
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

Student Council

09/23/2022

Zoom

3:00 PM- 5:00 PM

Attendees:

- Members present
 - Carole Nna Essame, Damaris
 - Guzman, Javier
 - Mindheim, Zachary
 - Shiferaw Geneti, Daniel
 - Shrestha, Swechchha
 - Small, Alisha
 - Tran, Emily
 - Tran, Khang
 - Trinh, Tiana
 - Zimmerman, Hollis
 - Dr. Ridguard, Clevette
 - Mrs. Jones, Kimberly
- Invited Guests
 - Dr. McNair, Kimberly

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 3:03 by Chair Swechchha Shrestha

Introductions:

Ice Breaker was introduced by Chair Shrestha: Rose, bud, and thorn

- Every member present were able to:
 - Introduced their name, major, campus, and year
 - Rose: Something positive that you experienced
 - Bud: New ideas you are excited about
 - Thorn: An obstacle that you have faced

Guest Speaker:

Dr. McNair, the Director of College Access and Enrollment at Montgomery College

Dr. McNair gave a presentation on Academic Enrollment Management (EM)

Notes on Presentation:

- EM focuses on what is best for students
- EM management can help students with:
 - Outreach
 - Teaching and learning
 - Assessment & Data Analysis
 - Policies & procedure
 - Sense of Belonging
- Chair Shrestha asked what Dr. McNair plans on Montgomery College next year. Dr. McNair answered, she wants a sense of belonging and that every single student interacts with community members. Every interaction matters to create a sense of belonging at Montgomery College.
- Council member Damaris asked how resources are being reached to new students. Dr. McNair answered, there is a recruitment team that has partnerships with high schoolers and gives presentations. However, they cannot force the students to attend. The recruitment also does college fairs, advertisements, and community events. There is also a new college admissions page to help new students with navigation through Montgomery College. The webpage can communicate what it is like to be a student.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was created to approve the agenda by Council member Damaris Nna Essame. Council member Zachary Mindheim seconded the motion.

Constituent Concerns

- Council member Daniel Shiferaw Geneti brought up the concern of cross contamination in with utensils in the kitchen at the TP/SS food court.
- Chair Shrestha addressed the limited food options and the poor food quality of food at the TP/SS food court.
- Council member Khang Tran brought up the food court at Germantown Campus. The food court has not been fully open, and the hours do not serve the students.
- Council member Zackary Mindheim addressed the desire to have Sidewalk Talk for the Rockville Campus.

Student Council Goals

- Student Council will adopt the goal of the mobile market and mental health initiative.
- All three campus will have a mobile market volunteered by the student council members in each campus.
- All three campuses should find 10 people on the mobile market on each of their dates.
- Dr. Ridguard suggests that Shrestha should give an email to Sergio to help support the mobile market campaign
- Mental health ideas will be pushed back to the next Oct meeting.

Chair's Report

- There is a Governance Nominations and Election Committee.
 - Picture date will be in the October Zoom meeting
- Club Rushes will be at RV and TP/SS campus at 9/28/2022
- Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month
 - Guest speakers throughout the three campuses
- Presidential Town Hall will take place on 9/28/2022
- Inauguration of Dr. Jermaine F Williams as the 11th President of Montgomery College
- MC requires a 2 Factor Authorization due by 10/03/2022
- MC Votes and Student Life is having a Postcard writing party to help recruit 18-19 years old voters. Each Campus will have their own event on Wed 10/12/2022.
- IMPACT MC will be recruiting, and the meeting is Friday 1-3 PM to help the community.

New Business

Student Council Instagram

- Council member Zachary Mindehim will be the representative on Instagram for RV Campus
- Council member Damaris Essame will be the representative on Instagram for TP/SS Campus
- Council member Tiana Trinh will be the representative on Instagram for GT Campus
- Mrs. Jones brought up the problem of the lack of followers on the Student Council Instagram account
 - Council member Khang suggests having other accounts to repost the Student Council posts to gain for traction
- Mrs. Jones suggests an Instagram live to give updates on council meetings.
- Ms. Jones suggests that members should post a post about each council member so students can relate to the members and feel represented.

Governance Business

- Dr. Ridguard stated that meetings are suggested for 2 hours but it may be under 2 hours if all topics are addressed.
- Dr. Ridguard also suggests that students should interview students and key people to be in the loop of students and the concerns.

Chair Swechchha Shrestha of made a motion at TIME that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded and passed with unanimous support.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:23 PM

Respectfully submitted by
Khang Tran, College Council Secretary