

Student Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 7, 2022

Welcome - Call to Order

A meeting of the Student Council was held via zoom on March 7, 2022, at 3:00 PM

Attendees included:

Officers: Rebecca Adegeye and Dr. Clevette Ridguard (Director of Governance)

Council Liaison: Dr. Monica Brown

Members: Jonathan Alfaro, Kevans Faustin, Farin Alimo, Yvette Taylor

Guests: Marv Mills (Rockville Campus Director of Facilities)

Welcome – Call to Order

- The Student Council meeting was called to order by Rebecca Adegeye at approximately 3:05 PM.

Constituent Concerns

- Jonathan Alfaro shared thoughts on the college's spring commencement plans. He shared how he believes that the county's current COVID-19 conditions seem sufficient to host graduates and their families instead of just graduates for commencement ceremony.
- After meeting with Dr. Dukes, it was decided that the best option now would be to only allow graduates at the spring commencement ceremony. The decision was based on recommendations, COVID-19 statistics, and an acknowledgment of how fast changes can occur in the county.
- Must keep in mind that commencement is usually planned 9-12 months ahead

Recommendation:

- In April, invite members of the graduation committee to answer any lingering questions some may have about commencement
- Have graduation committee members at the meeting give updates on how the commencement ceremony is being planned

Motion to Approve Agenda

- Jonathan Alfaro motioned to approve the agenda at approximately 3:13 PM and Kevans Faustin seconded the motion. The motion passed with the majority vote.

Motion to Approve Minutes

- Jonathan Alfaro motioned to approve the minutes at approximately 3:14 PM and the motion passed with the majority vote.

Chair's Report – Rebecca Adegeye

Campus Food Pantries

- Available on all campuses (Germantown, Takoma Park/Silver Spring, Rockville)
- Organized by the SHaW (Student Health and Wellness) Center
- Anyone interested in donating, participating, etc. may contact Surayya Johnson (Germantown), Sergio Washington (Rockville), or Kim McGettigan (Takoma Park/Silver Spring)
- Looking for canned goods, dried beans, rice, kinds of pasta, jellies, etc.
- Hygienic products needed – feminine care products, toothpaste/toothbrush, deodorant, soaps, shampoos, etc.

Emails

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Montgomery College Seeks New Student Board of Trustees Member

- College's governing body, 10 members are appointed by the Maryland governor
- Application deadline – March 4th @ 5 P.M
- Email letter of intent, resume, and supporting references to Henry Hailstock (hhailstock@gmail.com)
- Must have completed 18 credits, maintain a 2.0 GPA, live in Montgomery County, and be enrolled in at least 6 credits

MC's Got Talent Show

- Thursday, March 24th from 6-9 PM @ the Rockville Performing Arts Center
- Tickets will be available in the Office of Student Life (SV104A) starting February 21st and will be available on the day of the event
- Proof of vaccination or proof negative COVID-19 test within 72 will be required for entry

Presidential Transition Advisory Committee

- Please express interest to the College Council by sending an email to collegecouncil@montgomerycollege.edu no later than 5 PM on March 21st
- Please submit (a) your job title, (b) email address, (c) phone number, (d) the number of years you have worked at MC (Montgomery College), (e) primary campus

MCRPA Student Scholarship

- Up to \$1000 in scholarships for students
- Scan QR Code in the Chair Reports PP Presentation for more information
- Book 30 min academic coaching session
Bit.ly/drop-in-coaching-book

MC Governance Nominations and Elections

- Nomination period is from February 25th – March 10th
- Election period is from March 28th – April 8th

Discussion with Rockville Campus Director of Facilities: Marv Mills

Objective

- Share and address previous meeting constituent concerns about the size of classrooms and its potential risk to the spread of COVID-19
 - How student council and campus operations team can work together to produce a solution for the future
- Last Month, Kevans Faustin brought up a concern about the assignment of certain classrooms being disproportionate to the number of students taking the class. Some classrooms are smaller yet hold many students, a potential concern for COVID-19 social distancing and safety guidelines.

Notes from Marv Mills

- Senior administration set up a group called the Return to Campus Advisory Team, and they monitor what is going on in Montgomery County in terms of the number of deaths, cases, hospitalization, etc.
- County has seen tremendous improvement and is scaling down on social distancing measures, and mask mandates but the college continues with its mask mandate and continues to recommend vaccination
- Return to Campus Advisory Team meets every week, and Kevans concern will be brought up and addressed at the meeting
- Professors can bring these types of concerns to their deans and to their campuses registrar to see where more space is available, whether it be that building or another building on campus
- Next Return to Campus Advisory Meeting: March 9th @ 3 PM
- Rockville Campus Dean, Dr. Kelley, is on the team and Mr. Mills will see what Dr. Kelley can do to intervene in the matter

- Job is centered around students, would love to come back to talk about any concerns or comments from students in the future

Group Discussion: College Councils Two Goals

- Need to decide the projects that the council will take on for the semester
- About halfway through the semester with limited time, the virtual options may be best
- Rebecca has been in contact with Ms. Hannah Stocks, Germantown Service-Learning Facilitator, and she has been giving suggestions and feedback on the two goals
- Community activities centered around social media campaigns seem to be the most doable, everyone must reflect on their strengths and weaknesses and see how they can contribute to match other strengths
- Many had experience with speaking to children about volunteering and civic engagement, which could be a potential project
- Rebecca Adegeye will follow up with everyone on the process of accessing the website and how to thoughtfully plan the execution of projects, information was given by Ms. Stocks

College Governance Recruitment Idea

- Potential plans to recruit more people to the Student Council from in-person events
 - Decided it was best to focus on the Rockville campus during lunch since that is the area and time where the most traffic is seen
 - Would need to request tables and time slot for the recruitment taking place on the open space in the middle of the Rockville campus
 - MC merch could be given out as prizes, helping convince people to come over to the tables
 - More recruitment can be done at the other campuses after the Rockville campus
 - Perhaps have two tables in two separate locations?
 - Finalize idea during next meeting since more people will be present and it is early enough so that it can be executed at the end of the month
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- Activities list from the meeting: https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/_documents/life-at-mc/student-life/germantown/academic-service-learning-opportunities.pdf
 - Hannah Stocks: hannah.stocks@montgomerycollege.edu

Comments from Dr. Brown and Dr. Rigaud

- Have a wonderful spring break and stay safe out there!

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Rebecca Adegeye on March 7, 2022, at 3:58 PM.