

Montgomery College
TPSS Campus Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 15, 2021

1:30 – 3:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Present: Kimberly Jones, Alice Boatman, Jeff Chuang, Alex Moyer, Fenet Shertaga, Fatima Aziz, Jeri Gresham, Miriam Simon, Dianna Matthews, Jona Colson, Eniola Olowofoyeku, Rache Alaran, David Darnall

Absent:

Guests: Dr. Vincent Intondi, Leslie Jones, Yvette Taylor, Dwayne Henry

Liaison: Brad Stewart, Clevette Ridguard

Call to Order

There is a quorum to conduct business. The meeting was called to order at 1:31pm by the chair.

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

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

Constituent Concerns

No constituent concerns were presented.

Introduced Fatima Aziz, Jeri Gresham, and Leslie Jones.

Provost's Report

The provost provided the following information:

- COVID-19 Update
 - Difficulty rolling out vaccine in MD – one of the key factors to return to campus plan
 - Tabletop exercise – return to campus priorities
 - Safety and student needs
 - Return of most academic disciplines and student service offices are likely to be postponed until beginning of fall semester.
 - Will provide more updates
- Student Advocacy Day went very well.
 - Encourage students to look at scholarships and internships that are available
- Nomination deadlines
 - [Faculty Awards](#) – 3/1
 - [Staff Awards](#) – 3/1
 - [Equity and Inclusion Awards](#) – 3/1
 - Send nominations for student awards to [Kim McGettigan](#) by 3/1 or ASAP.

- Leggett Building – Hope to get demolition done in the summer and start construction in fall.
 - Opening date: Spring 2023
- Question – There are students concerned about instructors not recording lectures. Will there be anything implemented in this regard?
 - Will make sure that this concern is on the agenda for the next Academic Affairs meeting
 - Hope to have guidance for faculty to record and make sure that they post the presentations and class notes
- Question – Status for next semester?
 - Will probably be mostly virtual and remote through the summer
 - More people will be coming back on campus overtime
 - Learned that certain things work better remotely
 - Hope to have a good mix of DL, remote learning, and face-to-face

Director of Race, Social Justice and Civic Engagement – Dr. Vincent Intondi

- Introduced the [Institute for Race, Justice, and Civic Engagement](#) (IRJC)
 - Provide a physical safe space for students
 - Try to take away any life stress – provide food and clothing
 - Provide academic space and resources for students
 - All-purpose space – film screening, workshops, and Activism 101 training
 - Connect students with volunteer opportunities and community support organizations
- Working to make IRJC collegewide – space on all three campuses
- Social Justice Book of the Month – discuss and learn about history
- Etan Thomas coming to speak with students on 2/26
- Question – If students are looking to active in the community in terms of marches, do they contact you directly?
 - Yes – educate, discuss, and provide support
- Question – Where did this passion come from? How did it start?
 - Many different layers accumulated over time – started at a young age and continued
- Reach out if anyone want to do the same things at Germantown Campus and Rockville Campus
 - Need someone who already have trust and relationship with students

Goal Report Out

- Equity and Inclusion – working with Sharon Bland and Jeanette Rojas
 - Will have meeting on Wednesday for more information on the campaign regarding TPSS and the future program
- Communication and Social Media – met last Monday
 - “Did you know?” Series – don’t have a set date but will post on social media
 - Suggested to tag TPSS related departments so that others will repost
 - Creating new Zoom background – will share when completed
 - Working to reach out to Communications – suggested to reach out to Emily Schmidt
 - Plan to reach out to Excalibur
- MCTV – slow progress but have secured a former student to record video
 - Suggestion to promote TPSS Campus on radio station and TPSS newsletters

- Sponsor educational program and invite students speak
- Great ideas but need to reach out to Communications and Community Engagement
 - Suggested to reach out to the Director of Communications

Chair's and Vice Chair's Updates

The chair and vice chair provided the following information and updates:

- Encouraged council members to run for council officers in May
- 2/9 College Council Meeting
 - Nominations and Elections
 - Nominations: 2/26 – 3/10
 - Elections: 3/29 – 4/9
 - Suggested council member to identify at least one person to recruit for governance
 - Promote governance – council chairs create short videos
 - Dr. Steve Cain presentation on campus expansion
 - HRSTM presentation on Compensation Market Study
 - Your Voice, Your MC Survey – 2/15 – 3/1
 - Anonymous and confidential
 - [MC Foundation Innovation Grants](#) Deadline: 3/22
 - Q&A Session – 2/17
 - Encouraged to read HRSTM Newsletter and InsideMC
 - [Virtual Transfer Fair](#) – 2/22-2/25

Announcement

- Your Voice, Your MC Employee Experience and Cultural Survey – email from Modern Think
 - 3 surveys combined into 1 – about 20-25 minutes to complete
 - Anonymous and confidential
 - Important and useful data – enhance trainings, better communication, and more
- [MC LEADS](#) – students can apply to any of the three campuses due to the virtual environment
- Student Senate Elections – committee is planning event to recruit students
 - Collegewide elections in April – two parts to election process

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Goal updates

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37pm.