

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

Rockville Campus Council

September 13, 2023

via Zoom

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Attendees

- Current year members present: Katherine M. Goldstein (Chair), Cathy Henley (Vice Chair), Ar Kar Kyaw win (Secretary), Tendai Johnson Hoa Nguyen, Amal Alsufyani, Dayan Grero, Beth Thomas.
- Proxies present: Tendai Johnson (for Ivonne Bruneau-Botello)

Call to Order

- The regular meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair Katie Goldstein.
- The meeting was recorded for internal use only.
- The meeting began with roll call.
- Welcome to the newly elected/appointed members for next year's council.

Constituent Concerns

- Several broken EV charging stations in the North Garage.
- Inquiry about another cafeteria in Rockville campus other than Cafeteria in CC building.
 - The person may be asking about the one in SC near the Stan the Dinosaur, where the vending machines, water fountain are.
- One Café in SHAW center.

Approval of Minutes

- May 2023 minutes were approved as written. Tendai Johnson motioned to approve. Katie Goldstein seconded.

Provost's Report

The Vice President and Provost of Montgomery College, Dr. Eric Benjamin, presented his vision for the college at the Rockville College Operations Team meeting. He outlined the four main goals of the college's strategic plan:

1. Embracing our role as being the community's college
2. Cultivating a sense of belonging for everyone at the college
3. Enhancing educational and organizational effectiveness
4. Increasing the economic impact for our students and community

Dr. Benjamin specifically mentioned some of the initiatives that the college is working on, such as:

- Partnering with nonprofits to provide summer academic support and water safety training to kindergarten through sixth grade students

- Partnering with the Hispanic Health Access Roundtable to connect with people in advance of open enrollment for insurance
- Increasing the number of digital study spaces for students on campus
- Working with agencies and development agencies in Rockville to start internship opportunities for students

Dr. Benjamin also emphasized that he is available to students and staff as a resource and that he looks forward to working with everyone to achieve the college's goals.

Fall Athletics

Ms. Marielle Amigos & Ms. Arianna Davey (Women's Volleyball team)

- Marielle Amigos and Arianna Davey are captains of the women's volleyball team at Montgomery College. They both spoke about their experiences as student athletes and the challenges and rewards that come with it.
- Marielle shared that she is grateful for the opportunities that Montgomery College has given her, and that she is excited to transfer to the University of Maryland Baltimore School of Nursing at Shady Grove campus next semester. She also emphasized the importance of mental health and mindset for athletes, and encouraged everyone to come to the team's games to support them.
- Arianna spoke about her love for volleyball and her goal to transfer to an HBCU where she can continue to play. She also shared her thoughts on what it means to be a student athlete, and the importance of grit, drive, self-discipline, and determination.
- Both Marielle and Arianna are inspiring examples of what it means to be a student athlete. They are both talented athletes who are also committed to their education. They are also both great role models for other students who are interested in playing sports at the collegiate level.

Mr. Caio De Braga: Co-captain from Me's Soccer.

- Caio De Braga is an international student athlete from Brazil. He is redshirting this year due to some academic problems, but he is still on the team and attends every game. He is grateful for the opportunity to study and play soccer at Montgomery College, and he appreciates the support of his coaches, teammates, and the MC community.
- He encourages everyone to come to the men's soccer games, which are free and open to the public. He also emphasizes the importance of mental health for student athletes, and he thanks Ms. Goldstein for giving the sports teams the opportunity to talk about their sports and games.

Ms. Izzie Menjiver (Women's Soccer team)

- Isabelle Menjivar is a first-year student at Montgomery College.
- She is majoring in psychology and plans to transfer to UMD to complete her bachelor's degree.
- She plays on the women's soccer team and loves the sport.
- She says that the team is strong and has a lot of potential this year.

- She appreciates the resources that MC provides to student athletes, such as academic support and the opportunity to travel to games.
- She encourages everyone to come to the team's home games, which are free and open to the public.
- The next home game is on Saturday at 11:00 AM.

