

Montgomery College Governance

Student Council
Meeting #8
February 15, 2018
4:00 – 6:00 pm
Rockville/HU009

Attended: [Annick Tentchou, Aishah Abdullah, Emily Cho, Timothy Herlihy, Leslie Nwosu, Delina Derhane, Joy Addae, Nicolas Leger]

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the chair.

- **Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved unanimously.

- **Approval of the Minutes**

- The minutes from the last meeting were approved unanimously.

Constituent Concerns

None

Chair's Report

The chair went to the college council meeting on Tuesday and described the team building activity Dr. Sharon Bland held. The chair also discussed information she heard about the middle states survey at the college council meeting.

Dr. Sharon Bland team building activity. The council shared that we had a teambuildi

Campus Presidents' Report

Joy (Germantown)

- Raptors Love day
 - Hosted an event selling cupcakes and cookies that students could decorate to show appreciation for the students and Valentine's day.
 - Having guest speakers next week for black history month.
 - Focusing on having clubs work together by planning an event/ game where different clubs and the senate can get to know one another better.

Aishah (Rockville)

- Shared that their "heads-up" game and discussion of historical figures and important legislation, for black history month, was a big success.
- Planning to show the "13th" documentary for black history month on Feb. 26th.

- Discussed upcoming auditions for MC's Got Talent, and how they have already raised \$1800 for student scholarships.
- Showing the 13th documentary for black history month feb. 26th

New Business

Dr. Monica Brown discussed the results of the school-wide survey that was recently completed. Dr. Brown noted her concern that about 9000 students clicked on the survey but did not complete it; however, she also noted that there was still sufficient data in order to learn more about students and create follow-up focus groups. Dr. Brown shared some of the key findings from the survey:

Some Key findings:

- Food and nutrition: 55% prefer to eat off campus
- Fitness and wellness : 58% think participation in gym is important
- Safety and security : most students feel safe but some students feel a little unsafe in the parking garage at the Takoma Park campus.
- 84% consider MC alert as a source of information
 - The student council noted that this does not seem very representative of the overall school.
- Student housing: 1/3 of Rockville want housing options; 1/4 of Germantown and Takoma Park
- Most students drive or take bus
- Most students want 24/7 campus wifi and 24/7 campus activities

Middle States Self-Study update

Professor Peery and Dr. Gregory shared that the self-study report was accepted and that a middle states report team had been created. They briefly discussed the different steps that needed to be taken for accreditation. They also shared that their goal for this semester is to prepare everyone at the college for the team visit. The team visit was explained as a large-scale "peer review" where about 10-11 people read the report and ask students at MC questions in order to give some suggestions about the report. They shared that in order to prepare, they will be having briefings to help students get ready for some potential questions.

Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs

The student council asked Dr. Sanjay some questions, and Dr. Sanjay also asked the student council some questions in order to gain feedback about academic affairs at the college. Dr. Sanjay discussed that academic affairs was trying to ensure that all credits

will transfer to 4-year universities by working to make sure that non-ABET accredited classes are not mandatory for majors. Dr. Sanjay also explained that the college was working hard to make sure classes are better aligned with classes taught at 4-year universities such as the University of Maryland. Dr. Sanjay and the student council also discussed z-courses and the 1-button studio.

Library Hours

Mr. Tannery Ray discussed that a survey was given a couple of years ago that helped them determine at what time the library should close. Mr. Ray and the student council discussed the possibility of having headphones at computers. Mr. Ray noted that they had provided rental headphones in the past, but that was ended due to some concern about hygiene. The student council brought up the possibility of having disposable headphones available. Mr. Ray and the student council discussed the possibility of having some software, such as Matlab and CREO Parametric, installed on the computers in the library.