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MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

Student Council  
Friday March 7,  
2025  
Zoom Meeting  
5:00 PM-6:00 PM

Attendees:

- Members present: Chair: Mhambi Musonda, Vice-Chair: Aniket Belur, Secretary: Denisia Jocktane Akagah; Members: Misty Kaletnyk, Sofia Perez; Visitors: Joshua Oyeneyin, Renata Polesny, Katlynn Enama; Supervisors: Ms. Shakenna Adams-Gormley, Dr. Clevette Ridguard; Council Liaison: Dr. Ed Cabellon
- Proxies present: NONE
- Members excused: Alex Jaemin Kim, Jasjeet Kaur Upal, Alan C. Lee, Alan Chin, Cristian Jose Ramos, Kirithiga Anandvel, Fatou Sow, Fenet Shertaga
- Invited Guests: Mr. Sokol Mato, Mr. Ezra Pine, Ms. Suzette Spencer, Ms. Amy Prichard Tutt

Call to Order

- The regular meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM by Chair, Mhambi Musonda

Approval of Minutes: 5:07 PM

- Approved as read.

Constituent Concerns: 5:08 PM

- Aniket: The students at ECEC need a shuttle.
- Misty: Internet in the SV building is really bad, in the lower floor of the Student Life office. Water fountains are dysfunctional in the Theater Arts Building. Gym hours are too short.

Guest Speaker (5:10 PM): Mr. Sokol Mato (Director of Auxiliary Enterprises)

- We have a new vendor at the College for our bookstore, Slingshot. They started on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. They are a family-owned company known for creating the first rental textbook services. They have software that can provide low-cost digital materials to our students. They offer Slingshot Pro so that faculty can submit their syllabus. They have a student portal where students can find their required materials, choose a format, view their past transaction history and the form of payment used. They will continue to provide school/art supplies and merch. The transition is ongoing, the timeline of the transition can be found on the MC website. Mr. Mato is collecting feedback on the service offered. All the Slingshot operations are centralized at RV. GT and TPSS will serve as distribution hubs. If students have any concerns/suggestions about the new vendor, send inquiries to [auxiliaryservices@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:auxiliaryservices@montgomerycollege.edu). Slingshot will come during the Grant fair days on GT and TPSS to collect in-person feedback and resolve concerns.
- If students need art/school supplies during the year, students will have to order on the webpage and pick up at RV or have their supplies delivered to their home address for a small fee. For snacks, students will have to use the vending machines. Auxiliary services are working on changing vendors if there is an issue with them.

Guest Speaker (5:28 PM): Mr. Ezra Pine (Alumni Specialist)

- The Alumni Association is an organization that helps students stay connected to MC after they graduate. A lot of the state and county representatives are MC alumni. They are planning to launch a Young Alumni Chapter for more recent graduates. MC Alumni also has a Board of Governors. They offer scholarships, and mentorships. Their mission is centered around engagement, connection, ambassadorship and philanthropy.
- ~~Joining the Alumni Association gives students a lot of benefits: membership cards for local~~

businesses and restaurants, attending Alumni events, staying connected to the other alumni, and networking. 79% of MC alumni stay in MoCo and enter the workforce after graduating, adding \$1 billion to the county's economy. The MC Alumni Board of Governors happens on March 27. Alumni Association will attend the grad fairs between April 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. They will have a scholarship fundraiser at Dogfish Alehouse on May 6 and support tables during finals week.

Guest Speaker (5:45 PM): Ms. Suzette Spencer (Director of Library and Information Services)

- The library at TPSS has re-opened on 01/27. It has accessibility upgrades, it is more modern, user-friendly, and sustainable (with new windows and walls). The library has a new double-sided elevator and expanded space. Students can take hybrid classes inside the library, with more study rooms.
- The RV library will be renovated during the beginning of fall. There will be a temporary space built during summer 2025. The design plans for the new library were completed last month.

Remarks (5:55 PM): Ms. Amy Prichard Tutt (Government Relations Operations Director)

- Ms. Tutt invites MC students to engage with county executives and tell them why MC is important to us. She shared a link to get information about our representatives: <https://mcgov-gis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/lookup/index.html?appid=b57d3f11b2b847c5a7342e73f5079e98>
- Students can join the conversation in small groups of 5 and ask questions to the elected officials. The discussions will last 20 to 30 minutes. We will have to work with Dr. Ridguard to find available times and dates to make this happen.

Chair's Report (6:06 PM): Mhambi Musonda

- Spring break (03/17-03/21)
- Deadline for the Board of Trustees Award application on 03/18
- MC Talent Show on 03/28 at RV at 6 PM.

Directory Updates (6:08 PM): Dr. Clevette Ridguard

- Student Council Pizza Party on April 4 on RV from 4 to 5. Dr. Cabellon will share updates about the bookstore. All SGA's are invited. It is an opportunity to celebrate the upcoming graduates and vote for incoming student council members.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:10 PM

Respectfully submitted by  
Denisia Jocktane Akagah, Student Council Secretary