



Student Services and Success Council

Thursday, October 2, 2025, 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Via Zoom

Minutes

Attendees:

Members Present: Surayya Johnson (Chair), Ana Matta, Amiya Rayford, Arianna Villatoro, Judy Taylor, Marcus Peanort, Craig Garrison-Mogren, Bonita Parker, Miho Shimizu (Secretary)

Guests: Ms. Tonya Addleman, Dr. Glenda Hernandez Tittle, Dr. Sylvea Hollis, Middle State Co-Chairs; Dr. Elysse Meredith, Learning Commons Director

Members Absent: Ernest Cartledge, Lucy Vitaliti, Colleen King, Jason Youngkin, Adrienne Ballard

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dr. Surayya Johnson at 3:02 pm.

Constituent Concerns:

Ms. Arianna Villatoro shared the following concerns:

- The lack of the MC Bookstore or hub at the Germantown campus has caused inconvenience, as students must travel to the Rockville campus to purchase course materials.
- The absence of a Student Life Basic Needs space in the Student Affairs Building, SA-149, on the Germantown campus, for needed student support.
- Reports of unsafe driving practices by shuttle bus drivers.

Kristian Meadows raised a concern about the potential elimination of the Combat to College Program due to funding issues.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the May 8th, 2025, and September 11th, 2025, meetings were approved as written.

Ms. Tanya Addleman, Dr. Glenda Hernandez Tittle, and Dr. Sylvea Hollis: Middle State Co-Chairs:

Middle State Self-Study and Reaccreditation Journey: An Overview

- Montgomery College is currently engaged in the self-study process in preparation for reaccreditation.
- Reaccreditation ensures continued eligibility for financial aid, easier process of transferring credits to other institutions, and confirms the College's adherence to the seven standards and commitment to continuous improvement.
- The President-appointed Steering Committee will compile a self-study report with feedback from the College community.

Dr. Elysse Meredith, Learning Commons Director: *Learning Centers Services Updates*

- A new scheduling system through Starfish has been implemented to provide easy access to tutoring services for students.
- Free resources such as Learning Centers, ATPA, and Student Lingo are available to students.

Chair's Report:

Dr. Surayya Johnson presented upcoming College events and items from the College Council and College Leadership.

- Find MC News and Events
- Reminder to Submit Feedback on P&P Items
- Middle States Self-Study
- Fall Cold/Flu/COVID Season Reminders
- Prescription Drug Takeback Day: October 22 at CT and ECEC and October 23 at GT, RV, and TP/SS
- Pause in Promotional Item Purchases
- Next Stop: Healthier you-Mobile Health Van
- Student Life and Humanities Department: Hispanic Heritage Month events in October
- Montgomery College Board of Trustees Meetings

2025-2026 Council Goals

- A motion to attend Student Council meetings once in the Fall semester and twice in the Spring Semester was made by Bonita Parker and seconded by Arianna Villatoro. The motion passed with unanimous support.
- An approved goal was motioned to be amended as each council member is to attend one Student Council meeting and one Student Wellness event to support students, by Ana Matta, and seconded by Bonita Parker. It was passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 pm, following a motion by Arianna Villatoro, seconded by Craig Garrison-Mogren.

Miho Shimizu

Student Services and Success Council Secretary