

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

Rockville Campus Council

September 19, 2017

Attendees

- Members Present: Lorraine Bryant, Cathy Galasso-Schwartz, Shelly Jablonski (Secretary), Marcella Karp (Chair), Muhammad Kehnemouyi, Nazea Khan, Tim Manik (Vice Chair), Kathleen Robbins, Shawn Roberts, Alvin Trask, Steven Taylor
- Members Absent: Atul Roy, Dr. Kimberly Kelley

Meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

Constituent Concerns

A concern was expressed about the elimination of parking rows/space available in Lot 11. It was discussed that the use of the parking garage is underutilized. It was also mentioned that during the evening hours parking lot attendants have not been seen ticketing vehicles.

Minutes

Motion was made by Cathy Galasso-Schwartz to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and minutes were approved unanimously.

Campus Construction

James Gillis provided information on ongoing and completed Rockville Campus construction projects. Items presented: gateway signage, 3rd entrance signage, Energy Park, RV Library elevator, EZ-H2O water fountains, baby changing stations, remodel of lobby in Campus Center building, and the MBI café. James welcomed any suggestions about updating the 3rd entrance signage. James agreed to look into the possibility of changing the filters in the legacy water fountains.

The new Student Services Building - as of today, MC does not have the permits from the City of Rockville to start construction. Maintaining walkways and accessibility will be a challenge. Construction information and updates will be shared with the college community through multiple communication channels.

Provost's Report (Marcella Karp presented on behalf of Dr. Kimberly Kelley)

- Faculty/Staff dining room will not be converted for student use at this time. It is used by faculty from other campuses when on the RV campus.
- The Student Fitness Center Hours will be expanding in the near future to offer open gym hours. Staff are in the process of being hired. Email sent to campus community

Chair Report

- From May 2017 meeting – a concern was raised that some female patrons felt uncomfortable with men in the pool while they were swimming during open hours. Details have not been worked out yet. Female lifeguards will need to be hired. Marcella Karp will follow-up on this concern
- The Student Senate extended an invitation to attend their scheduled meetings
- Middle States–first visit will occur on October 16 with Dr. Margaret McMEnamin from 1:30 – 2:45. Meeting with Dr. McMEnamin will be by invitation only
- Middle States Team visit will be from March 19-23. Council members may be asked to meet with Middle States Team. While on campus, team members may approach and speak with faculty, staff, and students
- New key requests now go to the Facilities Department

Officer Discussion

A request was put to Council members by Marcella Karp asking for a volunteer to be a Co-Vice Chair with Tim Manik. Cathy Galasso-Schwartz volunteered for the position. Motion made by Tim Manik: Cathy Galasso-Schwartz has volunteered to Co-Vice Chair on the RV Campus Council. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2017-2018 Council Goals

Marcella provided members with the Governance Council Goal Plan sheet and asked us to think about possible goals for this year. It was stated that the first Tuesday of each month will be the RV Council regularly scheduled meeting. The 3rd Tuesday of each month would be an additional meeting time (if necessary) to work on Council issues.

Possible goal plan ideas introduced by members:

(1) Have designated counselors for students

- It was discussed that students currently do have the option of requesting a specific counselor via Starfish
- Concern expressed – a student was advised to take certain classes but then determined/found out that classes advised to take were not the appropriate ones for the major. Individual felt that other students may be finding themselves in the same/similar situation. Discussion continued around ACES, counselors, and academic advisors.
- A recommendation was made that since this is a collegewide issue, and outside the scope of RV Council work, that this concern should be referred to the Student Services and Success Council
- It was recommended that this topic be added to a future agenda for additional discussion on how to handle/refer the mentioned concerns

(2) “Ask Us” activity at the beginning of the semester to help students acclimate to the RV Campus

(3) Compile a list of resources for students (e.g., quiet study spaces on campus, technology available, etc.). It was suggested that the Middle States Working Group 3 may be a source to obtain resource information. The “Services Offered Students” document published by Carol Burbage was also identified as a resource.

Future Agenda Items

James Gillis – RV Campus Construction Updates

Announcements

None

Adjournment

3:25 p.m.

Submitted by Shelly Jablonski, RV Council Secretary