WDCE Council

Monday, November 9, 2026

Zoom

3:00pm – 5:00pm

Attendees:

- Members attending: Zethene Spinner, Angel Griffin, Josefino Sabio, Alexander Galen, Hong Zhang, Nadir Zeblah, Donna Kinerney, Antonio Vidal; Benjamin Gatawa, Rabbee Awan

- Invited Guests: Beverly Coleman, Director TRIO Educational Opportunity Center; Krista Leitch Walker, VP and Chief HR Officer; and Lauren Landau, Director of HRSTM

Call to Order

- The regular meeting was called to order at 3:00PM by Angel Griffin, Chair

Approval of Minutes (Before or after Constituent Concerns)

- Minutes were approved as written.

Constituent Concerns/Word on the Street

- WDCE students get the Monday minutes and other communications – do they not get the college-wide updates?
- Access to photocopies for WDCE students? Where is that? Can students be aware of these and the fees?
- Learn more about marketing plans for WDCE
- Can instructors who drive to work be compensated?
- Concern with new policy on early registration?

Chair's Report

- Angel Griffin, Chair, reviewed a number of upcoming activities.
  - Governance Effectiveness Report – join a focus group
  - Academic Supports showcase this month
  - Be sure to do your open enrollment by 11/13
  - Use your leave by December 18
  - Required training due 3/26
  - Process to retiring of Blackboard
  - Process for constituent concerns
  - Flu shots this month
  - African American Health Program wellness event 11/10 11-2pm on RV campus
  - Help with the mobile market and tell people in November
  - Café MC now has on the go menu

Unfinished Business

- Review of our goal: “Identify institutional barriers that make it difficult for students to move between Beyond Credit and credit programs or apply prior learning toward a credential, and recommend opportunities for improvement.”

- Next step is to create a survey to ask about issues to present next meeting, the council unanimously voted to move forward with this

New Business

Angel Griffin, Chair, requested that people have proxies if they can’t attend

Next meeting

- Alexis Medina from Raptor Central
- Another guest on WDCE scholarships

Kimberly Myers, Vice President for the Future of Work and Economic Mobility

- Academic Master Plan Showcases – have your voice heard
- Participate in Professional Development
- Germantown Chamber of Commerce on data centers on GT campus 11/19
- Discussed her plan for her role and offered to send the PowerPoint

Beverly Coleman, Director TRIO Educational Opportunity Center:

- Goal is to increase the number of low-income and/or first-generation students in postsecondary education.
- Discussed eligibility requirements – students fill out an application
- Explained the services provided to help students to be able to meet their academic goals
- They are in different locations during the week and work in partnership with other organizations.
- https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/special-programs/trio-programs-at-mc/educational-opportunity-center.html

Krista Leitch Walker, VP and Chief HR Officer and Lauren Landau, Director of HRSTM

- Why don’t WDCE instructors get COLAs
- Currently looking into it to create a more efficient and consistent system– will invite them back in January

Presidential Report

- Angel Griffin, Chair of WDCE Governance Council reported on the list of announcements and upcoming events and activities.

Rabbee Awan made a motion at 4:15pm that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded and passed with unanimous support.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:15pm

Respectfully submitted by
Alexander Galen, WDCE Council Secretary