

MC GOVERNANCE

GERMANTOWN CAMPUS COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 24, 2023; 10:04 am – 11:32 am

Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Present: Amanda Darr, Tonya Addleman, Joanna Kilby, Kiersten Newtoff, Brandon Mollock, Katie Mount, Marcus Peanort, Nichole Land, Kayla Yost, Patricia Robinson

Guests: Fizie Haleem, Sally McClean, Clevette Ridguard, Tamila Urumbaeva, Certitude Lembion, Ruth Goyes, Katharine Campos, Yvette Taylor

Absent: John Billos

Liaison: Muhammad Kehnemouyi

Call to Order

There is a quorum to conduct business. The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by the chair.

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

The agenda and minutes were approved as written. The meeting was recorded for internal use only.

Provost's Report-Muhammad Kehnemouyi

1. On March 11, 2023, Adventure in Science Parent's Day event in GT occurred. This event generates interest in STEM for grades 3-9. There were over 300 attendees.
2. On March 14, 2023, the high school Cyber Forensic Challenge event took place on the GT campus. Over 250 students participated in this event.
3. On February 11, 2023, the Maryland Science Olympiad occurred at GT with over 400 students participating.
4. On March 28, 2023, a book discussion of "The Big Bang of Numbers" which is a mathematical discussion of the universe will occur on the GT campus in Globe Hall. The event is scheduled for 5pm.
5. On March 30, 2023, a data science discussion across the disciplines will occur in person on the Rockville campus with a virtual component for participants at other locations. The event is scheduled for 2pm.
6. On April 4-6, a group of 25 middle schoolers will be on the GT campus having STEM experiences, so do not be alarmed, these students are being supervised.
7. The new Student Services building did not receive the requested state funding for FY24 to begin the design phase. There is currently state advocacy going on to try to get this funding. As of now, this project is not currently funded.

Student Thoughts/Q & A

Tamila Urumbaeva is a cyber security major at MC, plans to transfer to UMGC to finish BS degree in the spring. She is already accepted.

1. Current Cyber Club member
2. Involved in STEM Ambassador program
3. Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society member

She is trying to be involved in as many events as possible on campus. She has taken all formats of classes and enjoys them all, but Distance Education classes are more challenging because of the lack of instructor contact. This student likes multiple contact formats with the college, specifically MC email, Instagram, and social media. She uses the library and writing center as well as the cyber club and lab in GT to assist with her labs and homework. This student would like more free or discounted books and access to websites that are needed for her cybersecurity classes. These required materials can be very expensive. Rockville is this student's home campus, and she feels very comfortable going between the two campuses for classes. She prefers in-person student life events. This student will participate in the commencement in May.

Certitude Lembion is a biochemistry major in her last semester.

1. Involved in STEM Ambassador program.
2. Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society member

She has also taken a variety of class formats. Several factors helped her decide which format to choose - the type of class and how the material can be taught in a distance format, as well as if the class is taught in person on her main Takoma Park campus. For example, writing and philosophy work well over zoom, while lab classes are easier in person. She prefers email and social media contact with MC. She follows the student life social media site, but academic information is through the MC email. This student uses the writing, reading, learning center virtually and the STEM center and library in person to assist her with her assignments. She would like more shuttle times between campuses so taking classes between the campuses would be more available. Takoma is this student's home campus, and she has never been to the other campuses due to transportation. She prefers to stay at her home campus. She follows the Takoma student life activities and will participate in virtual events as well. This student will participate in the commencement in May.

Social Resource Program-Katharine Campos (see associated PPT)

1. Katharine Campos is the Social Resource Program coordinator. This is a new program (began in May 2022) under the SHaW Center Umbrella. Her office is in the counseling suite at the Rockville campus.
2. Ruth Goyes is the GT Social Resource Coach. Began her position in November 2022. Her office is SA 240F
3. The Social Resource Program (SRP) is a grant-funded program that can assist at need students who are actively enrolled at MC (the grant does not cover former students or non-enrolled students). This enrollment status includes part-time and WDCE students. There is a resource coach on each of the campuses that a student can be referred to or they can refer themselves.
4. The basic needs of the students that are addressed through this program include food, housing, medical, and mental health issues.
5. Contact information for the program includes:

