
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE
STUDENT SERVICES & SUCCESS COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, November 14, 2024, 1:00 – 2:30 P.M.

Zoom

MINUTES

Attendees

Members Present: Ernest Cartledge, Marcus Peanort, Judith Taylor, Brenda Crist, Rosa Garcia, Miho Shimizu, Claudia Salas, Lucy Vitaliti, Yabesira Shiferaw, Guillermo Laya

Members Absent: Amanda Lucini, Betsy Flores, Bonita Parker

Call to Order

Chair Cartledge called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Constituent Concerns

No constituent concerns.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Minutes from the meeting on October 10, 2024, and today's agenda were approved.

Chair's Report

College Council Meeting Updates from November 5th:

- Vice-chair Brenda Crist attended the council meeting.
- Chair Shakenna Adams-Gormley shared information from the Town Hall meeting also held on November 5th.
- President Williams encouraged everyone to vote and talked about the role of MC in supporting this civil process.
- Office of Public Safety won a \$562,000 grant to implement safety programs and improvements.
- Highlights were shared on Dr. Williams' Bowtie and Backpack chats. The bowties represent uniqueness, and the backpacks represent the things we carry in life.
- The 25-26 Academic Year Calendar is now available for review.
- The Presidential Scholar Program is still seeking applicants for the program.
- Dr. David Torrain, Germantown Math Professor, won a \$200,000 grant.
- Tilandra Rhyne, College Council Secretary, won the AAWCC Women Under 40 Award.
- MC Libraries have information available on Native American Heritage Month.
- There was a reminder to complete Open Enrollment by November 8th.
- Mobile Markets organizers are still looking for volunteers at all three campuses.
- MC Governance Instagram page has reached 51 followers.
- The Capital Campaign launched last Wednesday, October 30th. It's seeking \$50 million dollars.

- A group of MC students visited the Oval Office to attend the signing of President Biden's Executive Order supporting Hispanic Serving Institutions.
- MC Construction Management students were recognized at the city council meeting.
- Ramon de la Cruz attended the Board of Trustees meeting and gave a brief recap.
- Sherwin Collette, Senior Vice President for Administrative and Fiscal Services, presented updates on parts of AFS: Human Resources, IT, Public Safety and Financial services, and their efforts to align with the Strategic Master Plan. He mentioned that 82% of the college budget is people related, meaning compensation and benefits.
- Kerry Norberg and Kristina Schramm are the contacts for academic faculty to give input on future classroom spaces.
- Plans of updating Wayfinding around the campuses is part of the Facilities Master Plan.
- Dr. Alice Santoro, Associate Dean of Student Engagement, presented on the Strategic Plan, goal 2: Sense of belonging for everyone at the college regardless of demographic characteristics.
- Safe Zone Training in FY25 will include sessions to students.
- There is a welcoming campus initiative with informative messages such as what to do when an elevator is out.
- Non-credit pathways info-sessions are available to credit and non-credit students to learn about program offerings.
- The Office of Disabilities Services will run a pilot in Spring 25 to automatically send DSS letters to faculty.
- Counseling and Advising is working on how to bring back Student Orientation for students.
- Dr. Carolyn Terry, Senior Vice President for Curriculum, Placement and Pathways reported on Goal 3: Data informed curriculum development.
- There is a review to make FY25 course scheduling more inclusive, considering curriculum rather than interdisciplinary criteria.
- There is an initiative to incorporate MHEC standards regarding enrollments and completion rates into the CAR report.

Goals Discussion

- Guillermo provided an update on the Marketing Campaign Goal.
- Council members reviewed an informational flyer and provided feedback.
- The flyer in English was approved. Ernest will work on creating a permanent ZOOM link for the QR code.
- Yabesira reviewed and confirmed that the flyer in Amharic was correct.
- Rosa endorsed the flyer in Spanish with no revisions.
- Dean Peanort recommended asking Title IX or DSS to review this flyer for accessibility.
- Brenda shared indentation edits.
- Ernest shared an update on the second goal.
- Dr. Ridguard suggested to attend the Student Council meeting rather than the Student Governance Association meetings.
- Council members agreed with this recommendation.

Announcements

- Rosa Garcia shared a question about students reporting levels of anxiety after the outcome of the presidential elections. Ernest reported that more discussion about this topic will be shared in the next College Council meeting.
- Brenda Crist shared a concern from counselor Jose Medrano regarding students who need to learn several applications and technologies for their classes. Students reported issues with lockdown browsers, remote proctoring services and Blackboard. Ernest shared that this concern has been directed to Anna Hamilton in IT.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Guillermo Laya
Student Services and Success Council Secretary