

# MC GOVERNANCE

## College Council Meeting #4

### Minutes

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

2:30 – 4:30 PM

CT S108

*Members Present:* Cathy Giovannetti, Tracey Smith-Bryant, Byron Jamison, Dorothy Umans, Joel Levine, Shane Doyle, Christina Devlin, Dan Santore, Richard Cerkovnik, Steve Taylor, Surayya Johnson, and Tracee Matthias

*Absent Members:* Nicolas Leger, Shweta Sen

*Guests:* Angie Moy, Julie Weber, Sandra Filippi, Susan Madden

*Liaisons:* Brad Pabian, Clevette Ridguard

### **Call to Order**

Chair Cathy Giovannetti called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm. The meeting was recorded for internal use.

### **Constituent Concerns/Comments**

No constituent concerns/comments presented.

### **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

The agenda was approved as written, and the minutes were approved with minor changes.

### **Annual Ombuds Report**

Julie Weber presented the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ombuds report. She reported that employee visitors came from all Montgomery College departments with the exception of part-time faculty. She also reported overall employee visits increased from around 3 to 4% up to 7%, some of which were repeat visits. However, the 3 top concerns were:

- Evaluative relationships
  - Supervisor leadership and management skills.
  - Peer relationships inside and outside of their respective departments.
- Weber has 3 recommendations that she believes will help as Ombuds continues to grow:
- To commit to ensuring that employees are fulfilling the expectations of ethics and civility.

- Commit to regular communication with employee and employer.
- Commit to getting the help needed to provide timely access to Ombuds Services.  
(For more information visit: [montgomerycollege.edu/ombuds](http://montgomerycollege.edu/ombuds) and view the long report.)

### **Facilities Update- Sandra Filippi**

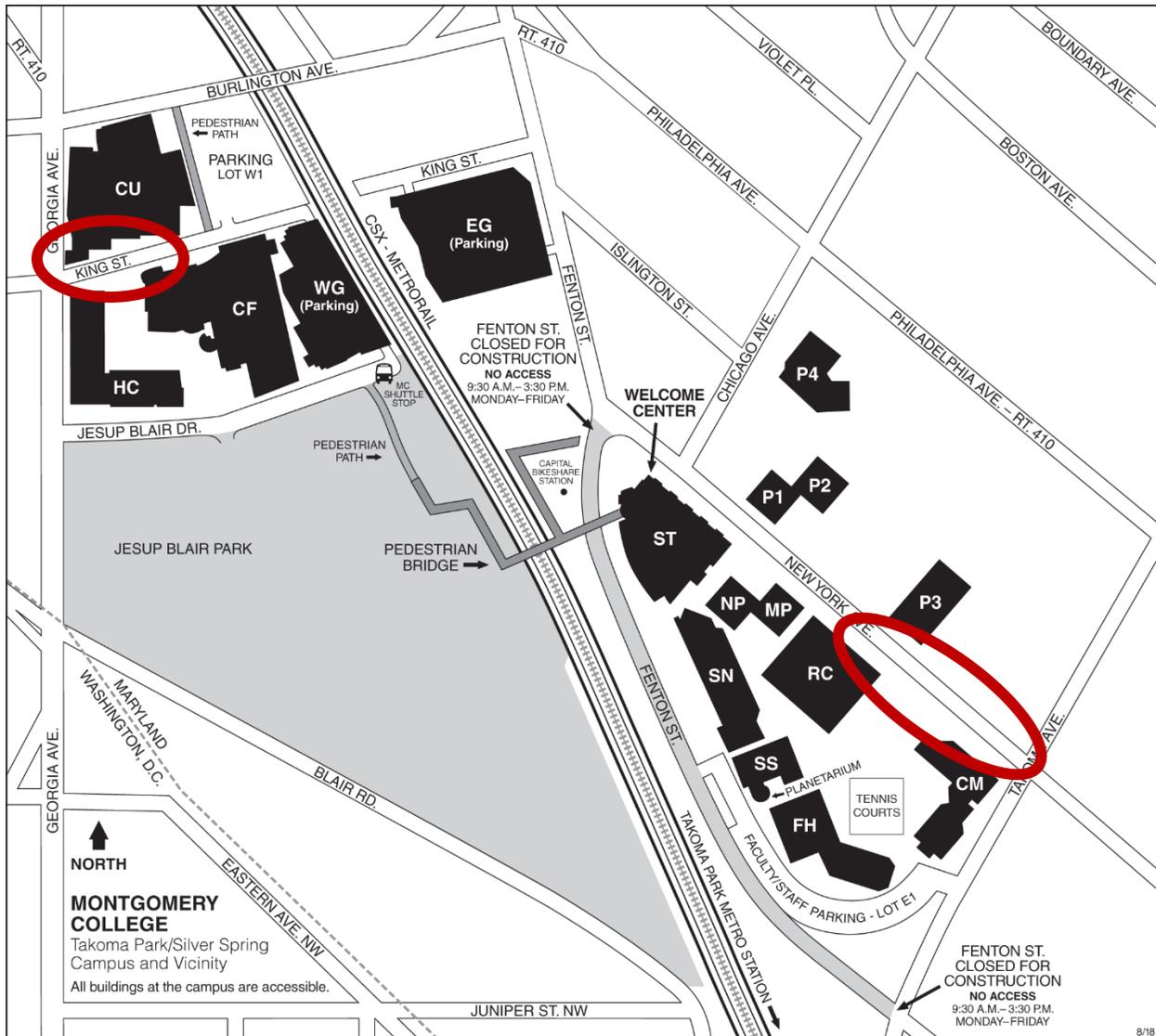
Facilities master plan is being developed with the” one college” thought process in mind. The following updates were shared:

