

Montgomery College Governance  
Student Council  
Meeting #5  
November 16, 2017  
4:00 – 6:00 pm  
Rockville/SC151

Attended: [Annick Tentchou, Aishah Abdullah, Emily Cho, Timothy Herlihy, Leslie Nwosu, Esi-Tawanda Phiri, Joy Addae, Leo Elias, Delina Derhane]

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the chair.

- **Approval of the Agenda**  
The agenda was approved unanimously.

### **Constituent Concerns**

1. There was a concern regarding the lab procedure in the chemistry department as it was brought up that the same classes were taught very differently amongst different professors. The student believes that students should be able to receive the same education for the same class.
2. There is a concern that there is only one “Biology for Engineers” class. The student had a scheduling conflict with her Hillman class and now has a big problem because there is only one “Biology for Engineers” class.
3. The student brought up the concern that in the “Biology for Engineers” class, the online requirements needed to take the class were different than the requirements for the class that the professor had on the syllabus.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

### **Team building**

The student council officers participated in a team building exercise to help the officers get to know each other on a deeper level.

### **Chair’s Report**

The chair provided a report encouraging the Board of Trustees to address the needs of the student body and discussed the possibility of the faculty providing an Office of the Ombuds (a safe and confidential place to seek guidance) for students.

### **Campus President Reports**

## **Unfinished Business**

### **Campus Hygiene (VP for Facilities & Public Safety Dr. Marvin D. Mills)**

The student council and senate presidents discussed the “Issue of the Tissue” student campaign. Dr. Mills provided a packet containing various products Montgomery College uses and benefits such as:

- Nittyany brand toilet paper -- certified USDA, biodegradable (made out of bamboo and sugarcane)
- Hand Soap -- Green seal and LEED qualified

Dr. Mills discussed with the council the ability to make products college wide as some products have different brands between campuses. He also discussed the ability to provide sanitary products in restrooms.

Dr. Mills discussed the student concern of not having hand dryers in some restrooms by explaining that some older buildings were not designed to have enough electrical power for hand dryers. He discussed the student concern over the bus schedule and the student council presented our upcoming bus survey. Dr. Mills responded positively to the survey and discussed the idea of a bus survey app to allow students to “track” when the bus will arrive. Finally, Dr. Mills also discussed the ongoing plans for the new math and science center at the Takoma Park campus.

### **Goals Discussion (Annick Tentchou)**

## **New Business**

### **Committee Goal Plan (Aishah Abdullah)**

Student Council officer Aishah Abdullah provided a report that encouraged everyone to participate on campus-wide community events, engage in sharing feedback on social media/ media outlets, and participate in events and improvements that will make a great Montgomery College experience for students and faculty alike.

### **Focus Group PowerPoint (Timothy Herlihy)**

## **Announcements and Next Agenda Items**

The student council agreed to work on recommendations for the student issues based on the information Dr. Marvin Mills presented at the meeting. The student council will further discuss this at the next meeting.