
MC GOVERNANCE

Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Council

April 20, 2020

1:30 pm – 3:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting (Online)

Attendees

- Members Present: Shelly Caldwell-Bennett, Alice Boatman, Diego Hernandez, Kimberly Jones, Alex Moyer, Miriam Simon, Dianna Matthews, Eniola Olowofoyeku, Joel Levine, Clevette Ridguard, Brad Stewart,
- Students: Fenet Shertaga, Wendy Rodriguez
- Guests present: Kimberly McNair & Sharon Bland

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

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved. Minutes approved.

Constituent Concerns

Zoom Process & Security Concerns

- Ensure safety & security measures when using Zoom
- Zoom bombing occurred with inappropriate language & pictures which were very disturbing
- Add password
- Add check-in measures, waiting rooms; verify names
- Bb Collaborate is also an option

Provost's Report

- Remember to be kind to one another and adhere to state guidelines
- Much appreciation for all during the last 5 weeks, great job by all in this “remote” process
- Over 1000 students were contacted related to student engagement issues due to “remote” learning processes
- Classes end 5/2 but faculty have up to 5/9 to complete course requirements; grades are due 5/22
- Plans for a virtual commencement with Dr. Pollard and maybe a guest speaker; also students to send in pictures
- Plans for a virtual Harry Harden, Jr. Medallion Award, recognition for students

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- Each campus is also planning awards ceremony, a Student Life celebration is planned
 - Summer I – only DL courses, faculty with experience in teaching DL will be working; training is also planned for new faculty
 - Summer II – we are hoping to resume F2F classes but also back-up “structured remote” plans; should know by June
 - Montgomery College is receiving 11 million from government, with 5 million assigned to students; the College has done a great job in financial support for students during this crisis; Ch. 7 TV interviewed a student who had received full tuition funds
 - Fall 20 semester, the recruiters are making contact with MCPS graduates, looking to increase interest in Montgomery College
 - Fall 20 semester, we hope to be back F2F but there is still many unknowns about state plans and the continued COVID-19 crisis

Raptor’s Central - Kimberly McNair

- College has a students’ master plan for on-boarding/admission process
- Welcome Center and Records/Registration Center have changes with transition of staff
- The admission process is now on Welcome Center, now known as Raptor’s Central
- There is no change in the applications for health sciences programs, all by TP/SS Enrollment Services
- Staff have made contact with many students; most of the questions from students relate to withdrawals, refunds, withdrawal due to COVID-19, admission testing but no advising

Chair’s Update – Kimberly Jones

- Missed College Council meeting due to personal demands with two kids at home
- Reminder to read updates on COVID-19 crisis and remain current
- IT is available and accessible for technology issues, very responsive
- As Brad stated, over 11 million in funds coming to the College
- Reminder on the SHaW wellness activities
- David Sears stated the expansion to Montgomery east county area (up Tech Rd/Route 29) due to disparities for income, education, transportation, etc; search for best location continues; programs to focus on education to employment options; project may be on hold due to crisis
- Email sent on request for comments on new policy, related to student affairs in alignment with academic affairs
- Another email coming on new policy related to emergency transition for presidential role and leadership for College
- New TP/SS Council members for the fall, should attend the May meeting; voting on officers will occur then; the students representatives will return; the Chair representative will be from recommendations from the Deans
- Encouraged all to reach out and make contact with students, encouragement is needed for everyone

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- Status of Council goals: Goal 1 completed: Real Talk was held as part of the Black male initiative goal and Council must continue Goal 2 & Goal 3 once we return to campus, may be pushed from fall to next spring

Equality & Inclusion – Sharon Bland

- Roadmap for equality and inclusion for Success, by the College discussed; some highlights from the President’s Advisory Committee presented (also handout):
 - Focus on African American men for attendance, continued education, & completion
 - Focus on evening (9 pm – 12) and weekend services & resources for students and College employees
 - Focus on ADA compliance, accessibilities resources especially for technology
 - Focus on Human Resources, having search process advocates to ensure equity & inclusion for all racial categories; also concerns reported on discrimination complaints which perceived as “no action taken” and appear not to have resolution

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Voting for officers for fall 2020

Next Meeting: May 11, 2020 @ 1:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.