- Germantown campus is renovating and has renamed the Science and Applied studies building. The new name is Student Affairs and Science building. This will be completed in late spring of 2019.
- Rockville is building a new Student Services building that will be completed in fall 2019.
- Takoma Park Silver Spring campus will be building a new library commons in pavilion 4.
- There is an online Facilities project request form that can be filled out if there is an item that needs attention. Contact the Facilities department for further information.

### **Council Constituent Item Share**

Here are the following Council Constituent concerns:

- Health and wellness, for example: if you go to the gym you can get reimbursement. However, if you take yoga you will not receive reimbursement. Only basic gym membership and not studios.
- Class cancelation, and how it affects students trying to take classes they need within a semester.
- Concerns with the complexity of how financial aid works, for example: if a student loses a class that cannot be replaced, the question arises; will the student lose their financial aid?
- Concern about designated uber drop off space located at King Street and Georgia Avenue, it creates a bottleneck. The issue is that King Street and Georgia Avenue are county streets and constituents want to know how to get the county to look into this issue.
- The concern expressed about pedestrian and motor vehicle safety on New York Avenue. Motorists are not using campus designated drop-off areas and are instead stopping on New York Avenue closer to Takoma Avenue and are creating hazardous conditions for pedestrians and other vehicles navigating the area due to the construction detours.



- Some of the handicap doors do not work, and constituents want some system in place to regularly check on these doors.
- There is some concern with the lack of gender-neutral restrooms. Students want to know if there will be additional gender-neutral restrooms. Also, students want to be sure that gender-neutral restrooms are included in the construction of new buildings.
- Student concern with the water filtration systems in a couple of the Takoma Park Silver Spring buildings. They would like to know when it will be installed and will they have an alternative in place in the meantime.
- Faculty would like clarification on a requirement to keep the doors closed during class. This concern was raised after a member of public safety interacted with an instructor during class.
- The concern with the reliability of intercampus mail delivery.

- The concern with the 2-factor authentication and the potential interference with personal devices and signal interference when trying to receive the option of a text or phone call.

### **Chair Report**

Cathy Giovannetti reported the following:

- 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly Senior Vice President Meeting took place today, and College Council will follow up with a report on that meeting.
- Montgomery College 2025 forums taking place. One with B.O.T and the business community this past Monday at Takoma Park.
- 3 policies and procedures out for public comment on safety and security, and volunteers and compensation.
- Goals due by the end of this month, email them to College Council and copy Cathy Giovannetti.

### **Announcements and Future Agenda Items**

- A Be Our Guest concert against hate will take place November 8, 2018, at the Kennedy Center. For more information email [patrica.rupert@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:patrica.rupert@montgomerycollege.edu)
- Council Constituent item share will continue with the rest of concerns next meeting

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 pm.

*Recorder/notetaker – Opal S. Juarez*

*Summited by Tracey Smith-Bryant  
College Council Secretary*