

MC GOVERNANCE

Montgomery College
College Council Meeting #10
Minutes

Tuesday, March 05, 2024
1:00 – 3:00 PM
Zoom

Attendees

Present: Shakenna Adams-Gormley, Dr. Paul Miller (Vice-chair), Tilandra Rhyne (Secretary), Akima Rogers, Amanda Darr, Dr. Anestine Theophile-LaFond, Katie Goldstein, Nghi Nguyen, Ernest Cartledge, Matt Wilson, Rabbee Awan

Absent: Jefferson Vasquez Reyes, Brenda Knopp, Dr. Christine Crefton

Proxy: Anestine Theophile-LaFond for (Brenda Knopp), Ramon De La Cruz for (Dr. Cristine Crefton)

Guests: Dr. Jermaine F. Williams, Dr. Stephen Cain, Dr. Michelle Campbell, Dr. Monica Brown, Dr. Deidre Price, Dr. Meghan Gibbons, Dr. Debbie Van Camp, Dr. Sharon Fechter, Angie Moy, Sherwin A. Collette, Kimberly Jones, Elysse Meredith, Pamela Wessells, Alexis Medina, Edith Bonilla, Shamiya Butler, Ramon De La Cruz

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.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes *(Tilandra Rhyne, College Council Secretary)*

Nghi Nguyen made a motion to approve the amended agenda as written and Dr. Anestine Theophile-LaFond seconded the motion. The agenda was approved as written. The minutes for February 27, 2024, meeting will be approved at our next meeting on March 26, 2024.

Constituent Concerns

1. Tilandra Rhyne brought forth a constituent concern regarding students paying external companies to take their examinations. The Department of Biology (RV) has identified a concerning trend where students have employed external companies to take their examinations through Examyty, compromising academic integrity. Entities like Bestonlineclassassistance.com, Nerdhire.co, and Toponlineclasshelpers.com have been implicated in these practices. Dr. Mike Mills engaged with one of these companies, discovering that they provide a service where an expert takes exams on behalf of students using remote access software. The Examyty recording revealed instances where such software was briefly accessed during exams, indicating potential cheating. The gravity of this issue is significant, threatening the integrity of the institution and the genuine learning process. Collaboration with Faculty Council is sought to implement measures to prevent such cheating at Montgomery College.
2. Akima Rogers raised a constituent concern regarding the College's distribution list and email etiquette, specifically addressing inappropriate emails sent to the College community. The query revolves around whether there is a mechanism to filter or vet these emails before they are distributed to the College's distribution list.
3. Rabbee Awan brought forth a constituent concern regarding Staff Enrichment Day. Employees would like to confirm the location of the Rockville Campus. More information will be sent out via email to finalize the location and all the activities for the day.
4. Nghi Nguyen raised constituent concern regarding the College's restrictive policy on personal leave usage for employees. Currently, personal leave can be used for specific purposes such as religious observance, an appointment with a lawyer, or to purchase a home, but not for volunteering, servicing their vehicle, except for emergency, voting, political activities, or weather conditions. Employees are interested in proposing an expansion of acceptable uses for personal leave, particularly advocating for its use in volunteering or voting activities.

All concerns are noted, Paul Miller will keep a record of them to follow up with the College Council later.

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

Dr. Jermaine F. Williams addressed the College Council, expressing excitement for the upcoming Spring semester and events. He thanked the Council for their leadership within the Participatory Governance system and announced his attendance at Staff Enrichment Day to greet and thank staff for their service. Dr. Williams highlighted the celebration of Women's History Month and praised MC student, Malika Masson, a Century Transfer Pathway Scholar, and member of the all-U.S.A. Academic team. He acknowledged the Montgomery College community for supporting students like Mason in achieving their goals. Dr. Williams mentioned Professor Rebecca Portis' trip to South Africa to enhance teaching and learning at the college, as well as discussions on post-completion success at a Town Hall meeting. The college's participation in the Greater Washington Partnership co-lab to address regional labor market challenges was also noted. Dr. Williams emphasized the importance of developing a diverse workforce pipeline and thanked those involved in convening representatives from local Chambers of Commerce. He highlighted ongoing advocacy efforts at the State and County levels and thanked everyone for their support. Dr. Williams concluded by wishing everyone a rejuvenating Spring Break.

Chair's Report (*Shakenna Adams-Gormley, College Council Chair*)

Shakenna Adams – Gormley welcomed all the guests that each of the Council members brought to the meeting. Shakenna Adams - Gormley presented a PowerPoint presentation of the upcoming college events and important dates. To view the details of the report please visit the Governance Blackboard community.

SVP AA/College Provost (*Dr. Deidre Price, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs/College Provost*)

To view the details of the presentation please visit the Governance Blackboard community.

Strategic Plan Update (*Dr. Debbie Van Camp, Director of Planning and Policy*)

To view the details of the presentation please visit the Governance Blackboard community.

Constituency Introductions and Chair Update (*Shakenna Adams-Gormley, College Council Chair*)

Shakenna Adams-Gormley welcomed guests to the College Council, emphasizing its commitment to engaging with the College community and providing a platform for concerns. Appreciation was expressed for participation in the meeting. Council Chairs introduced their constituents: Ernest Cartledge introduced Pamela Wessells, Germantown registrar; Tilandra Rhyne introduced Shamiya Butler, nursing program administrative aide; Matt Wilson introduced Edith Bonilla, program assistant for non-credit nursing programs (WDCE); and Shakenna Adams-Gormley introduced Alexis Medina, financial aid counselor.

Constituency Concerns Tracking Report Update (*Dr. Paul Miller, College Council Vice Chair*) Update TBD

Announcements & Adjournment (*Shakenna Adams-Gormley, College Council Chair*)

- Reminder for the council chairs to check the governance website to make sure there are no missing agenda or meeting minutes.
- Please check the latest governance council's roster to update your members. Elections and nominations are built with the existing roster. Nominations are open until March 8^h and Elections are April 1st – April 12th.
- Governance Awareness Day is Thursday, February 15th on all campuses including the CT building.
- Women's Basketball game this evening at 6 PM on the Rockville Campus, Montgomery College vs Howard Community College please come out and support.
- Dr. Jermaine F. Williams State of the College Address on April 3rd, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. location TBD.
- Innovate to Drive Equitable Access and Success conversation with Rosie Allen-Herring, Tuesday, March 19th, 2024, coffee at 9:30 a.m. conversation is at 10:00 a.m. on the Takoma Park Silver/Spring Campus, Cultural Arts Center, Theatre 2.

Shakenna Adams-Gormley requested a motion for the meeting to end. Dr. Anestine Theophile-LaFond made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tilandra Rhyne second the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.