
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

Rockville Campus Council

February 1, 2022

via Zoom

4:00–5:30 p.m.

Attendees

- Members present: Katherine M. Goldstein (Chair), Sullivan Voss (Vice Chair), Jennifer Page (Secretary), Joanne Carl, John Coliton, Andre Ferguson, Lisa Hackley, Justin Hicks, Elizabeth Melanson, Elizabeth Ridings
- Proxies present: None
- Members Absent: Matt Sandee
- Guests: Jason Franklin, Brad Bridges
- Liaison: Dr. Kimberley Kelley
- Governance Director: Dr. Clevette Ridguard

Call to Order

- The regular meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Chair Katherine M. Goldstein. The meeting was recorded for internal use only.

Constituent Concerns

- Early student workers on campus: hoping for longer open hours for the cafeteria, and they really want vending machines back. Printers in the cafeteria – they say that they don't attach to thumb drives and OneDrive. There were also long lines for them, so there may be a need for more of the printers at this location.
 - Brad Bridges: happy to receive any feedback. Email him directly at Bradley.bridges@montgomerycollege.edu. Happy to hear from the students as well.
 - INK has been trying to get all of their machines running, will bring the café printer issue to their attention. The time offline during remote working created issues. If you hear of any more that aren't working properly, let Brad know. Joanne Carl will talk to the students again and email Brad with more detail.
 - Food service: 10am to 2pm Rockville. Brad is monitoring. They will expand the hours if there is traffic in the building. They will also expand the food availability. Any feedback on this, email Brad directly.
 - Vending machines: previous vending partner didn't work out, so they are switching to a new vending partner. They want to expand the availability. Snack machines need to be installed.
 - Bookstores and catering also fall under Brad's supervision.

Provost's Report

- High student vaccine requirement rate, about 90%. 627 students were dropped for noncompliance; each of those students were called individually.
- Increase availability of vaccines and boosters for students and employees.
 - Full day vaccination/booster clinic on Rockville, 10am-7pm
 - Feb 1 and February 7
 - Half-day vaccination/booster clinic on Rockville, 9am-1pm

- Feb 2 and February 9
 - Walk-ins are accepted (no appointments necessary) for employees and students. Community users have to make appointments.
 - Booster requirement: will be required for all employees at some point. Booster situation with students is different, since many have just gotten their vaccines.
 - Fake vaccination cards: company that is used for the student vaccination portal is tied into the state database so the company can verify.
- Successful first weeks here this semester. 58% back on campus due to the student enrollment choices.
- Not a lot of participation for events in-person on campus.
- Friday night, free Orchestra – live in theatre and live streaming go to website: www.montgomerycollege.edu/PAC use code: PWPOMC
- Variety of places available on campus for students to hang out and take virtual classes
 - Lot 4 and the garage have the strongest wi-fi.
 - Student Life: two rooms and the open space have been open for students to study and hang out. It's being used – today, about 10-12 students were there.
- Water fountains availability– when will they be turned back on?
 - Question was brought to James Gillis, and he will bring to the Coronavirus Advisory Team.
 - Water bottle filling stations are still available.
- Green space outside the Student's Services center – can people be on there and can it be used for events?
 - Initially, grass needed to grow so people weren't allowed on it, but students have been asking about whether the space can be used. Dr. Kelley will ask about it.

Chair's Report (Katherine M. Goldstein)

- Two Council member vacancies
 - Part-time faculty
 - Full-time staff
- Mask and vaccine mandate memo
 - Students: documentation due January 7 to verify that they are fully vaccinated
 - Students are encouraged to vaccinate as soon as possible
 - <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/coronavirus/vaccines.html#student>
 - Video on how to submit/upload vaccination proof or exemption request: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2otESI5e78>
- Emergency support: new HEERF III grant
 - Federal ARP Student Emergency Assistance Grant Request
 - As a result of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Montgomery College received funds through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III).
 - We are distributing these funds to students to help cover emergency costs related to the coronavirus pandemic. The money can be used for food, housing, health care, child care, tuition, or other school-related fees and expenses.
 - In addition to federal (Title IV) financial aid eligible students, new guidance will now allow federal emergency assistance for Maryland Dreamers, DACA students, and other similar undocumented students. International students studying under F1 and on other visas are also now eligible to apply.

