

MC GOVERNANCE

Montgomery College Student Council Meeting #1 Minutes

Friday, March 1st 2024 4:00

-5:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Present:

- Matt Irizarry
- Jefferson Vasquez
- Vilma Ortiz
- Jaishan
- Saqib
- Soha Mustafa
- Joshua Hayes
- Elias Garayo
- Yerenmy Zelaya.

Absent:

- Neil
- Alisha Small
- Abelina Castellano
- Sharon Amatetti

Guests: Mr. Sokol Mato, Mr. Mike Humphreys, Ms. Shakenna Adams

Student Panel Guest:

Liaison: Dr. Monica Brown, SVP of Student Affairs

Governance Director: Dr. Clevette Ridguard

Call to Order

There was a quorum to conduct business. Jefferson Vasquez-Reyez called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. The meeting was recorded for internal use only.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The agenda was approved as written. The minutes for 02/02/23 meeting was approved as written.

Constituent Concerns

- Vending machines are not accepting credit/atm cards.
- Students from Takoma Park have raised the concern that DSS students are having problems accessing the bathrooms in the Science North Building
- Students from Takoma Park that take night classes asked if it could be possible for the college to provide a coffee station

- A Germantown student mentioned that the rugs of Montgomery College do not dry feet correctly when it rains, feet make noises which disturb classes and hurt students who may suffer from any auditory stimulation issues.
- A Rockville campus student mentioned that the Elevators in several buildings do not work efficiently. This situation led to students and faculty getting stuck for more than one hour on more than one occasion. (This has been Happening since Summer 2023) (Student was recommended to identify the elevators so that we can work together on fixing this issue)

Chair's Report (Jefferson Vasquez-Reyes, Chair)

- Future Link is tabling
- Employer Tabling (Weekly)
- MC Got Talent Show. March 21st 6-9pm (Rockville campus)
- Dr. Dawson, physical wellness, and personal safety education. Free HIV screening (February 29th)
- Yoga session Wednesdays with Prof. Steward (Zoom)
- Medical School Admission process with Dean Lee Jones (3-5pm over Zoom)

Guest's Information

Dr. Jermaine F. Williams:

- the governor's proposed budget has decreased. This reduction leads to a 22million gap for community college's in Maryland.
- Dr. Williams shared news that the East County Education Center plans to open on April 1st.
- Montgomery College's enrollment went up 4% in Fall 2023 and 5% now in Spring 2024.

Mr. Sokol Mato & Mr. Mike Humphreys:

- Expanding the Grab and Go menu for lower cost items with good Quality
- Metz have made a new monthly Catering and cafeMC specials
- Menu Quality Control: Quality checks are done more frequently, shelf-life items shortened to avoid spoil
- Metz has spread out QR codes for customer feedbacks
- Student Employment opportunities
- Refunds available for vending machines (With Metz)
- The air merchandiser in Rockville campus has been fixed and is currently working. An additional one was brought to the campus.
- Fountain Machine in both Rockville and Takoma Park are working with new flavors

Student Discussion Over Metz (Mr. Sokol Mato and Mr. Mike Humphreys):

- In past meetings, students from the Rockville SGA food committee had asked Metz if they were able to accept EBT cards as a form of payment. Mr. Sokol Mato informed the students that this method is unfortunately not able to be processed for colleges. As an option, students may qualify for EBT cash out that they can request to the organization. The Rockville SGA and Mr. Sokol Mato plan to work together to advertise this.
- Students from Rockville campus reported that the cafeteria starts closing earlier than they are supposed to. Mr. Sokol Mato has recommended that student submit a review by using the QR codes that are around the cafeteria so that they may record the day and time of the incident.
- The chair for the Germantown campus's SGA food committee reported that students have seen differences in pricing, to which they recommended the students to submit a review form.
- Students from the Germantown campus asked Metz to consider bringing a Halal menu. Mr. Humphreys responded that they are working on this menu at the moment.
- The Germantown Campus has asked if the cafeteria hours can be extended from 2:30pm to 4pm.

Ms. Shakenna Adams (Financial Aid Specialist): Ms. Shakenna had an open floor for students to ask questions.

- A student asked what they could do to fill out the FAFSA when their parent does not have a social security number. Ms. Adams recommended the student to do the paper version instead of the online version
- A student asked what to do when their parents are married. Should they file FAFSA with both parents taxes and only one of them? Ms. Shakenna recommended that the student uses the tax returns of only one parent, or if they do a joint tax form to use that joint tax return

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30PM.