
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

Student Council
February 1, 2017
3:30–5:00 p.m.
MKE 318

Attendees:

- Members present: Tom Anderson, Michelle Claas, Christian Gbewordo, Christopher Majano, Jonell Malone, Emily Samuels, Aranje Sripanjalingam
- Members absent: Charles Myers, Anton Stalchenko
- Proxies present: Leslie Nwosu for Mona Motamedi
- Guest: Tacy Holliday

Call to Order

Chair Christian Gbewordo called the regular meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. The agenda was reviewed and approved by unanimous consent.

Constituent Concerns

Impact of the Executive Order on MC Community

Because of the unavailability of speakers, this topic will be rescheduled for the next meeting.

Leslie Nwosu informed the council about constituent request for additional serenity rooms around campus.

Emily Samuels indicated WEPA printers on the 4th floor of the Science Center and the Library in Rockville are not working.

Jonell Malone requested that the College install an electronic sign showing arrival times for the shuttle bus for students waiting inside the building on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus. He also requested that a shelter for students be constructed at the shuttle stop.

Governance Conversation

Tacy Holliday reviewed Student Council accomplishments from the fall semester and encouraged council members to stay focused during the remainder of the year on what they want to get done to make sure as many students as possible are successful. She also urged council members to think about serving again next year if they will still be at the College, or to nominate other students for the Student Council or other governance councils.

Council members discussed concerns, including inflexible class absence policies that do not take into account circumstances that may be beyond a student's control. Tacy Holliday suggested that the council could come up with a recommendation that would allow professors to uphold academic standards but still allow them to work with students who have extenuating circumstances.

Other concerns included giving students a way to view a course syllabus before registering and ensuring that student evaluations of faculty members are tied to overall performance evaluations, compensation, and the ability of faculty to remain at the College.

New Business

Review of 2016-2017 Annual Goals

Members reviewed the council's annual goals to determine which goals had been completed and which ones they would focus on this semester. Christian Gbewordo will draft recommendations on the following three items related to student success for the council to consider at the next meeting:

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1. Know before registering: Syllabus available for review prior to registering for a class
 2. Evaluation of Faculty: Student evaluation of professors should count
 3. Attendance policy: Being understanding for things beyond students' control

Christin Gbewardo requested assistance from members to help promote the Student Council in campus newsletters and social media. Tom Anderson volunteered to write some articles.

Christian Gbewardo also would like to hold constituent coffee chats on each campus and encouraged council members to keep their schedules open. More details will follow.

Montgomery College Water Project

A proposal to get new water fountains on campus to address taste and cleanliness concerns will be presented at the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Tom Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2016, meeting as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Chair's Report

None given.

Announcements/Adjournment

Aranje Sripanjalingam distributed invitations to the Winter Ball being held February 24 on the Germantown Campus.

Tom Anderson made a motion to adjourn at 4:56 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Mona Motamedi
Student Council Secretary