
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE
STUDENT SERVICES & SUCCESS COUNCIL MEETING

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

Zoom

MINUTES

Attendees

- Members Present: Ernest Cartledge, Marcus Peanort, Judith Taylor, Rosa Garcia, Miho Shimizu, Yabesira Shiferaw, Guillermo Laya.

- Members Absent: Amanda Lucini, Betsy Flores, Bonita Parker, Brenda Crist, Claudia Salas, Lucy Vitaliti.

Call to Order

Chair Ernest Cartledge called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Constituent Concerns

Ernest shared a concern that was brought up by David Burkart, manager of the Ackerman STEM Learning Center in Rockville. This concern will be discussed by the council in the February 2025 meeting.

David is concerned about student groups in the Ackerman Center. This semester there have regularly been students gathering at the center for primarily social reasons, creating a disruption to other students that are studying or engage in tutoring sessions. Students claim that there are no other areas to hang out on campus. Could the council comment on how widespread this issue is across the college? And do they have recommendations to where students can gather to socialize at the Rockville campus?

Guillermo Laya mentioned that the Rockville Campus Operations Team (RCOT) addressed a similar concern for the new student services building. Dean Mohammed or Dean Maison might be able to share ideas on how to mitigate this problem in the Ackerman STEM Learning Center.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Minutes from the meeting on November 14, 2024, and today's agenda were approved.

Chair's Report

College Council Meeting Updates from December 3rd:

- There were no constituent concerns.
- Chair Shakenna Adams-Gormley shared the hours of operations of Assessment and Testing Centers for Final Exams Week: Monday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- The last Mobile Market for the semester will be Wednesday, Dec 18 at the TP/SS Atrium in the ST building, from 2-4 p.m.
- The annual governance report is now available online. The report highlights the accomplishments of the past year.
- MC Governance Instagram page met its goal and now has more than 50 followers.
- Dr. Sarah Campbell presented on some of the developments in Advancement and Community Engagement.
- As a standing agenda item, Dr. Debbie Van Camp presented on the Strategic Plan Outcomes.

Goals Discussion

- Guillermo shared that the information flyer in Vietnamese is being reviewed by a member of the TP/SS Recruiters office.
- Ernest confirmed that the ZOOM link for future council meetings can be updated in the QR code.
- Ernest attended the Student Council meeting on December 6th. He shared information about the graduation process for students. He also talked about the Student Services and Success Council purpose and objectives. He hopes that next semester we will see more guests or receive more requests for council members to review.
- The second goal has been completed.
- Dr. Ridguard requested in October that this council and the Academic Services Council create a team to collaborate in identifying current academic and student resources, and to provide this list to academic affairs leadership with the hope that they will create a comprehensive academic list. The councils should also identify gaps of needed resources to ensure inclusivity and equitable access of underrepresented groups. This review may lead to governance recommendations.
- Ernest will share Dr. Ridguard's request with council members to consider participation.
- Dean Peanort mentioned that Dean Sharon Anthony recently reported that a list similar to Dr. Ridguard's goal has already been developed. His recommendation is for our council and the academic services council to invite campus deans and find out what has already been done and then identify the gaps.
- Rosa suggested to incorporate internal and external resources in this list. ATPA has community resources that can be shared in this list.
- Miho mentioned that WDCE students do not have access to several resources. For instance, they cannot form student clubs due to policy/fees restrictions.
- Marcus mentioned his work as Strategic Plan Outcome Lead (SPOL) for Goal 3: student support services. He and Katie Mount are looking into how well WDCE students integrate and access resources on campus such as learning centers.
- Ernest inquired about council members participation in mobile markets. He suggested that members consider participating in the markets, if possible.

Announcements

No announcements.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

Guillermo Laya
Student Services and Success Council Secretary