
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE
Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Council
September 11, 2018; 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
ST 301

Attendees

- Members present: Shelly Caldwell-Bennett, Jenny Hatleberg, Diego Hernandez, Kimberly Herrera, Dianna Mathews, Maria Moreno Uribe, Angie Pickwick, Rashod Sibert, Tracey Smith-Bryant, Ethan Sribnick, Laurie Williams
- Members absent: Shane Doyle, Joseph Leger, Raven Salaam
- Guests: Dr. Clevette Ridguard, Dr. Brad Stewart, Sadi Ahmad (online)

Call to Order: Chair Dr. Tracey Smith-Bryant called meeting to order at 10:05am.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved with no amendments or changes.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved as written.

Introductions

Each person introduced themselves. The chair requested that a second student representative be assigned to the council. The listed student representative is currently serving on another council.

Constituent Concerns

- There is a concern pertaining to the MC Wellness reimbursement for outside gym memberships and potential inclusion of other types of wellness activities. The Council will follow up for further information.
- Concern has arisen regarding class cancellations and how this affects part-time faculty and students, particularly when classes may no longer be offered at the TPSS campus. The Council agreed to follow up for further information regarding class cancellation policies and potential effect on student retention. Student Senate is also discussing this topic.
- Concern regarding student awareness of the availability of Financial Aid and how it is calculated.

Provost Report- Dr. Brad Stewart

- Upper level administration is preparing for the hurricane this weekend, and are making sure that communication/alerts with staff and students are succinct.
- Confirmed alternate Ride On bus schedule and pickup locations for the fall semester.
- The third charrette for the new Math/Science building is September 11 at 7:00; followed by meetings on September 12 at 8:30am with faculty and staff, and at 11:30am with students.
- Food Service contract expires at the end of this year with the option to renew. The College will release a Request for Proposals. The TPSS Campus Council will be asked to nominate committee members to review the proposals in the Spring semester. Food operations have left the Cafritz building; vending machines and comfortable seating will be installed in the former bookstore.
- Volunteers are needed for the Outstanding Teaching and Outstanding Service Awards committee, as well as award nominees.

Council Charge

Discussion of Council ground rules and emphasis on ensuring that all have an opportunity to speak (further details in member binders). The Council will try to resolve issues during meetings, rather than outside of those times.

Writing, Reading, & Language Center: Tanya Camp was unable to attend, due to a schedule conflict.

Chair's Report

There is no chair's report at this time, as the College Council has not yet met. Council will follow meetings as scheduled. All members are required to attend outreach activities as scheduled.

Constituent Reflections

- Continued discussion of concerns about cancelling sections at the TPSS campus.
- Proxy/ID cards are managed through Facilities. Part-time and full-time faculty should work with their Chairs to update their cards. Safety & Security is managing Student IDs. There are safety issues that arise when faculty do not have proxy cards, as well as with students who have multiple ID cards.
- Concern about the rising cost of the already limited parking spaces.
- Strategic Planning Committee Membership application deadline extended to September 15.

Council Goals

Council is currently working on their preliminary goals list, and will have the final list ready by the 10/31/2018 deadline. Council members should send further ideas for goals to the Chair prior to the next meeting. Suggested goals include:

- Discuss strategies to increase support for incoming and vulnerable students.
- Provide representatives to participate in the committee reviewing use of space in Cafritz.
- Attend Math/Science building design charrettes; encourage students to participate.
- Address the perceived Collegewide impression of the Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus. Consider campus beautification projects, service learning, and other strategies.

Proposed Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Brad Stewart will invite enrollment specialist to attend next meeting.
- Extend invitation to Tanya Camp to reschedule WRLC presentation.
- Update on construction and other topics from facilities
- Follow up on class cancellation concerns

Announcements: None

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Hatleberg, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Council Secretary