
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

TPSS Campus Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 10, 2023

Zoom

1:30PM – 3:30PM

Attendees

Members Present: Jona Colson, Jeri Gresham, Diana M. Benson, Alice Santoro, Debbie Juneja, Schnell Reed Garrett, Sonja Jackson, Stephanie Banks, Kimberly Fouche, Clevette Ridguard

Proxies:

Members Absent: Ghasala Imane Mohamed, Lesley Brown, Fenet Degemu Shertaga

Invited Guests: Ali Fadl

Liaison: Dr. Brad Stewart

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:34pm.

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

The agenda and Minutes were approved as written.

Constituents Concerns

None

Provost's Report

- Encouraged all to get out and enjoy the warmer weather
- Please encourage students to register for SUI and SUII early to ensure better options to accommodate individual schedule
- April 24, fall registration begins, the goal is to have students register prior to leaving for break
- End of the semester, be on the lookout for stress, students that are struggling, and colleagues experiencing difficulties, and be kind!
- Refer students to VPP's Office, Counseling, or faculty for assistance
- It is awards season, attend student events to celebrate the students and remember these awards mean a lot to the family of students. Encouraged a division of labor so each area has representation at events
- April 20th, State of the College Address
- If you plan to walk in commencement, get to the bookstore to order your regalia. It means so much to students to see their favorite professors at commencement. The event will be in a tent in Rockville on a single day, May 19.
- Highlighted that the Facilities Master Plan is still in development, so now is the time to get involved and share ideas.
- Professional week: plan to be present and support colleagues receiving awards

Chair's Update

- Equity Week Activities: There are many events, the link was shared in the chat
- Mobile Markets: Reviewed Council goal to support Mobile Markets
- Volunteers are needed for the Mass Casualty Training Exercise on Saturday, April 29, from 7am-1pm

- April 26 is the Mental Health Fair, please sign up if you have not already.

Constituent Concern Review

- Clevette Ridguard and Alice Santoro went and looked at the Fitness Center in P4. The space is nice with new equipment. It is Physical Education that creates the promotional piece. Student Senate will reach out to Tarlouh Gasque, athletics director, about athletics on campus
- A summary of food service concerns and their current standing was shared with Alice Santoro by Student Council and reviewed during this meeting.
 - Concerns continue; one council member shared that she found metal in her personal pizza (possibly from a cleaning tool), concerns were voiced about the use of warming lamps when there is low demand (how long is food under a lamp), and access to food in the evening.
 - How are allergies taken into consideration? Is ServSafe certification required?

Annual Goals

- Reviewed Annual Goals
 - Continue to identify outdated information on the website. Members will focus on their own areas' web presence. If you copy Debbie Juneja and/or Stephanie Banks and they are willing to track the updates.
 - Need to draft a communication or check with IT to see if they will send out the steps.
 - Reviewed options for tabling. Looking for dates when other events/activities are happening in the building to increase foot traffic. Schnell Reed Garrett will look at Student Life events and report back.
 - Members agreed to recommend that the incoming council carryover the remaining campus accessibility items since there is a self-study being completed this year
 - Suspended Robert's Rules and received feedback from Ali Fadl on ongoing concerns. Ali will look at:
 - The automatic door openers around the pedestrian bridge
 - Paper towel dispensers have the feed wheel on the mirror side which may be challenging for students using a wheelchair.
 - Facilities did receive a report from the ADA self-study
 - Public Safety and Facilities do regular checks of the door operators and report any deficiencies
 - Universal Design is a factor along with ADA requirements. Everything should be easy to use by everyone.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Follow up with Registrar or Public Safety about how locations are decided for evening classes.

Announcements

Information was shared about the Racial Healing Circles scheduled during Equity Week

Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.