

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE
Faculty Council
April 17, 2025

Attendees

- **Members present:** Amanda Darr, Megan Van Wagoner , Miriam Zemen, Alla Webb, Stephanie Landon, Joseph Stumpf, Anestine Theophile-LaFond, Diego Hernandez, Linda Robinson, Brenda Knopp , Brandon Wallace, Harry Singleton, , Tamesha Robinson (proxy Amanda Darr), Pierre Harges, Kimberly Driver, Antonio Del Castillo-Olivares (Anestine Theophile-LaFond until 12:20pm)
- **Proxies present:** Pierre Harges/ Marianne Wysong (Anestine representing), Tamesha Robinson (proxy Amanda),
- **Members absent:** Mohammad Ghaedi, Sherrie Carroll,
- **Guests:** Carolyn Terry, Sally McClean, Yevette Taylor, Daniel Umana (speaker), Stacey Gustavson (speaker)
- **Council Liaison:** Dr. Price (Proxy Carolyn Terry)
- **Governance Director:** Clevette Ridguard

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Amanda Darr, co-chair. There was a quorum to conduct governance business.

Approval of the Agenda / Minutes

The agenda for today's April 17 meeting was approved. Motion by Joseph Stumpf , seconded by Harry Singleton.

The Minutes for April 3 were approved with edits. Motion by Anestine Theophile-LaFond, seconded by Diego Hernandez. This meeting was recorded for internal use only.

Constituent Concerns

At this time, guests were invited to speak by Brenda Knopp

- Brenda Knopp reported back regarding question about release time for some courses for Blackboard Ultra course conversion/development.
- No new constituent concerns were presented.

Co-Chair's Report: Co-Chair's report presented by Co-Chair Amanda Darr.

Highlighted general announcement from the college community. The full report is attached to the minutes.

Academic Affairs Updates: presented by Dr. Terry on behalf of Dr. Price

- The AMP (**Academic Master Plan**) Goals
 - Serving every student through academic advising
 - Designing programs and pathways to meet students' needs
 - Accelerating learning through student-centered teaching
 - Preparing our students for life beyond MC
- Premises About MC Students
- Guiding Assumption
- Observations and Opportunities
- Today's Invitations to the Council
 - **Reflect** on the goals and strategies of the Academic Master Plan
 - **Consider** how the strengths and assets in program offerings and operations show up in the plan as drafted
 - **Offer questions and make recommendations** related to how the AMP might further build capacity and scope of impact for program offerings across the College's full range of educational programs to maximize benefit to all students
- Serving Every Student Through Academic Advising
- Designing Programs and Pathways to Meet Student Needs
- Accelerated Learning Through Student-Centered Teaching
- Preparing Our Students for Life Beyond MC
- Thank You and Next Steps
 - Feedback has been gathered from all academic divisions, with continued contributions from all areas reflected in revisions under development
 - Alignment with the Student Enrollment Plan in Student Affairs is ongoing
 - Cabinet review is upcoming prior to finalizing the plan
 - Anticipated release to the College community is May
 - Implementation will start in FY26
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Guest Speaker: Stacey Gustavson **Title:** Data-informed recruitment and student support services

- Enhance the Onboarding Experience
- Provide Targeted Engagement
- Helping Students Navigate Credit & Noncredit Pathways

Campus Reports

- TPSS Faculty Senate– Presented by Anestine Theophile-LaFond
 - Recruitment for new members is ongoing
 - We had a productive conversation with food services to enhance healthy food options on the TP/SS campus. Our goal is to provide healthy, affordable meals for students and faculty on both sides of the campus.
- Rockville Faculty Senate – Presented by Antonio Del Castillo-Olivares

Group is working on the leadership
We had an amazing meeting: three speakers presented.

- Germantown Faculty Senate – Presented by Anestine Theophile-LaFond
 - Met once, next meeting is scheduled for 4/25/2025

Committee Reports * See Supporting Documents for full reports

- **General Education Standing Committee (GEC): Presented by Kimberly Driver**
General Education Committee Group presented at the conference.
General Education showcase on 4/11 was well attended.
Gen Ed Committee has one opening. A candidate will be presented on 5/1/2025

- **College-wide Curriculum Committee (CCC): Harry Singleton**

Catalog went live on 4/14/25

Timeline for 2026-2027 catalog will be published inside MC and will be distributed on 4/21/25

Curriculum committee need to fill three vacancies

- 2 members at-large
- 1 member from the Collegewide Workforce Development and Industry Partnerships division

Communication should go to co-chairs of CCC to indicate the interest.

Email to ccc@montgomerycollege.edu or to co-chairs

Next Meeting is on 4/18/25

- **Academic Regulations Committee (Regs): Diego Hernandez**

- I surveyed the committee to identify vacancies for next year. There will be three vacancies next year:

- Full-time counseling faculty, Rockville
- Full-time instructional faculty, Rockville
- Full-time instructional faculty, Germantown

People should email to diego.hernandez@montgomerycollege.edu

- We nearly finished work on AR 3 (Evaluation and Acceptance of Credit). There are still a few loose ends to tie up, so this regulation is not yet ready for Faculty Council. I anticipate presenting it at the final Faculty Council meeting of the semester.

- We began discussing AR 1 (Admission to Montgomery College). The committee received a charge asking us to add prerequisites to certain courses for visiting students, who currently only need a “Permission to Enroll” form to enroll in classes at Montgomery College.

Guest Speaker: Daniel Umana **Title:** Digital Learning Center: How we can support our students

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/campus/reshaping-assessment-outsmart-ai>
daniel.umana@montgomerycollege.edu

Faculty Council Business:

- Other Business
 - Anestine Theophile-LaFond

ADJOURNMENT:

- Motion by Diego, seconded by Brenda Knopp. Motion to adjourn at 1:53pm.

**Any presentations or supporting documents shared at this meeting will be available on the Faculty Council AY 2024-2025 Teams site.*

Meeting adjourned at 1:53 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Alla Webb, Faculty Council Secretary