

Montgomery College
TPSS Campus Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 16, 2020

1:30 – 3:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Present: Kimberly Jones, Alice Boatman, David Darnall, Dianna Matthews, Jeff Chuang, Alex Moyer, Fenet Shertaga, Miriam Simon, Jonathan Colson, Hender Galeas, Eniola Olowofoyeku

Absent: Rache Alaran

Guests: Karla Silvestre, Sharon Fechter, Jason Bruffy, Ashley Roberts, Dwayne Henry

Liaison: Brad Stewart

Call to Order

There is a quorum to conduct business. The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm by the chair.

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

The agenda was approved as corrected. The minutes was approved as written. The meeting was recorded for internal use only.

Constituent concerns/comments

- Concern about the timed test on Blackboard – 50 minutes test with 50 questions
 - Students not doing very well and faculty concern about cheating
- Concern about proctoring software and camera use
 - Faculty Council wrote up a document on camera use.
 - VPPs thought it was too complex
 - Student Senates provided recommendations
 - There are alternative methods of attendance and engagement.
- Student Senate – Is there policy or communication on professors being kicked out while teaching Zoom class? What should students do?
 - Contact chairs regarding concern

Provost's Report

The provost provided the following information:

- Reminder to be careful during Thanksgiving break
- Winter Session is very popular enrollment-wise
- Working to find a way to open up ST304 (computer lab on third floor of Charlene R. Nunley Student Services Center) starting in February
 - Developing protocols for students to make appointments, keep students just in computer labs, cleaning and maintenance
- Leggett Building – most permits completed

- Will have meeting with community regarding constructions
- Question – What is the protocol for faculty who needs to get into office?
 - Email Provost Brad Stewart and dean – request will be forwarded to Carlos Sanchez
 - Someone from Public Safety will reach out to faculty
 - COVID-19 training available on MC Learns
 - Do health self-assessment and show confirmation email to Public Safety

Community Engagement – Karla Silvestre

- Community Engagement Survey/Optimal College Town Assessment
 - Measure campus and community perceptions of one another
- MC2020 Performance Canvas asked us to measure community perception
- Data used to inform collegewide, as well as campus specific, community engagement priorities
- Reviewed by College stakeholders including provosts, PIC-MC, and Institutional Research
- Used every communication channel available to get survey out to the community
- Research: Town-Gown Relationship
 - Four distinct types
 - Traditional – adequate
 - Lower effort, higher comfort
 - Common in most campuses and communities
 - Harmonious – optimal
 - Higher effort, higher comfort
 - Sense of connectedness and joint purpose
 - Conflicted – troubled
 - Higher effort, lower comfort
 - Reduced satisfaction but still engaged to work out issues
 - Devitalized – challenged
 - Lower effort, lower comfort
 - Disappointment and loss
- Conducted survey November 2019 – 1236 respondents
 - 292 from TPSS (most identify as members of the community)
 - Addressed concerns that are common in relationships between campuses and community
 - Both community and campus representatives feel that the campus is accessible.
 - Positive response to how local media portrays the campus and community
 - Community mildly agrees that coursework offered on campus is too expensive.
 - Campus representatives disagrees
 - Community reported split responses for the statement: “Student misbehavior in the community is a real problem.”
 - Campus representatives strongly disagrees
 - Community agrees that there are not enough interesting events on campus and classes/degrees offered on campus that meet the community’s needs.
 - Both community and campus representatives mostly agree that it’s hard to know what’s happening on campus.

- Differing responses reported in terms of connection and communication between the Campus and the Community.
- Open ended questions – a lot of raw data and suggestions for improvement
- Most people felt that the Campus and the Community have a harmonious relationship.
- Question – What does your office plan to do with the information?
 - Talk to provosts and see what their priorities are

Goal Report Out

- Equity and Inclusion – met with Sharon Bland and Jeanette Rojas
 - Sharon reached out to Ray Gilmer, Associate Senior Vice President for Advancement and Community Engagement, and talked about an information campaign.
 - Discussion on Let’s Talk Event
 - Asked the council to articulate the issue in writing and data points
 - Collect examples of different experiences and situations and email them to [Alice Boatman](#)
- MCTV – reached out to people at MCTV to see if they can help
- Communication – met up and came up with some ideas
 - “Did you know?” Series – collect facts about TPSS Campus
 - Slogan and t-shirt – still in discussion
 - Collaborate with Excalibur – share stories about TPSS
 - Create Zoom background – #TP/SS Campus

Chair’s Update

The chair provided the following information and updates:

- Check out [Budget Forums](#)
- Outstanding Faculty and Staff nominations due soon
- 11/24 College Council meeting – Bring a Constituent Day
 - If interested, email [Chair Kimberly Jones](#).
- Presidential Dialogue on 12/3 – submit questions to presidentialdialogue@montgomerycollege.edu by Friday, 11/27
- World Access to Higher Education Day on 11/17 at 3pm – virtual panel discussion with staff, faculty, and students

Announcement

- Mobile Market – 11/18 from 2-4pm on TPSS Campus
- Student Life is sending weekly emails about things Student Life has been doing collegewide
- Cultural Arts Center is a resource for virtual events
- Grocery BINGO on 11/17 at 5:30pm

Items for Next Meeting

- Will reach out to John Hamman and Ashely Roberts

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41pm.