

# MC GOVERNANCE

Montgomery College  
College Council Meeting #1  
Minutes

Tuesday, September 12, 2023  
1:00 – 3:00 PM  
Zoom

## Attendees

*Present:* Shakenna Adams – Gormley (Chair), Paul Miller (Vice-chair), Tilandra Rhyne (Secretary), Christine Crefton, Ernest Cartledge, Akima Rogers, Anestine Theophile-LaFond, Nghi Nguyen, Jefferson Vasquez Reyes, Matthew Wilson, Amanda Darr, Katherine Goldstein, Rabbee Aaker, Paul Miller, Matthew Wilson, Rabbee Awan

*Absent:* None

*Proxy:* None

*Guests:* Dr. Jermaine F. Williams, Lisannie Montilla, Sherwin Collette, Dr. Muhammad Kehnemouyi, Dr. Michelle Scott, Dr. Melissa Gregory, Dr. Michelle Campbell, Dr. Brad Stewart, Maria Adams, Sergio Washington, Angie Moy, Dr. Carolyn Terry, Dianne Cherry

*Liaison:* Dr. Stephen D. Cain

*Governance Director:* Dr. Clevette Ridguard

## Call to Order

There was a quorum to conduct business. Shakenna Adams - Gormley (Chair) called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

## Constituent Concerns

Jefferson Vasquez-Reyes (Student Council Chair) brought forth a concern.

1. Air conditioner on the shuttle buses during the month of August and early September when it was a heat advisory the system was not working. Several students complained it felt like they were in a Sauna. He would like to make sure that the shuttle busses are at adjusting the airflow while in operation.
2. Policy for clubs that requires advisors at all meetings on the Germantown and Takoma Park/Silver Spring campuses. Students are concerned because they are not able to have meetings without a Staff/Advisor present. The concern presents a problem for Student Life events. The students would like to know if there is a policy and what can be done to re-evaluate the process going forward.
3. Student Government Association brought forth a concern to the Student Council pertaining Metz extending their hours on the Takoma Park Silver Spring campus to

service the staff and students in the evening. Hours were to be extended to 5pm, but has not happened to date; the facility is still closing early. In addition, they are concerned with the status of the student menu and when will it be available for the students with the adjusted menu pricing.

4. Can at least one (1) non-binary restroom be installed on campus for students on each campus – Rockville, Germantown and Takoma Park/Silver Spring.
- ❖ These concerns have been noted and they will be discussed at the next College Council meeting.

### **Approval of Agenda**

There was a motion to amend the agenda striking to remove number #6 (Strategic Plan FY24 Supporting Strategies – Dr. Stephen Cain, Chief of Staff and Chief Strategy Officer) the amendment voted and approved by the College Council.

### **Presidential Remarks** (*Dr. Jermaine F. Williams, President*)

Dr. Jermaine F. Williams thanked the College Council and expressed his appreciation for the entire governance component. He welcomed the new members to the council and expressed how valuable their voice is to the College Community. He shared his appreciation for governance members' dedication and hard work. He stated your voice has impact. He emphasized the college's second strategic goal of creating a sense of belonging for everyone here at the college, stressing the role governance plays in helping the college advance in our goals and how the work of the governance system has a huge impact on our students. He shared this is the first year of implementing the new strategic plan, reiterating the goals, which include (1)enhancing connections between Montgomery College and our Community, (2)cultivating a sense of belonging, (3)enhancing organizational and educational effectiveness, and (4) increasing economic impact for our students and our community, noting that each goal strengthens our mission: "Montgomery College is where students discover their passions and unlock their potential to transform lives, enrich the community and change the world".

He stated each of the College Council members has a role in helping to achieve our mission and strategic plan goals. He shared the transformational aspirations the college seeks to accomplish (1) access – creating a college-going culture, (2) completion – ensuring economic, social, and community impact, and (3) post completion success – transforming lives. As a collective, we will continue to advance our college and use these opportunities as leverage to create social transformation. Dr. Jermaine F. Williams again thanked the College Council in their endeavors towards the aspirations to help Montgomery College reach our goals. In closing he announced his upcoming Town Hall via zoom on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 3:00 pm it will be recorded. He stated questions can be sent in advance to the Town Hall page in MYMC or asked during the Town Hall. Dr. Jermaine F. Williams stated he looks forward to visiting throughout the year.

### **Chair's Remarks** (*Shakenna Adams - Gormley, Chair*)

Shakenna Adams – Gormley presented a PowerPoint presentation of the Montgomery Colleges upcoming events and important dates. To view the details of the report please visit the Governance Blackboard Community.

### **Governance Training Recap** *(Dr. Clevette Ridguard, Governance Director)*

Dr. Clevette Ridguard welcomed everyone to the fall semester and shared feedback from the governance training, highlighting the high attendance from the new and returning members, as well as the senior leadership who joined. She shared that survey results revealed that participants saw the value of the training and the opportunity to meet new and returning members, that the training was very useful, and the information shared helped members in understanding their roles and understanding participatory governance and how it works. Dr. Ridguard shared a PowerPoint presentation to view the details visit the Governance Blackboard Community under the training 2023 folder.

### **SHaW Center and Mobile Markets Update** *(Sergio Washington, Student Affairs Initiatives Program Manager)*

Sergio Washington shared an overview of Mobile Market and the important of their mission, he encouraged the members to get involved, and to adopt a Mobile Market Day to help support SHaW Center efforts. To learn more about the Montgomery College's Fuel for Success Campaign or for more information about the SHaW Center, please visit [montgomerycollege.edu/shaw-center](http://montgomerycollege.edu/shaw-center), or contact [shawcenter@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:shawcenter@montgomerycollege.edu) or Sergio Washington at 240-567-4389.

### **2023 Your Voice, Your MC – Employee Experience and Climate Survey Results**

#### **Discussion**

*(Dr. Paul Miller, College Council Vice Chair)*

Dr. Paul Miller pulled 3 questions from the Your Voice Your MC survey pertaining to participatory governance to engage the College Council in group discussion about ways to improve governance. The 3 questions focused on (1) Building Collaboration, (2) Strengthening Trust in Leadership, and (3) Manager Effectiveness / Performance Management. Council members chose one of the three rooms based on the three focus areas to discuss the questions and provide feedback. Dr. Paul Miller ask the note taker to send him their discussion information he will follow up with the College Council the results at their next meeting.

#### **Council Goals Discussion** All College Council Members

Shakenna Adams-Gormley, Chair shared the SMARTIE goal template document that shows the goal structure. The College Council goal for 2023-2024 will align with the goals of the Strategic Plan.

Some ideas presented included communications and marketing about governance, developing a deeper awareness of what governance is, what work has it done, and how that work has impacted the college, increase student and employee participation on councils and governance committees. The College Council member were asked to send any ideas to, the College Council Leadership Team (Shakenna Adams-Gormley, Paul Miller and Tilandra Rhyne), or the College Council email address. The goal discussion will be finalized at the next College Council meeting.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.