
MC GOVERNANCE

Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Council

May 11, 2020

1:30 pm – 2:45 p.m.

Zoom Meeting (Online)

Attendees

- Members Present: Shelly Caldwell-Bennett, Alice Boatman, Diego Hernandez, Kimberly Jones, Alex Moyer, Miriam Simon, Dianna Matthews, Eniola Olowofoyeku, Joel Levine, Jeff Chuang, Jonathan Colson, Hender Mauricio Galeas, David Darnall, Clevette Ridguard, Brad Stewart,
- Students: Fenet Shertaga, Wendy Rodriguez

Call to Order: Chair Kimberly Jones called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved. April Minutes approved.

Constituent Concerns

- None presented

Introduction of Council Members

Provost's Report

- 5/18 @ 4 pm, a virtual Harry Harden, Jr. Medallion Award, recognition for students
- 5/22 @ 10 am, a virtual commencement with Dr. Pollard and maybe a guest speaker
- Reminder to be tolerant of ambiguity
- We are going to begin the fall 20 semester with remote learning, encouraging the students to focus on a synchronous schedule
- Responded to question on the “parking fee” deduction; this parking fee covers a lot of items that include making the payments on the bonds we used to finance the WG at TPSS and the new Parking Garage at RV as well as parking lot maintenance on other campuses. Also, pays for students to ride the county’s Ride On busses for free.
- Responded to question on “access to campus”, present request to Brad for security clearance, for brief periods

Election of Officers

- Chair: Kimberly Jones
- Vice Chair: Alice Boatman
- Secretary: David Darnall

Announcements

- Shelly presented information on incoming students; assessment placement testing process is now in place; expecting more students to apply to Montgomery College – a reasonable option to university cost

Chair's Update – Kimberly Jones

- COVID-19 Administrative Team (CAT) met with the College Council, much appreciation for their time – working long hours being attentive to information from the state, CDC, and surrounding areas
- Student Council now has two students from TP/SS campus as Chair and Vice Chair
- Governance training will be in August, be watchful for date
- Appreciation for all Council members who have served for 2020. Council members leaving Diego, Shelly and Wendy.
- Student Life has been very busy, planning incoming orientation on line with a series of getting involved with Student Engagement which will include important tips such as syllabus, policies and procedures such as code of Conduct; Jeff also encouraged them to present information on virtual tutoring.
- Jeff noted that the Virtual Academic support has continued for students during this remote learning process
- Upcoming Student Senate will address student concerns for continued remote learning process but their advocacy will be different than before.
- Return plans for campus will be slow and implemented in phases – facilities have to clean areas, may have alternate days, smaller classes planned, etc
- Concerns to be presented to Brad in preparation for the continued remote learning
 - Bookstore operations, how accessible to students; will announcement be made about the process for book purchase
 - New food services contract, will it be placed on hold or implementation planned
 - Will the financial support for students for computers continue in the fall; it was stated by David for internet issues, students may try Comcast

Next Meeting: Mondays @ 1:30 pm – Kimberly will send the council the exact dates.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.