Katharine Campos: Rockville campus Katharine.Campos@montgomerycollege.edu
240-567-2390

Kayma Freeman: TPSS campus Kayma.Freeman@montgomerycollege.edu 240-567-3905

Ruth Goyes: GT campus Ruth.Goyes@montgomerycollege.edu 240-567-2402

Constituent Concerns/Thoughts

1. Kiersten Newtoff had concerns that the “Apply Now” button on the MC webpage was non-functional and has been for several days. She has pursued this issue with IT with no success. She said Marcus Peanort mentioned that Raptor Central is having issues and Marcus assured us that it is a known issue as of today. The vendor is now working with IT to resolve the problem.

The first MC Narcan Training event-Joanna Kilby

1. On April 27th Montgomery College GT campus will host a college wide Narcan Training and distribution event.
2. MC will be collaborating with the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services to host this event.
3. Participants will be trained in Narcan use and then the county will provide two free doses of Narcan to all participants.
4. A number of community and county organizations will also be at the event to provide additional information on a variety of health topics to the participants.
5. This event is being conducted because there is a growing county concern about fentanyl in Montgomery County. The MCPS system has begun conducting these training sessions with very positive results. MC would like to support the needs of the local community as well.

The Spring Baseball Game event-Tonya Addleman

1. This event will take place on Tuesday, April 4th. The game begins at 2pm, the event will start the pre-game activities at 1:30pm. There is another game at 4pm, but the focus of this event will be the 2pm game. Rain date is April 18th.
2. We are still looking for a National Anthem singer for the event. The preference is for a student performer.
3. Muhammad Kehnemouyi will throw out the first pitch.
4. Marcus Peanort has taken the lead in running the food line for the event.
5. Help is still needed between 1:30pm – 3:30pm to help run the giveaways and other parts of the festivities.
6. Assistance is needed in spreading the word to the students and members of the campus.

Chair Report- Amanda Darr (see associated PPT)

1. Equity Week is April 10-14. The theme is “Culture of Care”

Events can be found at <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/about-mc/equity-and-inclusion/equity-week.html>

2. There are Interpretation and translation services available at MC. If you are interested in gaining access to these services contact Karla Silvestre karla.silvestre@montgomerycollege.edu

3. Safe Zone Trainings scheduled for March 31, April 18 and 28. These are all day events and registration is done through Workday. These are only offered at Rockville for these spring sessions.

4. There are three Policy and Procedure modifications being considered at MC. Please take time to review these on the website and submit feedback by April 7th. <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/policies-and-procedures/index.html>

5. Governance Elections reminder. Elections occur March 29-April 7. <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/about-mc/governance/nominations-and-elections.html>

6. Germantown Mobile Market dates are March 29, and April 26. Markets are from 10am-12pm but volunteers are needed beginning at 9am.

7. Spring Virtual Transfer Fair will occur on March 30th . Over 40 colleges and universities will be in attendance <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/transfer/transfer-events.html>

8. Montgomery College Foundation is looking for two student Board Directors. Submit applications by April 1st to Sandra Arez Sandra.Arez@montgomerycollege.edu

9. College Council is hosting a special Antiracism Training on April 4th, from 2-4:30pm. It is hosted via Zoom. Link will be forthcoming. It is open to all governance members.

10. MC Health Sciences is looking for volunteers to assist with the Mass Casualty Training Exercise on April 29th. Contact Kathy Dayton kathy.dayton@montgomerycollege.edu

11. Information about Commencement: In person event at the Rockville campus on May 19th at 10 am. Graduates may invite 2 guests. Livestreaming will be available and there will be alternate viewing areas on campus.

<https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/events/commencement/>

12. Tonya was highlighted in the HRSTM newsletter this past week. It was noted that she completed over 100 puzzles during the pandemic! It was suggested that a puzzle club be created so people can swap puzzles.

13. The office of Student Life is holding a graduation cap decoration event. Caps and gowns can be purchased at the bookstore. GT event is April 11th from 1-3pm.

14. Next meeting will have the new council members attending. Please get a proxy if you cannot attend.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 am.