

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

Faculty Council

October 6, 2022

Attendees

- **Members present:** Baker, Dana; Darr, Amanda; Hurst, Teri; Jones, Shelley; Karpakakunjaram, Vedham; Theophile-LaFond, Anestine; Pointer, Jon; Prendergast, Michelle; Robinson, Tamesha; Sprague, Melissa; Thomas Desjardins, Ketely; Webb, Alla; Winffel, Norma; Wolin, Carole
- **Proxies present:** Ever Grier for Asia Lunn, Rick Pires for Susan Bontems
- **Constituents present:** Miriam Zemen
- **Members excused:** Martin, Chloe; Pavetto, Carl; Sullivan, Rachel;
- **Invited guests:** Kimberly, McNair
- **Council Liaison:** Terry, Carolyn
- **Governance Director:** Ridguard, Clevette

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Dana Baker, co-chair. There was a quorum to conduct governance business.

Approval of the Agenda / Minutes

The agenda for today's meeting was approved. Minutes from September 15, 2022 were accepted with corrections. This meeting was recorded for internal use only.

Constituent Concerns

At this time, guests were invited to speak.

- Carole Wolin shared a constituent concern about the bookstores' practice of ordering a reduced number of textbooks for individual sections. Students are not able to start class with necessary course materials. Teri Hurst, Rick Pires, and Melissa Sprague expressed similar experiences. Jon Pointer will share this concern with the Operational Services Council.
- Dana Baker shared that College-wide Chairs had a question about faculty responsibilities during sabbatical. Three questions were submitted by Hoa Nguyen:
 1. Does one have to answer students' request about grades in classes that they taught before their sabbatical?
 2. If the communication from the faculty is kept to a minimal (e.g. refuse to act or investigate further on students' requests), do we simply recommend academic appeal?
 3. How long can a student go before they no longer can file an academic appeal for changing grade/extended deadlines/etc. in a class?
- Anestine Theophile-LaFond shared a concern from the RV Faculty Senate about faculty and students being overloaded by information. This information overload might be the reason faculty and students fail to respond to emails, don't receive information about scholarships, nor engage in activities. The Senate would like the Psychology department to examine the impact of information overload on faculty and students. Dr. Monica Brown recently announced that Siegal Consulting firm will be working with Student Services and Dana Baker suggested that maybe the firm could assist in this concern.

Chair's Report

The council co-chairs, Jon Pointer and Dana Baker, shared a PowerPoint* for their report. The report included College updates, reminders about upcoming events, and initiatives.

Committee Reports

- College-wide Curriculum Committee (CCC): Vedham reported that the full CCC met 09/30/22. Proposals for a few new certificate and credit programs will be presented 10/07/22. CCC requests FC to send out notice of a need for new members.
- General Education Standing Committee (GEC): Michelle reported that the committee met 09/23/22. GEC requests FC to send out notice of a need for new faculty members from Communications, Humanities, and Math.
- Academic Regulations (AR) Committee: Norma reported that 3 regulations were approved as presented by the Presidential Administrative Cabinet. Norma shared that, along with several other members, this is her last year working with the AR.
 - ◊ Shelley Jones motioned to accept the nomination of David Jean-Julien as the TPSS Counseling Faculty representative for the Academic Regulations committee. Alla Webb seconded the motion. The Council unanimously voted to accept this motion.

Campus Reports

- Germantown Faculty Senate – tabled, representative not present.
- Rockville Faculty Senate – Anestine reports they met 09/15/22. The Senate brainstormed about ways to increase faculty engagement and representatives on the Senate. Information overload was a topic that stood out and was shared as a constituent concern. The Senate had concerns about students not adhering to the mask mandate. The Senate reached out to the Director of Public Health but got no response. However, the website was updated.
- TPSS – tabled; the TPSS faculty senate has not been reconvened.

Presentation: Library updates by Suzette Spencer

- <https://libguides.montgomerycollege.edu/elections/2022>
- National Voter Education events and opportunities for research assignments
- Extended hours may be offered during final exam week as staffing allows

Faculty Data Practices by Nadine Porter; Data Asset Management presentation PPT*

New Business

- Goals for AY 22-23: Jon shared a PPT* presentation and led the discussion about Council goals for the academic year. The plan is to consider goals that fit the SMARTIE framework and align with the College's 2025 plan. We will submit our goals by 10/31/22.

**Any presentations or supporting documents shared at this meeting will be available on the Faculty Council AY 2022-2023 Teams site.*

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Melissa Sprague, Faculty Council Secretary