

Student Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 8, 2021

Welcome - Call to Order

A meeting of the Student Council was held via zoom on November 8, 2021, at 3:00 PM

Attendees included:

Officers: Deborah Awojobi

Council Liaison: Dr. Monica Brown

Members: Jonathan Alfaro, Ariel Nochez, Simone Anyama, Kevans Faustin, Farin Alimo, Yvette Taylor, Deborah Awojobi, Dunyasha Muhamdiramge Yattogoda, Rebecca Adegeye, Christopher Saca

Guests: Clevette Ridguard, Becky Boyer, Beth Reilly

Welcome – Call to Order:

- The Student Council meeting was called to order by Deborah Awojobi at 3:02 PM.

Motion to Approve Minutes:

- Jonathan Alfaro motioned to approve the minutes at 3:04 PM and Ariel Nochez seconded the motion. The motion passed with the majority vote.

Motion to Approve Agenda:

- Jonathan Alfaro motioned to approve the minutes at 3:05 PM and Simone Anyama seconded the motion. The motion passed with the majority vote.

Constituent Concerns:

- There were no constituent concerns presented.

Chair's Report:

- Mask requirement remains in place at the college
- Mental Health First Aid Certification course is available online.
 - The SHaW Center is offering this training to teach participants how to identify the signs of someone who might be dealing with a mental health problem and how to intervene in a mental health crisis-situation. Registration is now available on MCLearns in Workday and will close 2 weeks prior to each class

- The cost is \$23.95 per person
- Training Dates:
 - Friday, November 5th, 2021
 - Friday, January 14th, 2022
 - Tuesday, February 22nd, 2022
 - Tuesday, April 12th, 2022
- The Office of Equity and Inclusion:
 - Encourages everyone (especially students in governance) to participate in the equity and inclusion book discussions.
 - The book for the Fall 2021 semester is *Four Hundred Souls*
 - The book for the Spring 2022 semester is *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*
- Town Hall with Dr. Charlene Dukes
 - Will be held in person at the Takoma Park/ Silver Spring Campus in the Cultural Arts Center in Theater 1 and will be broadcast live at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, November 10th, 2021. The event will also be streamed via the MC YouTube channel, MCTV, and on Facebook Live.
 - Keep in mind if you do want to attend in person email townhall@montgomerycollege.edu with your request.
 - For any online questions can also be submitted to townhall@montgomerycollege.edu in advance or could be sent during the broadcast
- Innovation Fund Grant has up to \$50,000 for projects that develop hybrid strategies that lead to increased enrollment, retention, and student engagement causing students to succeed and obtain their educational goals.
 - All faculty, staff, administrators and students are eligible to submit proposals.
 - The deadline to apply is Monday, March 21st, 2022
- Class Registration for Students:
 - Winter Session:
 - All winter classes will be fully online. Registration is open now.
 - Spring 2022:
 - Classes will be offered both on-campus and online. Registration is open now.
 - Students must submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination by January 7th, 2022
- International Education Week: November 15th to 19th
- Operational Services Council Recommendation approved by SALT
 - A recommendation was submitted to make one of the members of the Council permanent.
- Congratulations to the Student-Athletes
 - Montgomery College has claimed three Region XX championships in Women's Volleyball, Women's Soccer, and Men's Soccer

Introduction and Overview from the Student Support Services Program: Ms. Becky Boyer

- The Student Support Services offers:
 - Academic Advising and Monitoring:

- Assistance in planning, scheduling, and registration for classes
 - Students will meet with their Advisor at least three times through the semester to address academic progress toward an academic goal.
- Career Advising:
 - Students will be able to receive either individual or group assistance in career exploration and planning.
- Transfer Advising:
 - Assistance in preparation for transfer to four-year colleges and universities.
- Financial Aid/ Financial Literacy Advising:
 - Students will be able to receive assistance in exploring and applying for financial aid.
- Tutoring:
 - Offers Math and English tutoring.
- Mentoring:
 - Students may request a mentor from the campus community who will offer their varied experience and knowledge in assisting students in developing their personal, academic, and social skills necessary for the world of education and work.
- Workshops:
 - Offered during each semester featuring topics on selecting a major, career exploration and planning, college success, and personal development.
- TRIO is a grant-funded program that offers services to help participants succeed in college and graduate on a timely basis. The programs' purpose is to increase retention, graduation, and transfer rates among underrepresented students.
- Graduation Rate: 49% and 35% of students transfer to other higher education institutions
- Work closely with ATPA and ACES.
- The program is limited to 175 students.
- The TRIO program is always here to confidence in students while transferring to a four-year university. The program is here for the students and making that connection with students it helps promote student success.
- For more information about the TRIO program visit their website link below:
 - [TRIO Programs at Montgomery College](#)
- For any questions, please email Ms. Boyer:
 - Becky.Boyer@montgomerycollege.edu