Chair's Report

- Town hall on Tuesday the 19th, virtual, focusing on access.
- Transfer fairs: Rockville on September 27th, 10:00 to 1:00.
- Free popcorn at the Rockville Reading, Writing, and Language Center every Monday.
- Hispanic Heritage Month events at each campus and virtually.
- Free computer or internet discount for students who are eligible for Pell Grant, SNAP, Medicaid, or WIC.
- Voter registration day on September 19th at the Student Services Building.
- Mobile market on October 11th, November 8th, and December 13th.
- Counselor and mental health advocate resources for employees and students.
- Public safety updates from Director Bob Mueck of the Rockville Campus.

Public Safety Updates

Summary of Bob Mueck's updates: Assistant Director of Public Safety for Rockville Campus.

- September is National Campus Safety Awareness Month, National Preparedness Month, and National Suicide Prevention Month.
- Public Safety has AEDs, bleeding control kits, and Narcan pre-positioned all over campus.
- Public Safety's official name is now Public Safety, Health, and Emergency Management (PSHEM).
- If you pull a fire alarm accidentally, stay and identify yourself to Public Safety so they can cancel the fire department response.
- If a fire alarm goes off, exit the building through the nearest emergency exit.
- The main number to call for Public Safety on any Montgomery College campus is 240-567-3333.
- Drop, take cover, and hold on in an earthquake.
- Run, hide, fight in an active shooter situation.
- Go to a designated assembly point for accountability when a fire alarm goes off.
- If you have a disability, go to a stairwell and call public safety.
- Sign up for text alerts from MC alerts to be notified of emergencies or closures.
- A watch means that conditions are ripe for severe weather and that caution is urged, while a warning means that severe weather is imminent and you should take shelter.
- Katie Goldstein thanks Bob Mueck for his presentation on emergency preparedness.
- Bob Mueck clarifies that the fire department will come to campus in response to a fire alarm unless the alarm is explicitly cancelled.
- Tendai Johnson thanks Bob Mueck for following up on a concern about the art building being locked early one night.

- Bob Mueck says that new evacuation maps are being printed and will be posted around campus soon.
- Katie Goldstein thanks Bob Mueck again.

Mental Health Fair Preparation

Katherine Goldstein

- Katie Goldstein shares her screen to show highlights of the mental health fair that was held at the Rockville Campus last year. She announces that there will be another mental health fair at the Rockville Campus on Tuesday, October 10th.
- Last year's mental health fair was a success, with over 1,500 students participating.
- This year's mental health fair will be held on Tuesday, October 10th on the Green Space Quad between the theater arts and computer science buildings.
- The SHAW Center is now an official sponsor of the mental health fair.
- Student Life and the provost's office are providing funding for the event.
- There will be a variety of stations at the fair, including games, educational activities, and information about mental health resources.
- The Rockville Campus Council is looking for volunteers to help with the fair.
- To sign up to volunteer, please visit the SignUpGenius link that will be shared in the chat.
- Each station at the mental health fair will need a set of volunteers each hour.
- The Rockville Campus Council can help spread the word about the event and encourage people to volunteer.
- Arkar Kyaw Win will reach out to the digital signage and marketing departments to see if they can promote the event internally.
- Cathy Henley suggests that employees print out flyers and put them up in their display boards to promote the event internally.
- Katie Goldstein suggests that the Rockville Campus Council can use a ripple effect to promote the event, where each person sends the flyer to at least one other person or group.
- Suggested communicating with the Rockville deans to have their administrative staff post about the mental health fair on their boards.
- Agreed to be the lead on getting food for the event.
- Suggested serving snack-y food, such as Carmen's Italian ice.
- Mentioned that the deans' office has a couple of easels that could be used for the event.
- Suggested serving food that is associated with National Indigenous Day (October 9) or National Coming Out Day (October 11).
- Cathy Henley also participated in the discussion about advertising the event and could reach out to IT to help with support.

Adjourn

- Katerine Goldstein motioned to adjourn. Arkar Kyaw Win seconded/approved.