
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE
STUDENT SERVICES & SUCCESS COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 18, 2022 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Zoom
MINUTES

Attendees

- Members Present: Sergio Washington, Ernest Cartledge, Tonya Mason, Amanda Lebleu, Kelly Livernoche, Jessame Ferguson, Tyler McClenithan
- Members Absent: Luc Desir, Andrew Krieger, Daniel Robert Trujillo, Eunice Melo, Najah Mills, Michael Simone. Judy Taylor
- Guests: Clevette Ridguard, Cameron Cox, Sue Haddad, Dr. Monica Brown, Yvette Taylor

Call to Order

Chair Washington called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Constituent Concerns

Student Senate Title IX Task Force Members

- Would like to get ideas for how to increase ease of access for students to connect with a Title IX coordinator.
- Concerns include being referred to the Title IX office at CT building, which is not easy for students to get to. Some students aren't sure how to phrase their concerns and they find they need to keep explaining the situation over and over to different people.
- The Student Senate would like the phone number for the Title IX office on the back of student IDs. And also put the crisis hotlines on the emergency exit signs around campus.
- Suggestion was to follow-up with Kristen Roe. Student Senate is planning to meet with her and provide some training.
- Tonya Mason also recommended having students talk to a counselor. Counselors provide a safe space for confidential support where a student can talk through what happened and what they would like to do.
- Student service offices are not 24/7, but Public Safety is. Montgomery County has a crisis center available 24/7 and 365 days a year by phone or you can go to their office without an appointment and you can speak to a licensed trained counselor.

Approval of Minutes

The September 20, 2022 meeting minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Chair Washington shared important information items via a PPT presentation.

Student Rights and Responsibilities - Cameron Cox, *Student Conduct Program Coordinator*

- If students are causing a disruption, or behaving with misconduct, call Public Safety. They are the partner for removing students from that office. Afterwards Mr. Cox's office will follow up.
- Students have rights to due process. If they deny it, an investigation will ensue.
- His office provides training and awareness on Student Code of Conduct.
- You should have a link on your desktop to submit a conduct report (Incident Report). Those reports go to Mr. Cox.
- The conduct process is meant to be educational and to help students understand the behavior, the situation, and expectations for their conduct in similar situations.
- Conduct files stay in Mr. Cox's office and they provide brief reports when necessary.

Social Resource Program (SRP) - Sue Haddad, *Interim Associate Dean, Rockville Student Affairs*

- Dept of Ed grant of close to a million dollars for students struggling to meet their basic needs. Such as, putting gas in their car, or having a roof over their head.
- The program connects students to programs that will help them with those needs.
- There's a coordinator and 2 coaches, and these services are available collegewide.
- Please refer students to the SRP, which you can do on Starfish. Or you can send them an email, and a coach will reach out to the student.
- This will continue until the end of 2024.

Student Affairs Remarks - Dr. Monica Brown, *Senior Vice President for Student Affairs*

- Shared changes they are embarking on in Student Affairs they have envisioned since before the pandemic began.
- Partnering with the Segal group to complete an assessment of student support services in comparison to other institutions. They will provide a report and recommendations.
- There will be 1-1 interviews and focus groups. The chair of each council will be invited to a focus group to represent their constituents.
- Planning to start implementing some recommendations for the start of the spring semester.
- The Student Affairs Master Plan includes strategic enrollment management. AACRAO came to the institution and provided a report about strategic enrollment plans, as well as suggestions for using data, and also technology for student success.
- Looking at closing equity gaps and positioning the college to bring in more students who have not considered us through a sense of belonging and outreach to parents.

Old Business

2022-23 Goals Discussion

- Discussed five areas to focus on and methods to increase awareness.
- Suggestion to recommend to those areas to create one-page sheets that can be distributed by faculty in classes and other support service areas.
- Group members volunteered to reach out to each of the five areas to ask if they already have a one-page information sheet or if they would be interested in creating one.
- We would like it available by Professional Week if possible.

New Business

Nothing raised.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

None raised.

Announcements & Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Next Meeting

November 15, 2022 at 3:00 P.M.

Jessame Ferguson

Student Services and Success Council Secretary