

Montgomery College
Student Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 10, 2020

3 – 5 PM

Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Present: Rebecca Adegeye, Nasser Katende Katamba, Megan Barrett, Patricia Libongco

Absent: Samuel Kebede, Jean Kanga Nenkam, Busma Albiel, Maaz Tahir, Yun Pan Ei, Aida Amaya, Hiwot Gebrehiwot, Abdulkadir Muktar

Guests: Bradley Bridges, Kima Earl, Arteen Issagholian, Yvette Taylor, Freda _____

Liaison: Dr. Clevette Ridguard

Call to Order

This was an information session. The meeting was called to order at 3:09pm by the chair.

Constituent Concerns

No constituent concerns were presented.

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

The agenda and minutes were approved as written. The meeting was recorded for internal use only.

Chair's Report

The chair provided the following updates and information:

- Raptor Lounge at Montgomery College
 - Tuesday, 11/17 at 6-7pm
 - Thursday, 12/10 at 6-7pm
- [Mobile Market](#) at TPSS Campus on 12/16 at 2-4pm
- Last council meeting for the year/semester
- Question – How many are taking advantage of the Mobile Markets? Are they helpful for you?
 - Yes, there's good turnout for students.
 - If there are pictures, please send some to [Dr. Clevette Ridguard](#).
- [MC Innovation Grants](#) – applications due 3/22/21
 - Ways to best engage students in remote environment – students can apply for grant
 - Faculty co-sign for grant – collaborate with faculty member
 - Provide innovative ideas that the College can use to engage students

Introduction and Overview from the Director of Special Events – Kima Earl

- Kima Earl came in place of Denise Matheny
- Commencement Date: Friday, May 21, 2021
 - Have not yet decided if it will be virtual or not – will be announced by January

- More information will be provided later
- If anyone on the council wants to join Commencement Committee, email [Denise Matheny](#).
 - Megan Barrett will reach out to be part of Commencement Committee
 - Student Senates have put together a list of ideas and sent it to David Sears
- Suggested to set up photo booth on each campus so that students can go take a photo
 - Will have to check with CAT and Senior Leadership
- Suggested for a graduation stole for students who are part of Governance
 - Will talk to Dr. Sanjay Rai – need to be academic and approved
 - Can have signage in background for photos
 - TPSS Student Senators get a stole for graduation – good idea to make it a joint nature for all campuses and student government bodies

Introduction and Overview from the Director of Auxiliary Enterprises – Bradley Bridges

- Provided updates on the kitchen renovations on the three campuses
 - New vendor – Metz Culinary Management
 - TPSS and Rockville should be ready by March 2020
 - Germantown – not sure yet, but will explore other options in the meantime
 - Working with CAT to address post-COVID procedures
- Printing – working on App so that only technician and facilities will touch equipment
- Question – One of the main goals for students at Germantown Campus was to update menu for students with different dietary restrictions and have to proper labels on the food. Do have any updates on the food selection?
 - Aware of the problem with the previous vendor
 - Metz working with Student Life and students to develop the menu
 - Working closely with students – input on menu, marketing, and communication
 - Improved customer service and diversified
 - More information will come from Student Life communication channels
- Question – Are there going to be any special vendor in the cafeteria or is it just one contractor that manages all the food?
 - Metz will handle everything – driven by what students work
 - Can develop something similar and may have some franchise
- Question – How are you going to engage students and get feedback?
 - Working with Student Life Directors – marketing and feedback
- Question – What would do you need, in terms of time, to get up to speed?
 - The longer the better, but at least 2 weeks
 - Need CAT permission to start cleaning, purchasing, and preparation
 - Will take longer for Germantown Campus
- Question – What kind of food service is available for Germantown while waiting for completion?
 - Open for suggestions – considering mini market, food trucks, tent for BBQ, and to prepare meals in Rockville and transport to Germantown Campus
 - Thinking about App or web ordering
 - A council member expressed that it's important to keep the cost budget-friendly.
 - Suggested to do something similar to Wawa – App or site for ordering online

- Working on this
- Question – Is there possibility of distributing food to students' home?
 - Will ask about it and follow up
- Question – Is there a place for students to voice concerns? Possibility of jobs for students?
 - Metz thinks that student employment is essential – cashier and entry level kitchen jobs
 - Each campus chef will have a student advisory group – direct feedback
 - Suggested to have a survey for feedback – link on website for anonymous feedback
 - Survey with receipt
 - Suggested to add some incentive
 - Can take Raptor Card to cashier to get refund

Fall 2020 Wrap Up

- Germantown Student Senate – one of the main goals was to focus on mental health
 - Worked Student Services Learning Center to provide information about workshops
 - Available online and easy to access
 - Journal writing – receive journal of choice for those who registered before a certain time
 - Mediation workshop
 - Communication – working hard to make sure flyers are exciting and informative
 - Getting feedback from students
 - Gingerbread House Competition on 12/11 – those who registered early will receive a kit
 - Will post on social media
 - Collegewide event for students
- TPSS Student Senate – Nasser Katende Katamba announced resignation from position.
 - Very challenging experience for everyone – appreciate the resources that MC provided
 - Increase engagement with students – opportunity to voice concerns and feedback
 - Providing incentives is a good way to increase engagement
 - Dr. Ridguard and council members expressed their appreciation for Nasser.
- Rockville Student Senate
 - Cookie Baking Event
 - Focused on professional development – will have more information session in the future
 - Transfer information session
 - Test anxiety information session
 - Hope to expand senate
- Need to think of good questions to ask Dr. Pollard in February
 - Nasser will still be an unofficial member – keep on roster list
 - Gather questions from students – put on social media
 - Need people to come to meetings
 - Will also email Student Life Directors – joint meeting with senates and committees
- Suggested to provide incentive – Is it possible to give away MC shirt for guests who come?
 - Remind Dr. Ridguard – will try to get a few

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17pm.