
MC GOVERNANCE

Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Council

November 13, 2018

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

ST 143

Attendees

- Members present: Diego Hernandez, Kimberly Herrera, Dianna Mathews, Elise McPherson, Maria Moreno Uribe, Tracey Smith-Bryant, Ethan Sribnick, Laurie Williams
- Members absent: Shelly Caldwell-Bennett, Jennifer Hatleberg, Raven Salaam
- Guests: Sharon Bland, Fenet Degemu Shertaga, Terrence Evelyn, Clevette Ridguard, Brad Stewart, Julie Weber
- Proxy present: Elizabeth Schlackman (for Jennifer Hatleberg)

Call to Order: Chair Tracey Smith Bryant called meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda adjusted; HRSTM representative not available to present. Agenda approved as amended.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the October 23, 2018 meeting approved as written.

Constituent Concerns

- Student constituent explained that she was not able to schedule appropriate spring classes; courses she needed were not available at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus, and she does not drive. Some requirements were related to F1 visa status, and she did meet with a counselor. The student was also not able to participate in the iLead program because of scheduling conflicts. Council members recommended working with department chair for specific course appeal process. Discussion about courses being cancelled at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus and not being added back into the schedule in later semesters.
- Student constituent presented additional concerns about lack of food available on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus, which would be in compliance with cultural dietary needs (specifically, no meat or dairy during days of fasting). The College is in the process of negotiating a new food service contract.
- Student Senate member concerns that to apply for the Board of Trustees position, students would need to attend Montgomery College for three years. Student Life representative will find out more information.

Provost's Report

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- Focus on new students' success; goal to have incoming students graduate or transfer successfully at a 50% rate. Request for faculty to encourage students to register for the spring semester now.
 - Public Safety meeting at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus on November 28. There will also be a drill this semester, at this campus.
 - Phi Theta Kappa induction ceremony on November 14, in CM 211.

Office of Equity and Inclusion

- Sharon Bland presented about the Office of Equity and Inclusion. The charge of the office is to build a program that addresses ten critical areas. The President's Advisory Committee on Equity and Inclusion (PACEI) has the mission to provide leadership to create an inclusive, civil, and respectful community that achieves equity for all.
- The office had a "listening tour" and met with six hundred employees and students. An equity and inclusion survey will be released on November 28, 2018 and will be compared to last year's results.
- Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Council goal relates to Collegewide perception of this campus. Discussion of how the Office of Equity and Inclusion may assist with that goal; Sharon Bland will serve on the Council's subcommittee.

Office of the Ombuds

- Julie Weber presented about the Office of the Ombuds. The ombuds provides alternative dispute resolution for College employees. Provided a snapshot of the most recent annual report. In addition to working with individuals, the Office of the Ombuds has started working with larger groups.
- There were 203 visitors in FY17; all visits are confidential. Top three concerns are organizational, strategic and mission related; evaluative relationships; peer and colleague relationships. The number of repeat visitors were higher this year.

Office of Facilities

- Terrence Evelyn addressed some of the facilities-related constituent concerns that have arisen within this Council this semester:
 - A contractor comes out twice a year to address automatic doors, unless called for service.
 - Designated drop-off space by Cultural Arts building is a responsibility of Public Safety. Facilities would address a request for signage or curb painting.
 - Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Council goal relates to Collegewide perception of this campus; one area is campus beautification. The Council can approach the Office of Facilities with specific requests or plans, to discuss feasibility and a timeframe for work to be completed.
 - Request for automatically flushing toilets in HC building – Facilities will look into this request.
- Anyone, including students, can reach out to facilities to report a problem: 240-567-1563

Next Meeting: November 27, 2018 (ST 301)

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm

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