

MC GOVERNANCE

Montgomery College
College Council Meeting #12 Minutes
Tuesday, April 13, 2021
1 – 3 PM
Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Present: Dr. Tracey Smith-Bryant (Chair), Shakenna Adams-Gormley (Vice-chair), Tonya Baker (Secretary), Christine Crefton, Ed Riggs, Transcie Almonte-Sabio, Dr. Eric Benjamin, Rebecca Adegeye, Michael Leblanc, Dr. Benita Rashaw, Colleen Dolak, Kimberly Jones, Timothy Kirkner

Absent: Dr. David Torain

Proxy: Natasha Sacks (proxy for David Torain)

Guests: Dr. DeRionne Pollard, Yvette Taylor, Dr. Kevin Long, Dr. Monica Brown, Dr. Meghan Gibbons, Dr. Michelle Scott, Heba Asfari, Amy Bisle, Christi Mathis, Dontavies Newton, David Obajemu, Osbert Omage, Shannon Van, Dana Walker, Maria Luisa Zilli Vieira Timborim, Amanda Darr, Teri Hurst, Elizabeth Ridings, Erik Swanson, John Hamman, Maria Adams Davidson, Norberto Gomez, Rachel Bonaparte, Regina DiMedio Marrazza, Angie Moy, Charmaine Weston.

Liaison: Dr. Steve Cain

Governance Director: Dr. Clevette Ridguard

Call to Order

There is a quorum to conduct business. Chair Tracey Smith-Bryant called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. The meeting was recorded for internal use only.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The agenda was approved as written. The minutes for March 23, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

Montgomery College Post-Pandemic

Dr. DeRionne Pollard, College President

- Many things happening and changing due to pandemic – need to prepare and shape own future
 - Focus on student centric opportunities and be thoughtful about how the College reaches and expands our mission
 - Think about the safety of our students
 - Focus on customer service – relationship with students; how we treat our peers and colleagues; how we serve those who come to us from outside of the College

- Focus on equity and inclusion
- Think about how to remove barriers and make things simpler
- Think about how to centralize today's students in operational reform
- Flattening decision-making to the level of opportunity
- Professional development – no one who wants to work should be left behind
- 12 initiatives of the institution – Dr. Steve Cain will send out document for feedback
 - Ready College spaces for return to buildings
 - Enhance safety net with investment in SHaW Center
 - Empowering students not eligible for financial aid
 - Establish standards and improve customer procedures and practices
 - Implement registration software for WDCE
 - Improve registration process for all students
 - Implement customer relations management system
 - Enable MC employees to be technology-proof, technology innovators
 - Revamp employee onboarding and professional development focus for post-pandemic workplace
 - Establish a single workforce point of contact
 - Launch East County Center
 - Launching online campus – hybrid institution
- Will talk to BOT about the initiatives on Monday
- Please share information with constituents and gather feedback
- Question – What's your overall impression about the recent legislative actions in Annapolis?
 - Pleased that the cade formula was fully funded
 - Collective bargaining bill – lots of conversations occurring across the state
 - Received additional funding for Leggett Building (TPSS Campus)
- Question – What's your thought about maintaining mindset for the “third wave of workforce pandemic”?
 - Important to learn from different industries
 - Figure out how to lead conversation and contribute to a broader dialogue

Student Panel

- Introduced student panel
- What have you appreciated the most during the remote learning period at MC?
 - Quick solution for pandemic
 - Learned to appreciate personal connections made MC
 - Effort from Student Life to hold various events
 - New vaccination site
 - Connection with teachers and other students
 - Coming together as a community
 - Multiple options/different ways of assessment
 - Flexibility of the College
 - 7-week courses
 - Support and resources provided to students
 - Study halls
 - Understanding professors
 - Not canceling sport season

- What is one thing you would like to see changed or improved at MC?
 - Anxiety in regard to online proctoring – monitor exam without invading privacy
 - Zoom 101 webinars for faculty for better engagement with students
 - Internships at MC – list of what students can apply for
 - Speakers at events/meetings – many students may not be informed – need single place to post announcements
 - Lack of communication from some professors
 - Some professors don't inform students about their office hours
 - Learned to handle overload of information
 - Review syllabus to make sure it is up-to-date and not vague, upload material on blackboard if references are made to supplemental materials, designated space for list of speakers
 - Some professors still have difficulty with technology – suggested need for more training
 - Do more for international students – financial aid, resources, etc.
 - Nursing program at Rockville or Germantown Campus
 - Male in nursing
- ASC will be hearing from a guest speaker to the concern about online proctoring at next meeting.
 - Encouraged to attend meeting to bring forth any concerns regarding academic services
- Question – Would you prefer online or on-campus?
 - Mixture/hybrid
- Question – How many who want 7-week classes?
 - Depends on the class
- A student brought forth a concern about being out sick for 3 days but only given 1 day to make up the work.
 - Will follow up
- Students expressed gratitude for all the leadership, faculty and staff.
- All members of the College are welcome to attend any council meetings.
 - For more information, please check out [governance website](#).

How do I do that? Video Presentation

Dr. Benita Rashaw, Chair of Student Services & Success Council

- Showed video – guidance on how to find resources
- Will continue goal in next academic year
- Will post and share with students
- Any feedback is welcomed

Chair's Report

The College Council Chair provided the following information and updates:

- BOT Invite on 4/19 – briefing after today's meeting
- Council Chairs goal update/progress report on 4/27
- [Dr. Pollard's State of College Address](#) – 4/14 at 11am
- MC Students Popcorn with Pollard – For questions, contact [Dr. Benita Rashaw](#).
Dates: 4/23 at 11am-12pm; 5/5 at 3-4pm
- Overcoming Financial Obstacles Series
 - “Equitable Presents: Share the Love Estate Planning” – 4/19 at 11am
 - “TIAA Presents: The Starting Line: Beginning to Save for Retirement” – 5/5 at 12pm

- Mental Health Education Series
 - “FSAP Presents: Counseling and Therapy, Demystified” – 4/29 at 2pm
 - “Anxiety and Depression with Stephanie Will” – 5/18 at 12pm
- [MC Library Faculty Select](#)
- Student Talent Show – 4/15 at 7pm
- ["Cost of Resistance," Holocaust Family Story](#) – 4/23 at 10:30am
- [Montgomery Can Code Summer Camp](#) – registration starts this month

Governance Information and College Council Chair Election (2021-2022)

Dr. Clevette Ridguard, Governance Director

- Governance Elections – 1,943 people participated in the elections
 - Will send out results before 5/1 – invite new members to May meeting
- Reviewed Bylaws – College Council Chair can serve two consecutive 1-year terms.
- Thanked Dr. Tracey Smith-Bryant for her hard work and great contribution.
 - Tracey expressed that it was a very valuable and enlightening experience.
- Nominations for AY21-22 College Council Chair
 - Kimberly Jones – Ed Riggs nominated and Almonte-Sabio seconded
 - Shakenna Adams-Gormley – Tonya Baker nominated and Colleen Dolak seconded
- Council members voted and elected Kimberly Jones as the next College Council Chair.

Constituent Concerns

- Transcie Almonte-Sabio brought forth a concern from WDCE regarding only being able to see WDCE nominees for governance elections.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03pm.