerycountymd.gov

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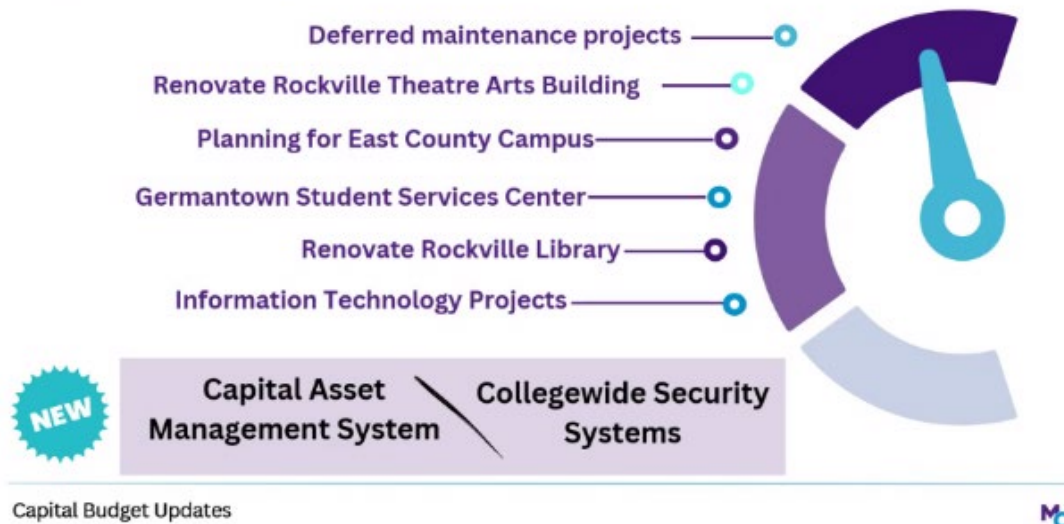


- Building blocks to the capital budget begin with the Facilities Master Plan which is sent to the state. This plan is used for the baseline to build the capital budget – the six-year capital improvement program.

Facilities Updates – Carla Pullen

- Facilities Management: Facilities Master Plan required by the state every 10 years.

Capital Budget Priorities



- FY27 state funding request includes RV Macklin Tower Library renovation and repair of building systems and RV Theatre Arts renovation. Library renovation began in January 2026.
- RV TA built in 1966. There was a renovation in 1995 – building needs an upgrade – must meet programmatic and academic needs of the College.
- Currently have a some projects where they are looking for College community engagement – the GTN campus student services building and Macklin Tower.
- Explore potential for a fourth campus in East County which will enhance the opportunity to bring new students to the campus.
- Elevator Repair & Modernization: New vendor working to modernize/renovate/replace elevators. Looking at ways to get information about elevators to public via texts and social media.
- Campus Hub & Lounge Spaces: Looking at what the hubs and lounge should include via outreach to students – living room atmosphere, quiet space, tv & video games, food, wellness activities
- Facilities: Space & Service Requests
 - Office moves, furniture requests, renovations, capital equipment replacement
- AFS: Simplify the user experience – one-stop shop strategy. Includes Student Success Platform

How the Learning Centers Support Student Success – Elysse Meredith

- Learning Commons Director is a new roll as of August 2025 responsible for Learning Centers and ATPA coaching. Learning Centers include reading, writing, mathematics, and science tutoring and academic support and digital learning centers. ATPA coaching program provided one-on-one academic support coaches for students – time management, study skills. Brain Fuse is a virtua tutoring service available to students with the learning centers are closed including winter and spring break.

Adjournment:

- The next meeting is May 7 where we will discuss new officers.
- Adetoro Oladokun made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ingrid Brown-Scott seconded.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.