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- Students enrolled in credit, noncredit, and dual enrollment classes at MC for spring 2022 are eligible for these funds.
<https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/return-to-campus/heerf-grants/student-emergency-assistance-request.html>

<https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/coronavirus/students/financial-assistance-resources-support.html>
 - Rockville campus pantry
 - This food and hygiene drive will be November 29th-December 17th. However, you are encouraged to donate at any time. Items can be delivered to the SHaW Center in the Long Nguyen & Kimmy Duong Student Services Center (SV), Suite 316.
 - Below is a list of popular and need items:
 - Canned Vegetables, Soups, Beans and Fruits
 - Dry Pasta, Beans and Rice
 - Canned Fish and Meat (Tuna, Chicken, Ham, etc.)
 - Cereal, Oatmeal, Applesauce
 - Pancake Mix & Syrup
 - Peanut Butter and Jelly
 - Boxed and Canned Meals: Soup, Spaghetti's, Mac & Cheese, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Ramen Noodles
 - Powdered, Canned or Shelf-Stable Milk
 - Bottled drinks (juice or water)
 - Hygiene items (a very big need): soap/shower gel, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, lotion, feminine care products, lip balm, toothpaste/toothbrush
 - **Please, no glass.**
 - MC Athletics at Rockville
 - Women's and men's basketball are in full swing! Their games are played at Rockville at the gym. Masks required.
 - <https://www.mcraptors.com>
 - Student Life events of note:
 - Black History Month discussion forum with Daughters of the Movement, February 10, 3-4pm.
 - MC Leads: Student Leadership Program
 - Info sessions on February 1, 2pm; February 2, 3pm; February 3, 2pm
 - Raptor 101: learn about campus resources, how to get involved, and how to stay connected, February 3, 2-3pm
 - Step Afrika!, Tuesday February 22, 6-10pm
 - Crisis and personal resources
 - If you are experiencing a mental health crisis please call, text, or chat 24 hours a day:
 - Montgomery County Crisis Hotline: 240-777-4000
 - National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800-273-8255. Press 1 for Veterans Crisis Line
 - Online chat support at imalive.org
 - Text chat support: Text "Start" to 741741

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- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-7233
 - Students:
 - <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/counseling-and-advising/personal-counseling.html>
 - www.montgomerycollege.edu/can
 - www.montgomerycollege.edu/shaw-center
 - Faculty/Staff:
 - <https://info.montgomerycollege.edu/offices/human-resources/faculty-staff-assistance-program.html>
 - Outstanding faculty and staff awards, due March 1
 - <https://info.montgomerycollege.edu/offices/human-resources/awards.html>
 - Two committees will be set up to help create more specificity with goal setting. Members should choose from one of the following:
 - Supporting the Arts
 - Supporting mental health
 - Please direct message or email Jennifer Page, Secretary, with your choice of committee.
 - **Supporting the Arts**
 - John Coliton
 - Elizabeth Melanson
 - Justin Hicks
 - Andre Ferguson
 - Lisa Hackley
 - Sullivan Voss
 - **Mental Health**
 - Joanne Carl
 - Elizabeth Ridings
 - Jennifer Page
 - Katherine Goldstein
 - Each group met for 10 minutes and will send out an email to the members about the discussions.

Presentation: Jason Franklin and Joanna Starling, Combat2College and Veteran Services

- Consists of Jason Franklin, Program Manager, and Joanna Starling, Program Coordinator
- Resources provided:
 - Collaboration with college departments to promote academic success
 - Referral and coordination with external agencies that serve veterans
 - Gathering space
 - Special events and wellness/stress management workshops
 - Education/training on military culture
 - Eligibility:
 - Services only for current student veterans/service members

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- Must have served or currently serve in the military
 - Locations:
 - Rockville: SV/204 (new student services building)
 - Germantown: HS 250a/b
 - TPSS: RC/210
 - VA Benefits/TA
 - Not part of Combat2College
 - Part of Records and Registration
 - Process benefits for veterans, service members and dependents
va@montgomerycollege.edu
 - Contact information:
 - Joanna.starling@montgomerycollege.edu
 - Jason.franklin@montgomerycollege.edu
 - <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/veterans-and-military/combat-to-college.html>
 - Veteran's Lounges:
 - Seen as a safe place and a hub for a veteran and allow veterans to interact with other veterans of shared experience
 - Women's veteran's lounge still on campus
 - Basement of the campus center, underneath the bookstore.
 - In need of a little work – water damage since the creation of the new student center, which they are currently working on
 - Offer computers, coffee, fridge with food and snacks
 - Remote services:
 - Weekly meetings for student veterans
 - Online yoga and breathing classes and other wellness/stress reduction topics
 - Best way to refer student veterans to the program?
 - Refer them to Jason or Joanna
 - Pre-pandemic, the Counseling and Advising department and the Disability Support Services often referred students to them

Meeting Adjourned at 5:30 p.m. Joanne Carl motioned, Sullivan Voss seconded.

Respectfully submitted by
Jennifer Page, Rockville Campus Council Secretary