

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

TPSS Campus Council Meeting Minutes

Friday, Oct. 11, 2024

Zoom

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Attendees

Members Present: Christopher Campanella, Emma Grace, Norberto Gomez, Jeri Gresham, Socrates Purification, Heather Bruce Satrom, Deborah Taylor, Matthew Wilson

Proxies: Sonja Jackson, for Lesley Brown

Members Absent: Anna Elaine Abella, David Chen, Monique Davis, Sal Rosales

Invited guests: none

Liaison: none

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Chair Matt Wilson.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda proved. Minutes from last meeting approved.

Constituent Concerns and Updates:

Concerns were expressed about safety issues in the East Garage while it undergoes repairs. There haven't been any flaggers for a while. The traffic flow keeps changing, and signage seems unclear. The project will hopefully be completed by the end of the month. Ali Fadl responded. He said that a project manager is responsible for managing the contractor. He will reach out to the project manager to ensure that signage and flaggers are provided. The changes in traffic flow are inevitable. Hopefully, the project will be completed by the end of the month.

Regarding constituent concerns about signage in Cafritz and in other buildings, Ali suggested submitting a Facilities Project Request form online. They are looking at signage collegewide; many signs do meet signage standards.

Related item: The most common languages spoken by those seeking services from the Refugee Training Program are Spanish, French, Haitian Kreyol, Amharic, Pashtu/Dari, Arabic, and Ukrainian. Perhaps some signs in Cafritz could be translated into these languages.

Concerns were expressed about a calendar issue. Advising Day (Oct. 22) was scheduled during the 12th annual Humanities Days celebration. This is the first time that this has happened. How

will this scheduling decision impact attendance of HD events and Advising Day events? Could this be planned differently next year? Perhaps we could communicate this concern to Academic Affairs.

Dean's Report

No report from the campus dean, Dr. Brad Stewart, who is currently on medical leave. The acting campus dean, Dr. Fiona Glade, will be present at the next meeting.

Chair's Update

Report from the College Council, Memos and Notifications, and Announcements:

IT is working on National Cybersecurity Awareness.

MC is seeking a Board of Trustees Member. The deadline is Oct. 17.

The Compliance Office issued its annual security report.

MC Communications has announced that there will be ballot boxes available at MC.

Remember to update your information in Workday. (See email from HR.)

Policy Review 68003: Gifts Acceptable to Montgomery College is being considered at this time. The community is invited to review the proposed changes and provide feedback by visiting the P&P webpage. All feedback must be submitted by close of business on Friday, Nov. 1.

A reminder from OEI about the Fall Equity Dialogue on the Rockville Campus, GU 222, on Oct. 16 from 12 to 2 pm.

A reminder that this Hispanic Heritage Month, and there are many activities related to this.

For Domestic Violence Month, there are several events being offered to create awareness related to stalking, domestic violence, gender-based violence, dating violence, etc. More information can be found on the website: <https://bit.ly/BeSafeatMC>. Also, the One Love escalation workshop will be held on Oct. 30 from 1 to 2:30 pm in CM 211.

Reminders that the next Mobile Market at TPSS will be held on Nov. 2 in the ST Atrium from 2 to 4 pm.

The 12th Annual Humanities Days celebration – Striving to Uplift and Unite in Times of Upheaval – will take place Oct. 21 to 25 with virtual and in-person events. Please check out these learning opportunities.

The Fall 2024 Prescription Drug Take Back Day will take place on Oct. 23 from 9 to 3 in the lobby of the ST Building.

A reminder to explore the Fall 2024 Professional Development Catalog.

There is an MC Governance Instagram QR Code. The goal is to get 50+ followers; please check it out.

The MC Library has created a non-partisan online guide for the 2024 elections. See library page on the MC site.

The Maryland Male Students of Color Summit will take place on Friday, Oct. 18 in Germantown. The keynote speaker is Kevin Powell.

Flu shots will be available at Central Services (Oct. 7), Rockville (Oct. 21), Germantown (Oct. 31), and TPSS (Nov. 11) from 10 to 2. Free for employees, retirees, and students.

Update from the Student Wellness Center; Registered MC students can get free food on every campus. At TPSS, students can go to the Learning Center in CM 110, The Campus Dean's office in ST 306, the IRJCE in P4 202, or to HC 201.

The College Council is seeking individuals to become members of the Communications, Nominations and Elections Committee. This committee will be tasked with coordinating Governance Awareness Day on all three campuses, as well as promoting governance information and information related to the election process. If interested, please contact collegecouncil@montgomerycollege.edu.

Concerns were expressed by the lack of student participation on the council. It was suggested that we reach out to Student Life to follow up on our student representatives and to possibly seek new representatives if the current ones cannot attend.

How can we increase the visibility of our campus council? Suggestions include making announcements during department (and other) meetings and putting up signs around campus about upcoming meetings.

Annual Goals Update

Update on Composting Food Waste on campus: Matt met with Eddie Fuentes of grounds maintenance and with Kathy Vasquez, a county official with the Department of the Environment to discuss ways to promote composting and to reduce food waste. Yard waste is already being composted at TPSS. The County will send bins to help with collecting food waste in break rooms. Deb offered to help promote awareness with cafeteria workers about this. Deb, Chris, and Norberto agreed to help with this goal. Jeri suggested that we find out which courses (Environmental Science? Sociology?) might connect to this goal, so we can reach students who may want to get involved.

Update on goal of using the former art store/café in Cafritz as a place to build a sense of community: Norberto, Matt, and Chris offered to work on this goal.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Nov. 8. We have invited Ali Fadhil of Facilities and Adaora Nwigwe, the Placement and Learning Center Advisor of the Refugee Training Program to attend. We would like to gather information about how to improve signage in Cafritz.

Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 am

Respectfully submitted by
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