
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

Student Council
February 16, 2017
3:30–5:00 p.m.
MKE 318

Attendees:

- Members present: Tom Anderson, Christian Gbewardo, Christopher Majano, Jonell Malone, Mona Motamedi, Emily Samuels, Aranje Sripanjalingam, Anton Stalchenko
- Proxies present: Alshah Abdullah for Michelle Claas, Robeannes Javier Meb for Charles Myers
- Leader Liaison: Melissa Gregory
- Guests: Julie Foster, Marie Martin-Murphy, Angela Dawson, Benita Rashaw

Call to Order

Chair Christian Gbewardo called the regular meeting to order at 3:41 p.m.

Constituent Concerns

Jonell Malone said there are still connection issues with WEPA printers and there are long lines in the library of students waiting to print.

Tom Anderson thanked Cindy McCormack for an upcoming story in *Inside MC* about the Student Council's advocacy for expanded campus shuttle hours.

Christian Gbewardo noted that Dr. Monica Brown had been informed about issues students were having with a particular advisor. The students have requested clearly defined roles for advisors.

Christian Gbewardo and Mona Motamedi raised concerns from students in Rockville about difficulty finding student parking spaces in the new garage when many faculty spaces remain empty. They also asked why student parking is designated on higher floors when there is no working elevator.

Jonell Malone asked about the status of the Student Non-Reprisal Statement. Christian Gbewardo said Dr. Pollard had accepted the recommendation and has asked Dr. Monica Brown to determine how to best incorporate the statement into College literature.

Christian Gbewardo noted concerns from students that some restrooms in the Science West Building do not have sanitary paper toilet seat covers.

Approval of Minutes

Jonell Malone made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2017, meeting as amended. The motion was second and passed unanimously.

Chair's Report

Christian Gbewardo reported on contacts he made attending Club Rush on the Rockville Campus. He said the council plans to hold constituent coffee chats on all three campuses this spring.

The Student Council has received requests for students to serve on the Bookstore Advisory Committee and the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Spending for Student Success. He will e-mail additional details, and council members interested in participating are asked to contact him.

Student Council members will be invited to participate in a dining card pilot program.

New Business

Student Complaint Process: Middle States Compliance

Julie Foster reviewed a template of a planned website that would bring together in one place all of the existing policies and procedures available to students to address different types of complaints. The website, which is intended to make this information easier to find for students, is being developed as part of the Middle States reaccreditation process.

New Student Council Resolutions

Anton Stalchenko made the following motion:

The Student Council recommends that Dr. Pollard and her administration examine the feasibility of making available salient sections of course syllabus to students prior to registration.

It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Aranje Sripanjalingam made the following motion:

The Student Council recommends that Dr. Pollard and her administration examine the feasibility of making 60 percent of the performance evaluation of faculty be based on students' feedback.

It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Robeannes Javier Meb made the following motion:

The Student Council recommends that Dr. Pollard and her administration examine the feasibility of providing students with a nurse on all three campuses to attend to immediate health challenges of students.

It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Tom Anderson made the following motion:

The Student Council recommends that Dr. Pollard and her administration examine the feasibility of standardizing across the College, a compassionate policy to enable students to take make-up quizzes/tests and exams due to extenuating circumstances including bereavement, sickness, and other issues beyond students' control.

It was seconded and passed unanimously.

The chair will send the recommendations to the College Council for consideration. He asked Student Council members to attend the College Council meeting as a show of support when the College Council is scheduled to vote on the recommendations.

Deepening Relationship Between the Office of SVP–Student Affairs and the Student Council

In an effort to more fully learn the needs of the entire student body, the Office of the Senior Vice President of Student Affairs has asked Marie Martin-Murphy to attend Student Senate meetings on all three campuses once a month. Senate presidents were asked to e-mail her a schedule of their meetings.

Marie Martin-Murphy, Angela Dawson, Benita Rashaw updated the council about the Achieving the Promise Peer2Peer Program, including job opportunities available for student leaders and an enhanced incentive program for peer navigators and peer mentors.

Announcements/Adjournment

Christopher Majano made a motion to adjourn at 5:10 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Mona Motamedi
Student Council Secretary