

## Montgomery College Governance

Student Council

Meeting #8

March 1, 2018

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Rockville/SC151

Attended student council members: [Annick Tentchou, Aishah Abdullah, Emily Cho, Timothy Herlihy, Leslie Nwosu, Joy Addae, Leo Elias]

### **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**

- A student was told to take a nutrition class for her criminal justice major. After completing the class, the student was told that she did not take the right nutrition class and is now having difficulty with graduating on time. The nutrition class the student took has a very similar name to the class she was supposed to take. Therefore, the student is wondering if the names of the two classes can be changed so this issue does not arise again.
- A student shared that she thinks professors should be required, or at least strongly recommended, to take A.L.I.C.E. training, especially because of all the recent school shootings that have occurred.
- A student shared that last week the shuttle was 10 minutes late, and she was penalized for being late to her 9:00 a.m. class. This happened again this week, and the student has observed that many other students are left at one campus because the bus is over-crowded and cannot accept any more students.

## **Teambuilding**

Dr. Tacy Holliday led a team building exercise for the student council. She wanted the student council to discuss what they thought they have done well this year and create suggestions on what they would like to change about how things are run in the student council.

- + Ideas
- + Broad
- + Service-focused
- + Getting info./ inviting speakers
- + Interaction with Senates
- + Middle States
- + Welcoming

## Delta (change)

- Attendance
- Communication
- Focus in beginning
- Measurable goals (# of recs. etc.)
- Know purpose and role

## **New Business**

### **Health and Success PowerPoint**

Student Sidy Ossad gave a presentation to the student council on the need to support students' health more on campus and on current initiatives/ partnerships that are in place to help support students' health.

## **Unfinished Business**

## **Recommendations**

The student council was able to discuss, vote on, and pass five recommendations. The student council was also able to start discussing some potential future recommendations to be worked on. Some topics discussed were: mental health awareness/ support, A.L.I.C.E. training, student health/ wellness.

The recommendations passed were:

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. The student council recommends that Montgomery College have shuttles that are larger (more seat capacity), run more frequently and have extended hours of operation.

3. Many students that have had classes with video recording methods, such as Echo360, have responded very positively. These recording methods allow students that may have missed a class to be able to go back and relearn the material; these methods also allow students who attended class to go back and re-watch the lecture in order to learn the material better. In addition to these benefits, the student council believes that these video recording methods may be especially beneficial for classes such as Biology for Engineers, which is a class that is only taught at one campus and at one time. In order to provide students the ability to watch or re-watch material covered in class, the Student Council recommends that the College provides the opportunity for professors to use a video recording method, such as Echo360.
  
4. As finals week approaches, many students at Montgomery College wish to have a place to study on campus that is open for longer hours. The Student council has heard lots of comments about wanting to have more access to the library around finals time. Although the Student Council understands some of the barriers to opening the library till a later time, the student council really believes that having later hours of operation for the time around finals week would be greatly beneficial for students. The Student Council recommends that the College extends library hours until 12:00 a.m. during the week before and during final exams in order to aid in students' academic success.
  
5. The Student Council has heard from students at Montgomery College that they would like to have bathrooms on campus that are gender-neutral in order to increase privacy and convenience. The students have shared that gender- neutral bathrooms will help respect

gender identity choices better and will be helpful for students that may have injuries or need wheelchair accessible bathrooms. The Student Council understand that there may be some financial cost to relabeling some of the single-use bathrooms, but the Student Council believes that it will help to make the students at Montgomery College feel more comfortable. The Student Council recommends that Montgomery College relabel some of the single-use bathrooms on all three campuses to gender-neutral bathrooms.