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# MC GOVERNANCE

## Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Council

February 3, 2020

1:30 pm – 3:30 p.m.

Student Center (ST) 301

### Attendees

- Members present: Shelly Caldwell Bennett, Alice Boatman, Diego Hernandez, Joel Levine, Alex Meyer, Dianna Matthews, Eniola Olowofoyeku, Brad Stewart
- Students: Fenet Shertaga & Wendy Rodriquez;
- Guests present: Donna Schena, Senior Vice President Administrative and Fiscal Services  
Sharon Kauffman, Tech Project & Planning Analyst

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Shelly Caldwell Bennett called meeting to order at 1:30 pm

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved including a change to add discussion to change Council secretary. Minutes approved.

### Constituent Concerns

- Constituent concerns have been addressed and closed, except concerns around Public Safety enhancements.

### Provost's Report

- Leggett building construction is ahead of schedule. Science South is clean of asbestos. Falcon Hall has asbestos in the brown exterior tiles. The building is expected to be dismantled in an environmentally safe way in approximately a month.
- Work at the site is expected to be loud during March, during the pouring of the foundation and on some Saturdays. If the noise is causing disruption, encourage all to use the "hotline" located on the Leggett website; <tel:+1-800-879-9879>, The hotline is 24/7. Also contact Brad.
- Shelly Alves is now the Executive Associate in the Office of the Vice President and Provost.
- Met enrollment projection for Spring, Budget is in good shape, met target to share with state legislators for advocacy day.
- Encouraged to watch the FB Live presidential dialogues.
- Volunteers are needed for the budget hearing in March to support Leggett building construction and operational funding to local official. Speech writing assistance is available

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- Brad shared that the College has identified a few locations in East County, off Route 29 and Randolph, to create an additional east campus. This is extremely tentative and has been discussed on the past with no outcome. This time, County Executives seem more engaged in discussions.
  - 2/11 at 9am, Dr. Pollards interview with Dr. Elain Weiss. 100 Years Later: Women's Fight to Win the Vote.
  - 2/8 and 2/11, Diversity Dialogue: White Fragility
  - Dr. Fiona Glade, New Dean for Communication Studies, English Language for Academic Purposes, and Linguistics. Brad voiced appreciation to Dr. Usha Venkatesh, who delayed her retirement to allow time to complete this search.
  - At the Student Success Network meeting the following was discussed: Incoming first-time students for Fall 2018, 44% of the 4033 are registered for Spring. There were 3931 in Fall 2019. It has been shown that when students take English and Math during first two semesters, they continue registration for future semester; we must encourage this process.

### **Public Safety and Emergency Management (PSEM) Presentation**

- Donna Schena explained the progress and changes implemented in PSEM since 2015. At this point, 4 officers are Special Police Officers (SPOs); 1-TP/SS, 2-GT and 1-TP/SS. The goal is to have two SPOs on each of the main shifts; day and evening. Council members suggested that data used to support these changes be shared and that the TPSS SPO be invited to a meet and greet. Brad explained that research supports more training equals better officers.
- There will be a required annual drill in April that will include address Domestic Violence.
- Donna Schena will be meeting with the Student Senate on 2/18. Steve Drummond will also be present for this event.

### **Report on Goals (post individual group meeting)**

- Goal 1: Community relations – Joel, Wendy, and Alex reported of plan for community event, but voiced they plan to reach out to Rose to be respectful of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary efforts shared in a memo on 1/15/202. – need funding.
- Goal 2: Improving the image of TP/SS campus – Alice, Diego, responded to recommendations from College Council which suggested using more positive wording. Diego and Alice agreed that changing the language softens the intent and no support was given to this recommendation.
- Goal 3: focus on African American males, title changed to Men of Color – Shelly & Dianna reported on having support to help pay the \$1,000 fee for the speaker requested for the 3/11 event.

### **Chair's Report**

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- Chair not present

**Announcements:**

- Joel: PT Faculty Conference on 1/18/2020 went well despite the morning snow. 115 PT Faculty attended.

**Next Meeting:** February 17, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dianna Matthews, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Council Secretary (assisted by Alice Boatman)

FOR REVIEW