

## Montgomery College Governance

Student Council

Meeting #7

February 1, 2018

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Rockville/SC151

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

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the chair.

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

### Constituent Concerns

None

### Team Building

Inspired by Dr. Pollard's team building activity at the college council, the objective of this team building activity was to have more insight on what the the students at Montgomery County and the student council should start doing, stop doing, and keep doing.

Start:

- "Figuring out other organizations on campus we can work with to get more recommendations passed"
- "Being more organized"
- "Start writing recommendations"
- "Interacting more often with students"
- "Spreading the existence of student council"
- "Additional transfer services"
- "Tutoring (more options)"
- "Initiate more ways to get fellow students involved with governance organizations at the college."

Stop:

- "Just focus on things we can truly handle"
- "Stop critiquing others"

Keep:

- “Focusing on issues that affect a large and small audience”
- “Reaching out to students about their concerns, what they’d like to see and improvements we can make”
- “Encouraging fellow students to get involved and help the ones we can.”
- “Student activities”
- “Listening to students”
- “Having various people come and speak to us about different topics”
- “Keep asking questions”

### **Chair’s Report**

The chair reported that she went to a recent academic services council meeting and gave a presentation regarding some of the student council’s goals. The chair also reported that she went to a recent college council meeting where there was discussion on the results of the school-wide survey that was made available to students around the end of the first semester.

### **Campus President Report**

(Takoma Park and Germantown Campus Presidents could not be present)

#### Rockville - Aishah Abdullah

- Mainly working on “MC’s Got Talent?”
- Fundraising for student scholarships currently at \$1400
- Planning on hosting trivia, the “heads up” game, and a documentary (followed by discussion) in the lounge for Black history month

### **New Business**

#### **Academic Services Council**

Ms. Catherine Giovannetti came to speak to the student council and receive feedback on different ways the academic services council can raise awareness about academic service resources to students. Ms. Giovannetti also wanted to know what the student council envisioned for academic service needs in the future on campus and if there was an opportunity for the student council and academic services council to collaborate on a topic.

Discussion topics/ Feedback:

- Students are not always fully aware of academic services opportunities.

- The academic success tutoring center at the Takoma Park campus is a great resource but not widely known by many students.
- The online tutoring opportunities (smartlink virtual tutoring) is a bit hard to find on the website.
- The idea of tutoring weekends (especially during finals) seems like a good idea.
- Some professors pass out an academic services resource sheet during the first week of class which is helpful.
- The idea of receiving extra credit points if students get help/ tutoring is useful because they learn more about the academic resources available at those centers.
- Having one day of class at an academic success center is helpful.
  - Possible standardization of incorporating this method.
- Having professors give a quick tour to a learning or academic success center during the first week of class is helpful.

## **Student Council Goals**

### Possible Recommendations:

1. At a few locations all over the three different campuses, there have been initiatives to help female students receive feminine hygiene products. This includes a mix of feminine hygiene products being made available for use in restrooms to feminine hygiene products being given out at certain locations. There has been a widely positive response to having feminine hygiene products available in restrooms as this helps female students feel more comfortable and supported on campus. Therefore, the student council recommends that feminine hygiene products be made available in women's restrooms on all three campuses.
2. For students riding the shuttle, overcrowded shuttles and limited shuttle times are big concerns as many students rely on these shuttles in order to travel to their classes. The student council recognizes that in order to invest in larger shuttles and shuttle times there is a large financial cost, but the student council believes that this change will allow students to feel less stressed about being able to make it to class and focus on achieving academic success. Therefore, the student council recommends that Montgomery College invest in larger shuttles and more frequent hours of operation.
3. In order to provide students the ability to watch or rewatch material covered in class, the Student Council recommends that the College provide the opportunity for professors to use a video recording method, such as Echo360.

4. The Student Council recommends that the College extends library hours until 3:00 a.m. during the week before and during final exams in order to aid in students' academic success.