

# Student Council Meeting Minutes

## Monday, February 7, 2022

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### Welcome - Call to Order

A meeting of the Student Council was held via zoom on February 7, 2022, at 3:00 PM

Attendees included:

**Officers:** Rebecca Adegeye and Dr. Clevette Ridguard (Director of Governance)

**Council Liaison:** Dr. Monica Brown

**Members:** Jonathan Alfaro, Ariel Nochez, Simone Anyama, Kevans Faustin, Farin Alimo, Yvette Taylor, Deborah Awojobi, Dunyasha Muhamdiramge Yattogoda, Viola Clune.

**Guests:** Sharon Wilder (Chief Equity & Inclusion Officer)

### Welcome – Call to Order

- The Student Council meeting was called to order by Rebecca Adegeye at approximately 3:05 PM.

### Constituent Concerns

- Kevans Faustin brought up a concern about the assignment of certain classrooms being disproportionate to the number of students taking the class. Some classrooms are smaller yet hold many students, a potential concern for COVID-19 social distancing and safety guidelines.

#### **Recommendation:**

- Record the information (room number) so that it can be shared with the director of that facility on that campus.
- Work with Student Council to share it with the director of safety and the Montgomery College committee focused on the return to campus (RTCAT)
- Invite a member from the RTCAT committee to the next student council meeting

### Motion to Approve Agenda

- Jonathan Alfaro motioned to approve the agenda at approximately 3:09 PM and Kevans Faustin seconded the motion. The motion passed with the majority vote.

## **Motion to Approve Minutes**

- Deborah Awojobi motioned to approve the minutes at 3:09 PM and Viola Clune seconded the motion. The motion passed with the majority vote.

## **Chair's Report – Rebecca Adegeye**

### **The remainder of Council Goals:**

**Goal #1:** Collaborate with the SHaW Center, Distance Learning Centers, and ATPA to bring awareness about the resources available for student success

**Goal #2:** During the 2021-2022 academic year, the student council will participate in at least two serving-learning projects as a way of empowering leadership and giving back to the community

### **Campus Food Pantries**

- Available on all campuses (Germantown, Takoma Park/Silver Spring, Rockville)
- Organized by the SHaW Center
- Anyone interested in donating, participating, etc. may contact Surayya Johnson (Germantown), Sergio Washington (Rockville), or Kim McGettigan (Takoma Park/Silver Spring)

#### Emails

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### **New Student Success and Services Council Chair – Mark Levine**

- Been at MC for 5 years (Germantown and Rockville)
- Loves working at Montgomery College with his amazing colleagues
- Wife works at UMD and children go to school in the county – very familiar and connected with the area

### **New Employee Services Council Chair – Kimberly Robinson**

- Been at MC for over 12 years
- Loves to travel
- Currently works on the Adult ESOL Literacy & Grant Program

### **MC Innovations Grant is NOW LIVE**

- Up to \$50,000 for projects that develop hybrid strategies that lead to increased retention, enrollment, and student engagement
- Available to students, faculty, administrators, and staff
- Deadline to apply is March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### **Boys to Men Program**

- Mentoring program aimed at men of color
- Any student that is interested or would like to learn more about the program can email [BoystoMen@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:BoystoMen@montgomerycollege.edu) or call 240-567-5098

### **MCRPA Student Scholarship**

- Up to \$1000 in scholarships for students
- Scan QR Code in the Chair Reports PP Presentation for more information

### **Generation Hope Scholars Program Information Session**

- Organization aimed at helping DC area teen mothers become college graduates through support, mentorship, and scholarships

#### ELIGIBILITY:

- Teen parent
- Planning or attending college for associates or bachelors
- US Citizen, Permanent Legal Resident, or DACA recipient

### **Workshop: Imposter Syndrome is real: How to Overcome it**

- Employees and students are invited to virtually attend this workshop
- Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 2 PM -3:30 PM
- February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2 PM-3 PM

### **ATPA Drop-In Cal**

- Book 30 min academic coaching session  
[Bit.ly/drop-in-coaching-book](https://bit.ly/drop-in-coaching-book)

### **MC Governance Nominations and Elections**

- Nomination period is from February 25<sup>th</sup> – March 10<sup>th</sup>
- Election period is from March 28<sup>th</sup> – April 8<sup>th</sup>

## **Breakout Session: Two Goals**

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#### Book Drive

- Not seen as a good idea since two MC clubs are already working on having one

#### Food Market

- Provide on the three campuses on the days and work around the mobile food markets schedule so that food products could be provided for students more frequently

### Campus Resource Showcase

- Each campus would have a representative in charge of an area filled with stations with information on localized resources that students could have.
- Located in heavily crowded areas (Cafeteria, Library, etc.)
- Advertise service-learning projects (goal #2) and mobile food market as stations
- Getting representatives from ATPA, SHaW Center, and Distance Learning Services
- Look into getting sponsors from stores or companies

### **Need Someone to Take Over the Instagram Account ASAP**

- It's important to make sure the student council makes use of the account and creates and promotes content to inform students of resources
- Can be used to advertise the food market
- Looking for volunteers – Please email/text Rebecca if you are interested!