**Introduction and Overview from Student Career and Employment Services Department:
Mrs. Beth Reilly**

- The Student Employment Specialists can help current students and alumni with:
 - Job Search Documents:
 - Help with writing your first resume or polishing an existing resume
 - Give advice about cover letters, references, and obtaining the best recommendations for jobs and scholarships
 - Interviewing:

- Provides coaching, mock interviews, researching companies to know what questions to anticipate
 - College Central Network:
 - Learn how to use MC's online job board to find and apply for on-and-off-campus work.
- Employer Connections:
 - There are an annual job fairs every April at each campus and on-campus and on Zoom recruitment by individual employers throughout the academic year.
 - Look within your Inside MC emails and go the student section for job opportunities.
 - For more information about these fairs contact Roberta Buckberg:
 - Phone Number: 240-567-5057
 - Email: Roberta.buckberg@montgomerycollege.edu
- Internships:
 - Gain experience in a student's major field of study to help launch your career and enhance your resume.
 - For more information contact Dr. Angela Beemer:
 - Phone Number; 240-567-1360
 - Email: angela.beemer@montgomerycollege.edu
- Majority of Appointments has to do with resume writing, edit cover letters, how to create a reference sheet, if needed a portfolio, and thinking about a student's online "footprint."
- Important Advice for Resume Building and preparing to compete for Scholarships:
 - Talk with your counselors – and not just at registration time
 - Consider taking "honors" course and/ or learning communities – investigate programs and opportunities
 - Build relationships
 - Get Involved
 - Volunteer
 - Pursue an internship
 - Start think of yourself as a pre-professional
 - Do some career exploration, go to the Counseling and Advising Department if you are undecided for more information and advice
- There are more Student Assistant Positions are open!
 - Contact Justin Hicks to see if you are eligible
 - Email: justin.hicks@montgomerycollege.edu
 - Visit the Work-Study website for more information:
 - [Work-Study](#)
- For more information about Student Employment Services at Montgomery College go visit:
 - [Student Employment Services](#)
 - [College Central](#) – online job board
 - [Practice Interviewing Skills](#) – online software for interviewing tutorials and practicing interviewing
- Follow Student Employment Services on:

- Instagram: @ses_ms_md
- Twitter: @ses_mc_Maryland
- Job opportunities will be posted but are specifically for Montgomery College current students and alumni.
- Student Employment Specialists at each campus:
 - Germantown: (SA265)
 - Ms. Patricia McGlone
 - Angela.beemer@montgomerycollege.edu
 - Rockville: (SV205)
 - Mrs. Beth Reilly
 - Beth.reilly@montgomerycollege.edu
 - Dr. Lucy Vitaliti
 - Lucy.vitaliti@montgomerycollege.edu
 - Takoma Park/ Silver Spring: (RC206)
 - Mr. Joseph O' Hare
 - joseph.o'hare@montgomerycollege.edu

Council Goals:

- Goal #1: Help students be aware of at least 3 resources accessible at the college.
 - Council Members that will work on this goal:
 - Jonathan Alfaro
 - Simone Anyama
 - Farin Alimo
 - Rebecca Adegeye
 - Christopher Saca
- Goal #2: Coordinate at least two service-learning projects by May 2022
 - Council Members that will work on this goal:
 - Deborah Awojobi
 - Kevans Faustin
 - Dunyasha Muhamdiramge Yattogoda
 - Simone Anyama
 - Ariel Nochez
 - Farin Alimo
 - Rebecca Adegeye
- Create subgroup group chats to talk more about the goals. Please come to the meeting to achieve these goals.

Adjourn

- Jonathan Alfaro first motioned to end the meeting at 4:58 pm and was seconded by Christopher Saca at 4:58 pm

The meeting was adjourned Deborah Awojobi on November 8, 2021 at 5:00 pm