
MC GOVERNANCE

Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Council

September 16, 2019

1:30 pm – 3:30 p.m.

Cafritz (CF) 143

Attendees

- Members present: Alice Boatman, Shelley Caldwell Bennett, Juma Conway, Kimberly Herrera, Diego Hernandez, Joel Levine, Dianna Matthews, Alex Moyer, Eniola Olowofoyeku, Brad Stewart, Miriam Simon
- Members absent: Student representative
- Guests: Richelle Adu, Ashley Smith

Call to Order: Chair Kimberly Herrera called meeting to order at 1:30 pm

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved as written.

Constituent Concerns

- Kimberly: Concerns about the electronic signs not working, all are black currently; there is an update email from facilities on the current status of the signs on the campus
- Eniola: Concerns about notification of the Mobile Market on the TP/SS campus; it was noted that the Mobile Market does occur on the TP/SS campus each month, the schedule is posted on Inside MC
- Joel: Concerns from the PT faculty on the early and last-minute cancellation of classes

Provost's Report

- All are invited to Dr. Pollard's conversation with Dr. F. Hrabowki III on 9/25/19 in Germantown at 7:00 pm in Globe Hall. He is the president of UMBC. He has written a book "Holding Fast to Dreams" about decreasing the achievement gap for STEM students of color. The book is available in Brad's office to all who plan to attend.
- Dr. Pollard's diversity dialogue will focus on micro-aggression.
- Focus continue the 4033 cohort of students from fall 2018, tracking continues; we have lost track of several students who did not register for the past semester – concerns reported on the students who attended developmental courses not included in the count; students should be encouraged to take English and Math courses during first semester. The Deans and Chairs continue to track these students, sending emails and post cards. The next cohort to begin this fall 2019 semester. Diego presented concern about the scheduling process, creating confusion for students – not understanding the abbreviations used in Banner, such as R = Thursday.

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- Dr. Pollard's seven goals approved by the BOT, handout given with the goals. Brad stated that he plans to focus on goal & which is "to initiate and lead development of significant new program targeting the success of African American males. Brad would like suggestions of programs or events for the TP/SS campus.
 - Senior administration participated in a 2-day retreat on racial diversity by the Racial Institute during the summer.
 - Brad reported activities: plantation tours on the history of 1619 arrival of first slaves to USA.

Chair's Report

- TP/SS Council need a secretary, it is not possible to share or rotate the position; Dianna volunteered to see if there is time to fulfill the duties.
- Folder has list of members and contact information; need student representative and document on the "Bylaws of TP/SS Campus Council.
- TP/SS Student Spotlight update; to continue working with Shane Doyle. A recommendation is needed by the 15h of each month. A female student from Ethiopian is for September. We need October and November. Question on the previously discussed guidelines.
- Review on the Governance training held during Professional week, some highlights noted.
- Dr. Kevin Long stated there are six policies/procedures needing faculty/staff review.
- Town Hall meeting in Rockville on 9/19/19 @ 3:00 pm.
- A picture of the TP/SS Council is planned during October's meeting.
- MD Males of Color conference is scheduled for 10/25/19.
- During the Governance training; the initial discussion on the two goals, we need to have three goal for this academic year. The three goals were decided, and group meetings were held to briefly discuss initial plans

Goal Plan Details/Calendar of Events for Fall, 2019

- Goal 1 – focus on public relations for the TP/SS campus, to enhance the image of the campus, creating a positive perception from the faculty, staff, and students. Members working on this goal: Alice, Diego, & Miriam
- Goal 2 – focus on improving the relations with the Takoma Park community, enhance relationships with the neighbors. Members working on this goal: Joel & Alex
- Goal 3 – focus on the success of African American males in academia with recommendation of working with Boys to Men program and IRJC. Members working on this goal: Kimberly, Shelly, Eniola, Juma, & Dianna Matthews

Student Presentation

- Richelle Adu, TP/SS Student Senate President presented information on the Student Governance events and activities on TP/SS campus; also, the goals and plans for 2019-2020. The group is encouraging advocacy and the student voice.

Announcements:

- Eniola: Toastmaster's Chapter planned, meeting planned for 9/20/19 @ 12 noon – 1:00 pm. Monthly meetings are planned, and the groups is open to students.
- Eniola: Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony scheduled for 9/23/19 @ 12 noon – 1:00 pm in the ST atrium
- Diego: Academic Regulations Committee need additional members. This group is looking at standards, transfer credits and credit of prior learning guidelines.
- Kimberly: The Involvement Fair (previously Club Fair) is scheduled for 9/25/19 @ 11:00 am
- Kimberly: The Ilead applications are due 9/23/19 by 5:00 pm.

Next Meeting: October 14, 2019 in CF @ 1:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dianna Matthews, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Council Secretary