
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Council

September 6, 2016

CF 143 (Cafritz Foundation Arts Center)

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Attendees:

- Members present: Alice Boatman, Ivonne Bruneau-Botello, Jeff Chuang, Mathew Decker, Richard Nalley Marton, Tilandra Rhyne, Karin Rodney-Haapala, Heather Satrom, James Sniezek, Laurie Williams, Felix Yixian Yin
- Members absent: Vickie Drake
- Guests: Carol Moore

Call to Order

Chair Laurie Williams called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. The meeting agenda was reviewed and approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

James Sniezek moved to approve the minutes from the May 2016 meeting and this was seconded by Tilandra Rhyne. The motion passed unanimously.

Open Comments

Laurie Williams shared that Ellen Olmstead requested that the Council nominate her for the Achieving the Dream Core Team. James Sniezek voiced concerns about the nomination process to the Achieving the Dream Core Team and asked if the Council had put out a call for the candidates. Heather Satrom voiced agreement with this comment. The Council agreed to discuss this topic at the next meeting.

Laurie Williams shared that a faculty member emailed her voicing concerns about the 85% rule and the On-Time Registration policy. Several council members voiced that they were not familiar with the 85% rule. James Sniezek briefly summarized the 85% rule and shared that there are exceptions where a Dean can decide to allow the class to go. James Sniezek volunteered to contact Carolyn Terry, Interim Associate Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, to request additional information.

New Business

Introduction of Members

All members and the guest present introduced themselves.

Review of Member's Duties Ground Rules

Laurie Williams reviewed the duties of Council officers.

Review of Ground Rules

Alice Boatman reviewed the ground rules already established for the Council from prior years. She facilitated some discussion about the ground rule that states the Council will speak with one voice outside of the room. All agreed that this means the Council supports the outcome of votes when speaking to constituents and encourages constituents to attend meetings if they would like to know more about the process that leads to these outcomes. Alice Boatman made a motion to continue with the already established ground rules and this was seconded by James Sniezek. The motion passed unanimously.

Election of Council Secretary

Ivonne Bruneau-Botello nominated Heather Satrom for the Secretary position. Laurie Williams announced that Vickie Drake was also a candidate for the position. Tilandra Rhyne stated that during the last meeting, Vickie Drake stated she was not interested in the position. Heather Satrom stated that she would accept the nomination if Vickie Drake is not interested. Election of the Council Secretary was postponed until the October meeting.

Council Meeting Time

Laurie Williams shared that based on results of the Doodle Poll there will be no change to the Council's meeting time.

Annual Plan

Laurie Williams shared the 2015-2016 Annual Plan and the initiatives that the Council had discussed during the governance training. Heather Satrom believed that the suggestion was made to move the safety concerns to another council. James Sniezek wanted to make sure advocacy for the TPSS expansion is an initiative as there has been lots of resistance from the City. He also wants advocating for students at the TP/SS Campus to be a priority.

The Council reviewed the annual plan from last year and the "working priorities" provided at the governance training. Laurie Williams reminded the group that community engagement is important and 50% of our time should be on student success. Laurie Williams asked the group to "look at goals from last year and what we discussed previously and today". The following suggestions were made:

Goal 1:

- Add student advocacy in Goal 1 (James Sniezek)
- Add Liaison with ATD visioning under activities (Alice Boatman)
- Define "success" does that mean Wellness, Life skills, volunteerism (Karin Rodney-Haapala)
- Sniezek suggested that the student council may be asked to define "Student Success", Rodney-Haapala discussed the student "Mantra" for MC students should be understood.
- Under benchmarks, James Sniezek would like to expand initiatives. Heather Satrom discussed that in should read participating "in" initiatives.
- James Sniezek suggested that the council add a specific activity for inviting faculty to speak with the council
- James Sniezek suggested that we add "in a timely fashion" to #4 under Goal 1
- All agreed to keep Goal 1, but expand the goal

Goal 2:

- Karin Rodney-Haapala suggested a social media campaign. She suggested using Twitter, IG, and Snapchat as an avenue for students to feel included. It was suggested that the Council work with Communications and Student Senate.
- James Sniezek suggested wording be changed to "Expand, broaden and maintain..." for the goal, Add a monthly update to the TPSS campus. Include things like internships or additional information that benefits the students.
- Laurie Williams will check on the desired facilitation with Excalibur. Ideas included having a student author an article about the council or a "campus council corner" within the Excalibur.
- Discussed that the bulletin boards should be used for general information.
- All agreed to Keep Goal 2 with updates

Goal #3

- Council agreed to grow a new goal for this council year.

Laurie Williams will create a group for the TP/SS Campus Council in Office 365 to continue discussions about the Annual Plan.

70th Anniversary – MC Spirit Day

Laurie Williams announced that Tilandra Rhyne has volunteered to be the Council's representative for MC Spirit Day which will be held on November 3, 2016.

Provost's Report

Dr. Brad Stewart, TP/SS Provost, was not able to attend the meeting. Laurie Williams shared that Dr. Stewart has asked that the Council help bring awareness to the security concerns in the Commons Building. In addition, an off-duty police officer will be patrolling the parking garage and side streets during evening hours to improve campus safety. Dr. Stewart voiced that he supports the addition of a Workforce Development and Continuing Education representative on the Council.

Announcements

Laurie Williams announced that Kevin Long requested feedback on policy changes. Laurie Williams will forward the information via email.

Adjournment

Laurie Williams Adjourned the meeting at 12:28 p.m.

Submitted by
Alice Boatman,
Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Council Vice-Chair