
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE
STUDENT SERVICES & SUCCESS COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, September 12, 2024 1:00 – 2:30 P.M.

Zoom
MINUTES

Attendees

- Members Present: Ernest Cartledge, Marcus Peanort, Judith Taylor, Brenda Crist, Rosa Garcia, Miho Shimizu, Lucy Vitaliti, Bonita Parker, Guillermo Laya
- Members Absent: Claudia Salas (Proxy Miho Shimizu), Amanda Lucini, Betsy Flores, Yabesira Shiferaw

Call to Order

Chair Cartledge called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Constituent Concerns

No new concerns raised.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Minutes from the meeting on April 30, 2024 were approved.

The agenda for today's meeting was approved.

Chair's Report

College Council Meeting Updates:

- There was a constituent concern. The question was what was the purpose of Dr. William's memo? The memo shared on September 4, 2024, was about reaffirming the college's mission and focus. There will be a follow-up with an answer to this question.
- From the chair's report, the College Council theme for this year is: Bold Transformation to Empower All Voices and Thrive Together.
- A reminder to read Employee Matters, Dr. William's Monday minutes, and InsideMC for information and to keep us focused on our mission.
- The College Council is seeking individuals to become members of the Nominations, Communications and Elections Committee. Members from any council can participate. Please reach out to Dr. Ridguard for more information.
- Tonight (09/12) is the Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-off event at the Cultural Arts Center in the TP/SS campus from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- On September 23, Lucy Grinnell will interview first female Mexican President, Ms. Mercedes Vargas Lugo from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in room SC301, Rockville.
- On September 18, there will be a Mobile Market in Takoma Park.
- The Kaiser Health Van will be providing free flu shots on campus from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the following dates: October 7th at Central Services, October 21 at Rockville, October 31st at Germantown, and November 11th at Takoma Park/Silver Spring.

- Dr. Williams reminded that September is Hispanic Heritage Month and noted that Montgomery College is the only college in Maryland designated as a HIS (Hispanic Serving Institution.)
- Dr. Williams noted that September 17th is Voters Registration Day. Also, on September 19th, it will be the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Catherine and Isiah Leggett Math and Science Building at the Takoma Park/silver Spring campus.
- Dr. Debbie Van Camp presented on the Strategic Plan and Dr. Ridguard provided a recap of the August 29th Governance Training.

Goals Discussion

- Marketing Campaign Goal. After discussion, the council unanimously voted to work with to the office of Community Engagement to translate an informational flyer into 3 different languages. The flyer will have the council's mailbox and future meeting dates. The flyer will be distributed to students inviting them to participate in our meetings or share any student's concerns.
- Discussion on Presence in Student Government Associations (SGA) Meetings:
 - Dean Peanort noted that the Marketing Campaign Goal and the recommendation to participate in SGA meetings can be considered two strategies to align with the Governance Council's theme and the college's Goal Two of the Strategic Plan.
 - Lucy Vitaliti suggested planning informational tables on campus for students to share input about services with the council. Tables will be routinely and consistently available at each campus.
 - Rosa Garcia suggested to consider other ways to seek input from non-traditional students such as adult learners, ELAP students, WDCE students, online students.
- We will decide our goals by the October meeting.

Announcements

- Miho: Club Rush in Rockville campus on September 25th at the quad from 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Ernest provided dates for other Club Rush events: Germantown Campus between HT and SA buildings from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and TP/SS Campus in the Student Center building from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Governance Council will have a table at these events.
- Ernest: There will be a Governance Training Make-up session via Zoom on Friday, September 20th from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Contact Yvette Taylor if you need the Zoom link.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Guillermo Laya
Student Services and Success Council Secretary