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**MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE**  
**STUDENT SERVICES & SUCCESS COUNCIL MEETING**

Thursday, February 11, 2021 2:00 – 4:00 pm

**Zoom**  
**MINUTES**

**Attendees**

- Members Present: Benita Rashaw, Nik Sushka, Ernest Cartledge, Keiva Jones, Mark Levine, Juliza Majano, Tonya Mason, Tahrea Mensah, Maria Moreno Uribe, Dontavies Newton, Tyra Peanort, Judy Taylor
- Members Absent: Latoria Strickland
- Guests: Dr. Sanjay Rai, Dr. Carolyn Terry

**Call to Order**

Chair Benita Rashaw called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

**Constituent Concerns**

None.

**Agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**Minutes**

The December 11 meeting minutes were approved as written.

**Chair Report**

Benita Rashaw reported out on updates from College Council. Updates available by request

**Academic Affairs Presentation- Dr. Sanjay Rai and Dr. Carolyn Terry**

Dr. Rai and Dr. Terry spoke on several topics, including how to reach departments and the new 7-week schedule and how the Student Services and Success Council can help. They noted that we have always had 7-week courses, we just have more offerings now. 15-week courses are still available for students. Offering both provides flexibility for students. 65% of the seats in the second 7-week are filled. Part of the decision also included the difficulty of trying to bring a 15-week course back to campus after it started remotely.

The fall 2021 schedule will include 15-week, 13-week and two 7-week sessions. Student demand will help drive how many sections will offered in each session. High intensive lab courses will be the priority once we are able to return to campus.

Student performance in accelerated courses was discussed. The student pass rate in summer and extended is strong and comparable to 15-week performance. However, a concern is student overload in a 7-week session.

## **Old Business**

### **Video Project= Resources for Students (Goal #2)**

Tahrea Fleming Mensah, Mark Levine and Tyra Peanort presented an update. Different areas of focus were identified, including:

- SHaW and Counseling (Student Support)
- Library, Tutoring, IT (Academic Support)
- Student Life and Student Employment Services (Engagement)
- Raptor Central and Records and Registration (Administrative Student Support)
- Financial Aid, Cashier's
- Graduation and Transfer

Zoom sessions for each topic will be recorded and posted to YouTube. The sessions are intended to be quick, such as 5 targeted questions. The group recommended additional topics such as DSS and veteran services.

## **New Business**

None.

## **Announcements & Adjournment**

It is Financial Aid Awareness Month. Pass the word!

Mobile Markets are only being offered once per month until further notice. The updated schedule is on the SHaW Center webpage. Two additional programs are being offered in lieu- Pop-Up Pantry (open to students only) and Hungry Harvest Rx.

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

## **Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, March 11, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Ernest Cartledge  
Student Services and Success Council Secretary