Montgomery College Governance

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Student Council

Meeting #10

April 19, 2018

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Rockville/SC151
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Attended student council members: [Annick Tentchou, Joy Addae, Nicholas Leger, Dini Khiangte]

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the chair.

- **Approval of the Agenda**

  The agenda was approved unanimously.

  - **Approval of the Minutes**
    - The minutes from the last meeting were approved unanimously.

Constituent Concerns

- A student shared that events are advertisements are poorly on all three campuses – What is advertised in Rockville is not the same as Takoma. Therefore, advertisements of events and campus life should be shown on all three campuses, such as guest speakers.
- A student shared another event for Computer Science majors and having advertisements about that as well.
- A student shared that there should be a window for college newsletter through mymc email for students to access news regarding information about school events.
- A student shared the challenge of the WEPA process. Sometimes, the USB does not work, the WEPA card reader is unable to print papers, and some WEPA printers are out of order. Therefore, each campus needs more working printers. The student also emphasized that there should be a map of the locations of the printers for student's access.

Guest speaker Dr. Rai spoke about:

- Library hours: The library will be extended until midnight during the week before and after finals and should be highly advertised. He emphasized that more students should take advantage of the library hours.

Teambuilding

Chair Annick led a team building exercise for the student council. She wanted the student council to discuss what they enjoyed most about MC, as well as what they dislike about MC. Here are their responses:

- Joy:
    - Enjoy: Student Senate.
    - Dislike: Nothing.
- Nicholas:
    - Enjoy: Diversity on campus.
    - Dislike: Not a lot of variety and diversity in food due to limited options.
- Dini:
    - Enjoy: Opportunity MC provides that a student would not get at a four-year University. In addition, MC gives students the chance to get ready for the real world.
    - Dislike: Not many students are aware or involved with clubs and organizations.
- Annick:
    - Enjoy: Diversity and the number of students in class.
    - Dislike: Communication with students are not 100% affective. Some students don't take advantage of the resources MC provides.

Chair/ President Report:

- Annick:
    - Could not attend the College Council meeting.
- Joy:
    - Student Life banquet to the year for the Senate.
    - Open mic/ speak-easy will be next Thursday May 4th from 6:30 – 8:30.

New Business by Dr. Rai:

- Combinatorial problem if students do not register for Physics or other biological science courses.
- There needs to be more analytics which is looking at a data to see how many students there are in total, and how many engineers will need physics 3 in the summer
  - In addition, what campus will require more physics courses for students and transfer schools that require those.

Discussions with Dr. Rai:

- Annick**:**
  - What are some challenges he encountered throughout this year?
- Dr Rai's Response:
  - Making sure textbooks are affordable and free for Z- courses for students.
  - Looked at classes most challenging to students. Those courses will have embedded coaches/ faculty to help students. Especially in Physics 1 classes and Physics lab because those are difficult courses; other classes include English 102, Psych, Accounting, Biology, Calculus, etc. Those embedded coaches will be highly qualifying professors
  - Embedded coaches were available to 126 sections. He hopes to double it to 240 sections; the problem is the needed resources such as hiring, paying, and bringing faculties on board.
  - Working closely with four-year institutions so ALL credits are transferred. Especially computer science courses.
- Annick:
  - Why are labs not the same on all three campuses? And can science goggles be free at MC?
- Dr. Rai's Response
  - Labs are the same in Germantown and Rockville, but they are waiting for Takoma's building to be renovated until the Math and Science building is built.
  - He will do just that in making goggles free.
- Nicholas:

    o What are ways to help International Students?
- Dr. Rai's response?
    o Program advisors are good sources, and International counselors to help as well.

A Take-Away from Dr. Rai:
- Be more active and aggressive. Push more and ask for more. We the students create change, and therefore we need to be louder with our voices!

Mr. Mills visited with updates about:
    o A common toilet paper.
    o Feminine sanitary products.
    o Public safety reorganization
    o Student parking
    o Energy blue lights and east garage cameras
    o TPSS Math & Science facility project.

Announcement and next agenda items:
- 2017-2018 goals overview will be done by next meeting.
- Voting for a new chair/ council for next meeting. Current members can run for council chair and executive positions.
- Board of Trustee encourages students to apply for the next year.
    o Monthly board meeting during the evenings.
    o Student trustee sit with other members on board and represent the student body
    o Begins in the Fall and ends in June
    o A student needs at least 18 credits to register.

Recommendations:

1-Many of our MC students do not have insurance. To prevent the spread of Influenza,
The Student Council recommends the College to provide a free flu vaccination on campus at the beginning of each semester

2-In order to maximize student enrollment and guarantee class options, the student council recommends the senior citizen tuitions discount day be moved at least a week earlier. There are several classes with high rates of senior citizen enrollment; some are prematurely canceled due to low enrollment before the discounted tuition day. We believe that by employing this law, fewer classes would be canceled and students would, therefore, have greater options in their course selection.

Chair Annick Adjourned the meeting.