
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE
STUDENT SERVICES & SUCCESS COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, October 17, 2019 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Takoma Park/Silver Spring, HC420

MINUTES

Attendees

- Members Present: Ernest Cartledge, Tahrea Mensah, Nehemiah Hautsch, Byron Jamison, Julie Levinson, Benita Rashaw, Clemmie Solomon, Nik Sushka, Judy Taylor
- Members Absent: Cinder Barnes, Keiva Jones, Anisa Zamin, Stacey Miller
- Guests: Clevette Ridguard

Call to Order

Chair Ernest Cartledge called the regular meeting to order at 2:13 p.m.

Constituent Concerns

No constituents addressed to the council.

Agenda

Ernest Cartledge noted the Academic Services Council agenda item would be postponed to a later date. A motion was made by Clemmie Solomon to accept the minutes as amended and accepted unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 19, 2019 were reviewed. Julie Levinson made a correction to the end time (4pm instead of 3:30pm) of the next meeting. A motion was made by Clemmie Solomon to accept the minutes as amended and accepted unanimously.

New Business

2019-20 Goal Plan

Several ideas were raised by Council members (Julie Levinson, Benita Rashaw, Ernest Cartledge). Clemmie Solomon suggested the goal of increasing spectatorship at MC athletic events.

Clemmie Solomon motioned to for the Council to actively promote increasing spectator participation at winter sports games (mens/womens basketball). Dr. Rashaw seconded motion.

Discussion: Clemmie Solomon offered that athletics are part of student success at Montgomery College and financial resources generated by participation at events, more support goes to athletes. Also increases community engagement. Part of StAMP initiative.

Questions raised by: Nik Sushka, Tahrea Mensah, Julie Levinson and Benita Rashaw. Clarifying responses offered by Clevette Ridguard and Clemmie Solomon.

Motion amended to broaden to include all sports. Clemmie Solomon motioned to establish goal for **"the Council to support promoting spectator participation at athletic events."** A motion was made by Clemmie Solomon to accept the stated goal and accepted unanimously.

Nik Sushka motioned to for **"the Council to actively support financial aid in its efforts to promote FAFSA awareness."** Tahrea Mensah seconded motion

Discussion: Discussion about what that would look like. Benita Rashaw talked about FAFSA fever and other outreach events, but will look to Judy Taylor for ideas.

A motion was made by Nik Sushka to accept the stated goal. Motion passed.

Constituent Concerns Updates

Clevette Ridguard shared information about a “concerns” button now available to students via MyMC. The idea came out of student council, moved forward to College Council and approved by Dr. Pollard. An official communication will come out – likely in Inside MC before end of semester.

Clevette Ridguard clarified each council is expected to allot ten minutes for each meeting for constituent concerns (two slots for 5 minutes/each or no more than ten minutes). Time set aside to raise concern, but not necessarily to discuss at length. Template is available to use as a guide for how to handle constituent concerns.

Clevette Ridguard reported that 144 concerns came through governance in 2018-2019 academic year. All concerns categorized and by which council it came through noted in report. Data will be collected and reported again this year.

Chair Report

Updates from College Council shared.

- Annual Report 2019 distributed at College Council. Asked to assign one member of each council to read and report back. Benita Rashaw will read the report on behalf of the Student Services and Success Council.
- Council goals due October 31st. No more than three goals, one student success focus.
- October 22nd – bring a friend day to college council (those not involved in governance)
- Transitioning to Zoom in November (away from Go TO Meeting)
- Seven Goals listed

Follow-up with Ernest Cartledge for details on additional updates.

Council Photo taken.

Old Business

Announcements & Adjournment

Nik Sushka: Factuality – Next Wednesday 1-2:30, sponsored by OSL - topic: structural inequality
MC 2020 Campaign – Wednesday, 12/4 from 3-4:30pm – Impact MC hosting trivia event (offices can compete as team) – see <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/life-at-mc/student-life> for details

Dr. Solomon:

Male Students of Color Summit on October 25; see:
<https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/events/maryland-male-students-of-color-summit/index.html>

Cultural Arts Center – Fall 2019 Guest Artist Series; see: montgomerycollege.edu/cac

Student Affairs Division Meeting – October 31st

Leadership Montgomery – Black and Brown Forum for Educational Equity and Excellence– October 15, 2019 work to address achievement gap; see: www.mocoedequitynow.com

Judy Taylor: FAFSA Fever underway – see <https://montgomerycollege.edu/finaid> for details

Benita Rashaw: Student Leaders Network meeting on November 11, 4-6pm CC015

Popcorn with Dr. Pollard

Germantown	Oct. 23 rd 1-2:30pm HS 011	Feb. 13 th 12-1:30pm BE Atrium	April 27 th 4-5:30pm Outside of SA (inclement weather-SA Lobby)
Rockville	Oct. 8 th 5-6:30pm Science Center (SC) Lobby	Feb. 5 th 1:30-3pm Campus Center (CC) Lobby near bookstore	May 4 th 1-2:30pm Campus Center (CC) Lobby near bookstore
TP/SS	Nov. 13 th 4-5:30pm Student Center (ST) Atrium	March 24 th 1:30-3pm Health Science Center (HC) Lobby	May 7 th 11-12:30pm Student Center (ST) Atrium
WDCE/Westfield South	Dec. 2 nd 10:30- 11:30am Westfield South, room 210	March 12 th 10-11:30am Westfield South, room 210	

Tahrea Mensah: more volunteers needed for Male Students of Color Summit – Contact Joyce Dawkins;

Next mobile market – GT 10/30 (10-12), RV – 11/6 (10-12), TPSS – 11/13 (2-4); See:
montgomerycollege.edu/life-at-mc/student-health-and-wellness/fuel-for-success-food-campaign.html

Julie Levinson: November – Career Development Month – see details at montgomerycollege.edu/career

Byron James: WDCE course scheduling implementation updated -- achieved major milestone by evaluating course list and moved almost 9700 courses off catalog; training will begin soon.

Meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, November 14, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in MK300C on the Rockville campus.

Julie Levinson
 Student Services and Success Council Secretary