

# Student Council Meeting Minutes

## Monday, September 20, 2021

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### Welcome - Call to Order

A meeting of the Student Council was held via zoom on September 20, 2021 at 3:00 PM

Attendees included:

**Officers:** Oluwafunmike Adegeye (Chair), Clevette Ridguard (Governance Director).

**Council Liaison:** Dr. Monica Brown

**Members:** Jonathan Alfaro, Ariel Nochez, Antonio Lee Sanders, Nikki Faroughi, Viola Clune, and Farin Alimo

### Welcome – Call to Order:

- The Student Council meeting was called to order by Rebecca (Oluwafunmike) Adegeye at 3:02 PM.

### Motion to Approve Minutes:

- Ariel Nochez motioned to approve the minutes at 3:03 PM and Jonathan Alfaro seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote.

### Constituent Concerns:

- What are the plans for any vaccination requirement for student for the current fall 2021 semester?
- There were emails from Montgomery College regarding two Covid infections on the Germantown Campus. Since the beginning of this semester, students and faculty have been receiving an increased number of emails about Covid infections.
  - Students would like to see more specifics about what classroom the infected student was in.

- It takes facilities 2 days to clean out the room. The College cannot provide more information because of the protection and privacy of the student who tested positive.
- Dr. Brown responded regarding the vaccination and suggested that the Student Council extend an invitation to Chevelle Glymph to respond to additional information for the requirement of the vaccinations. Dr. Brown also explained the procedure to when there is an encounter of a MC community member who tests positive for COVID.
- A question was posed about the timeline for students in the spring instead of the fall semester like MC employees.
  - Give students the opportunity to get vaccinated who are not vaccinated to get the vaccine before the start of spring classes, therefore not requiring it for the fall semester and only for the spring.
  - There is a time difference between the vaccination deadline for students and faculty. Employees who requested have gotten the vaccine. The college wanted to give students more time, that is why it was not a requirement for fall but will be in the spring.
  - The student forum is to notify students about the plan for the requirement of vaccination. The school is hoping that students are still practicing social distance and proper hand hygiene.
  - Students who are not vaccinated or do not want to get vaccinated will have the opportunity to continue classes online and will continue to do testing protocols
- In the effort to encourage vaccines, Montgomery College had vaccination clinics via appointment. Is there any support from it through this semester since the school is required to be vaccination for the Spring Semester?
  - Plans to continue or discontinue this clinic are still in works

### **Student Council Chair Report:**

- Mobile Market Dates:
  - Rockville Campus- October 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Takoma Park/ Silver Spring Campus- November 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Germantown Campus- December 8<sup>th</sup>
- Flu Vaccination Clinic Dates and Times:
  - Takoma Park/ Silver Spring Campus- September 20<sup>th</sup>, 10-12pm
  - Rockville Campus- September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm
  - Germantown Campus- September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm
- Townhall Meeting with Dr. Dukes, Interim President is on Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 11am.
  - If you would like attend register in person email: [townhall@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:townhall@montgomerycollege.edu)
- Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund for both Credit and Noncredit students can apply multiple times.
- Covid Vaccination Sites at Montgomery College
  - Rockville Campus, CB Building, 9am-6pm. Open daily.

- Takoma Park/ Silver Spring, ST Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor lounge. Open Thursdays to all. Time will alternate each week between 10am-1pm and 4pm-7pm,
  - Next clinic is on September 16 from 10am- 1pm
- Germantown is TBD
- Presidential Search Forums:
  - Monday, September 20, 2-4pm.
  - Wednesday, September 22, 2-4pm
  - Tuesday, September 28, 5-7pm
- College Council Theme of the year 2021-2022 is creating connection and collaboration for students, employees, and institutional success.

### **Student Council Goals**

- Each member should send an email to Rebecca of what they think the Council's goals should be for this year.
- Bring more attention to helping students know what resources are open to students.
  - Look at Insider MC that every week there are always new opportunities for students such as upcoming job fairs, internships, and useful information for both faculty and students.
  - The Student Council is open to all students. Invite students to the meetings if they have any concerns.
- The Student Council is looking to work with the Student Senate if you have any ideas on how and what both groups could collaborate on.
- Recruitment for more Student Council Members hopefully for the next meeting there will be a full number of Student Council Members.

### **Each member of the Council shared a little bit of themselves**

- Council Members Name, the Campus that they are on, their Major

### **Open Discussion**

- At least one of the Council Member would attend a College Council meeting and report back to the rest of the Council what they have learned. This can provide great exposure for the students involved in the Council.
- Student Council Instagram Account
  - Reach out to Rebecca if one is interested in helping on social media handling.

### **Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

- Meeting was motioned to adjourn by Alfaro Jonathan at 3:53PM and this motion was seconded by Student Council Member Nochez Ariel.