### **Need Someone to Take Meeting Notes**

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### **Presentation from the Office of Equity and Inclusion: Sharon Wilder**

#### **Objective**

- Share what the Office of Equity and Inclusion does
- How student council and Office and Equity and Inclusion can help each other
  
- Responsible for working across the college community to build equity and inclusions programming and foster equitable and inclusive outcomes
- Work with administrative and fiscal officials, student affairs, etc. – Horizontal interaction when it comes to working with the college community
- Created framework called IDEEALS (Inclusion Diversity Engagement Equity Access Leadership Social Justice)
- Last year, the Board of Trustees had a new institutional goal around MC prioritizing being an anti-racist institution

### **President's Advisory Committee on Equity and Inclusion**

- Monthly meetings to discuss and make recommendations to the president and senior leaders on equity and inclusion
- Equity to Inclusion Roadmap – Shows Colleges progress

### **Let's Talk Series**

- Let's Talk Series was created to talk about issues of today regarding equity and inclusion while providing a framework for it; tends to be about 90 min segments
  - Please share any ideas for a potential Let's Talk Series segment with the Office of Equity and Inclusivity
  - Let's Talk Toolbox with resources available on the Office of Equity and Inclusion MC webpage
- Equity Week and student showcase is coming up in April, more details about that will be available as things become finalized
  - Pizza for your Thoughts will be coming back later in the semester; Office bring pizzas to all the campuses and talk about how the college community can make students feel included and have a better sense of belonging
  - **Student Social Justice Inclusive Institute Training:** \$500, micro certification, and weekly meetings

### **Office of Equity and Inclusion Main Programs**

- MC "Film of the Year"
- One MC "Book of the Year" and subsequent book discussion
- MCTV Equity and Inclusion programming
- "Pizza for your Thoughts" for students
- Fall and Spring Equity Dialogue sessions and professional development training
- Annual Equity Summit/Equity Week
- Annual Excellence in Equity Awards
- Let's Talk! Conversation series
- Search Advocate Program
- Monitoring the Equity and Inclusion Roadmap
- Social Justice Inclusive Leadership Institute
- President's Advisory Committee on Equity and Inclusion (PACEI)

### **Roadmap to Success 6 Goals 2020-2025**

- Goal #1: Student Equity
- Goal #2: College Workforce
- Goal #3: College Culture
- Goal#4: Multicultural Teaching/Learning
- Goal#5: Community-Wide Opportunities
- Goal#6: Anti-racism Strategy

### **Achieving the Promise Academy (ATPA) For Students**

- College-wide Embedded classroom support and One-on-One individualized academic coaching
- Targeted @ high-risk courses to keep students stay on track, complete the program, and graduate on time

### **ELITE – Professional Development for Employees**

- Inclusion and Equity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classroom
- Teaching in a Digital Age
- Decolonizing the curriculum and the classroom
- Teaching and working with an intergenerational Perspective
- Collaborative and Active Learning Technique for Equity and Diversity

**Board of Trustees Racial Equity Goals to become Anti-racist Institution:**

- Actively work to eliminate racism in our regular daily interactions and every area of the college through our actions, communication, education, in continuous improvement, a must-see for equity and inclusion.
- Developing and providing resources, toolkits, and required training for stakeholders of the college community to fully engage.
- promoting and being for diverse hiring, retention, and promotion by being more successful at recognizing and eliminating unconscious bias and being more intentional about search protocols and mentoring.
- holding ourselves accountable through analyzing and changing previous and current data, policies, curricula, and programs.

**Office of Equity and Inclusion Upcoming Events – Spring 2022**

- **Black History Month Celebration throughout February** – Please see the list on the MC webpage for specific details
- **First Friday Book Discussion (Four Hundred Souls)** – February 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 PM-3:30 PM every Friday until June 2022
- **Finding Fellow, The Film** – February 11<sup>th</sup>, from 12 PM -1:30 PM
- **SJILI 2022 Third Cohort** – Last day to apply is February 18<sup>th</sup>
- **Critical Race Theory Part Two: Reframing the Criminal Legal System from a CRT Perspective** – February 24<sup>th</sup>, from 5 PM – 7 PM
- **Gender/LGBTQIA+ Programming: Film Viewing and Discussion** – March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2 PM – 4 PM
- **Equity Week: HEALING: Reframing the Narrative** – From April 4<sup>th</sup> – April 8<sup>th</sup>, schedule TBD

**Need Someone to Take Meeting Notes**

- Ariel Nochez has agreed to write up the meeting notes from now on

**Comments from Dr. Brown and Dr. Ridgaud**

- Get involved, stay involved, keep up the work, and hold people accountable to make sure students at MC can thrive
- Work here in the meetings help do this and spreading information from the meetings helps ignite change
- Make a difference, not waste your time, and do not hesitate to share how they can better improve the college.

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**Adjourn**

- Jonathan Alfaro first motioned to end the meeting at 4:38 pm and was seconded by Kevans Faustin at 4:38 pm

The meeting was adjourned Rebecca Adegeye on February 7, 2022, at 4:40 pm

