
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE
Germantown Campus Council
December 5, 2017
PK 105; 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Attendees

- Present: Tonya Baker, John Billos, Diane Chapin, Kelly Rudin, Britney Green, Mary Robinson, Harvey Stempel, Rhiley Farenthold
- Proxies present: Joan LeFever for Suraya Johnson
- Absent: Nathaly Sook Castillo; Don Newlin, Maurice McCambley, Binta Njie, and Margaret Latimer

Call to order

Tonya Baker called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m., and began the meeting by reviewing the agenda. Following this, Britney Green led a holiday icebreaker exercise.

Constituent Comments

- Kelley Rudin opened a discussion of the gas leak this past Monday (12/4/17) on campus, by praising the job done by the Public Safety Department. A discussion ensued regarding the incident and councilmembers commented on various aspects of the gas leak experience and mentioned that the event response would be reviewed by the campus Public Safety Department and Facilities to maximize learning for future potential emergency situations.
- Joan LeFever questioned the policy of putting a hold on student's accounts when they are appealing an outstanding parking ticket. She has requested guidelines for students about what to do when their accounts are frozen.
- Concerns were raised about the lack of ADA parking in front of the Bioscience Education Center. Potential parking spots in the first row of parking beyond Observation Drive will be recommended as a possibility by the Council.
- Dr. Satish Gupta asked the Council to help find a place where he can have biology students display biologically-oriented models created in his courses. Tonya Baker will investigate this possibility and find out whether any special care will be needed for the models.

Approval of Minutes

John Billos motioned to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2017 meeting, and the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Office of the Ombuds: Report for FY 2017

Julie Weber, representing the ombuds office, reported that the office's FY17 Summary Data Report was publicly presented to the college via email on October 19, 2017. The report summarizes the visits of college employees to the ombuds office regarding their experiences at MC relating to respect for employees, treatment of employees, and ethical matters in the workplace. She reported that MC employee's concerns are about the same as concerns of employees in other organizations, and that they are categorized in a standard way based on guidelines of the International Ombudsman Association. Ms. Weber and the Council explored concerns about communication, accountability and ethics as topics of interest at MC.

Germantown Student Senate Report

Rhiley Farenthold reported that:

- the senate is encouraging students to complete the Student Engagement Survey;
- a wellness week is being prepared for and will most likely occur in the latter part of February, possibly the week of the 19th – 23rd;
- Student Advocacy Day, sponsored by the Maryland Association of Community Colleges, will be on February 7, 2018.

Chairs Report

What you can do to preparing for Middle States Site Visit:

- Encourage staff, faculty, students and colleagues to attend the Middle States Briefing Sessions in February 2018.
- Be sure to have copies of the mission/vision in your area
- Ensure that faculty, staff, students, and colleagues can articulate how their roles contribute to the mission/vision of the College.
- Provide examples of how the work your areas are doing aligns with Montgomery College 2020 as well as the Self-Study themes of social justice and innovation.
- Be able to answer these questions: 1) how were you involved in the self-study, 2) have you read the self-study and do you think it is an accurate, balanced representation of the College, 3) what do you hope to get out of the self-study?

Announcements

- Germantown Campus Council Mobile Market Volunteering – Thursday, Dec 7th
- Anne Schleicher Retirement Celebration – Thursday, Dec 7th – 1-3 pm, SA 250
- Ethics Focus Group - December 12, 2017 - Noon-1 p.m. (Bring your lunch, they will provide cookies) in CT S102. Space is limited, so please RSVP to 240-567-7396 or compliance@montgomerycollege.edu.
- HRSTM Update (part of Facetime with Janet Wormack) - Dec 12th from 10:30-11:30 am at the CT Room S108 (first floor). Seating will be limited to the first 40 registrants. Join Chief Human Resources Officer, Bob Roop, Director of Human Resources Operations, Krista Leitch-Walker and Director of Employee and Labor Relations for updates on Classification and Compensation, Benefits, EAP, Next Generation Wellness, Records and more important HRSTM info.
- Campus Holiday Celebration – Dec 19th 11:00 am – 1:30 pm – BE 151/152. RSVP using link in email. Questions? Contact Nicole Given.
- The Volunteer Club will be collecting on behalf of Toys for Tots through December 15, 2017.

Follow Up on Old Business

Two discussion topics emerged towards the meeting's end: campus shuttle schedule information and use of the gym for volleyball during open gym time. Electronic monitors on campus do show shuttle expected arrival times accurately, and adjustments to gym protocols involving the protection of individuals using the equipment would be required to facilitate playing volleyball.

Adjournment

John Billos motioned to adjourn and by unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.