

MC GOVERNANCE

GERMANTOWN CAMPUS COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, October 21, 2022; 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Present: Amanda Darr, Tonya Baker, Joanna Kilby, Kiersten Newtoff, Patricia Robinson, Brandon Mollock, Kayla Yost, Katie Mount

Absent: Fawwaz Mustafa, Ana Gabriela Rojas, Nichole Land, Marcus Peanort, John Billos

Guests: John Hamman, Nadine Porter, Ja'Bette Lozupone, Fizie Haleem, Sally McClean, Clevette Ridguard, Yvette Taylor, Magdaline, Irene Leiva, Jessame Ferguson

Liaison: Muhammad Kehnemouyi

Call to Order

There is a quorum to conduct business. The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by the chair.

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

The agenda and minutes were approved as written. The meeting was recorded for internal use only.

Council Announcements

1. Amanda: Charlie Jackson (IT representative) moved to the Rockville campus and will be replaced by John Billos

2. Tonya: Introduced Muhammad Kehnemouyi as new interim provost

Constituent Concerns

1. Tonya: Employees are interested in open gym hours for employees. This is in the planning stage and waiting for an announcement.

2. Tonya: Concerns expressed about the bottle filling stations shut off in the HS building. Anthony is being followed-up on this issue.

3. Tonya: Faculty concerns about the lack of lighting at night around the front of the BE building. These faculty feel unsafe after night classes. Following up with facilities.

4. Kiersten: Part-time faculty are not able to get keys to access classes in the Biology Department. Tonya following-up with concern.

5. Joanna: HIV testing on the Germantown campus. Concerns that the HIV training and testing are on the other campuses but not Germantown campus. Following up with the SHaW Center.

Student Thoughts

Irene Leiva 2nd year general studies at MC with SSAH core, plans to transfer to UM Global Campus and major in homeland security.

1. Involved in FYE program (student ambassador)

2. Prefer some aspects of both the virtual and in-person classes. The ease of virtual is comfortable and flexible but taking more in-person classes this semester to be involved in student life.

3. She did not realize how many student activities were taking place on campus and now is looking at the student life website and social media page to be part of these. She enjoys the activities and guest speakers being brought to campus.

4. Although she likes the virtual environment, she prefers the structured remote verses the distance format class based on needing/desiring more direct professor

involvement and interaction. She suggests adding more of this professor interaction in the distance classes.

5. Prefer email format for MC communications, especially for important information.

Magdaline (Maggie) Agyare Last year at MC general studies at MC with SSAH core, plans to transfer to Howard University and major in political science.

1. Involved in the renaissance scholar program, PTK, and the FYE program.

2. She really likes the student and campus interactions associated with these programs. She missed the social interactions during Covid and enjoys the in-person components these programs give her.

3. Maggie also likes the flexibility and convenience of the virtual classes but participates on campus to have the on-campus involvement.

4. Prefers email for MC communications. She finds this easier for communications but uses social media for student life activities.

5. Maggie also loves the class and guest speakers, especially in the FYE program.

6. She is concerned about her security on campus after her night class. She suggests some type of app to call a security escort. Also, placing campus security phones in the parking lot.

ASCEND Parent Initiative Report- Ja'Bette Lozupone

1. Define the program-initiative to assist students who are parents at MC

- Noted that student parents primarily use email for MC communications
- Program began 3 years ago with a taskforce that represents various departments at MC. Led by the department of Student Affairs. The current president is currently supporting this ongoing work.
- 20-25% of the MC students are parents and face challenges as students based on the responsibilities of parenthood.

- One of the goals is to systematically collect data about these students to better determine the needs and goals to improve success rates.
- Gave an update on parking spaces, lactation suites, diaper changing stations and other services for parent students. Professional development opportunities for MC employees to educate them on the needs of these students.
- December 8th meeting and event with student parents, campus to be determined. All employees invited.
- 3 main goals:
 - Identify, track, and monitor MC student parents
 - Amplify the “voices” of these students
 - Create a central repository (virtual) for information
 - <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/offices/student-affairs/ascend-parent-initiative/index.html>

Q&A

Q. Joanna-Have we considered DSS accommodations for student parents?

A. Items that are directly related to Title IX. We may get priority registration and the rest will be based on training faculty.

Q. Amanda-Where should we direct our student parents for resources and assistance?

A. To the website and to Ja’Bette, but the department has a small staff, so everyone can assist and Ja’Bette will assist with any student who is introduced by email.

Data on MC Student Metrics Report- John Hamman and Nadine Porter (see associated PPT)

1. This report represents an effort supported by the president and board of trustees to ensure data driven discussions about student progress and success. To build a culture of evidence at the college.

2. A key success factor when students come to MC is “gateway” math and English taken and successfully completed during the first year of enrollment. This factor should be understood during student advising. MC is making incremental positive progress in this indicator.

3. Student retention is a complex issue that is not linear. There are many student reasons why they do not come back in a particular semester. Some of these students do return in a following semester. Since the reasons are complex, faculty and staff are encouraged to personally reach out to students to assist with problem solving with these students.

3. Attainment of “milestone” credits is also a factor that is a predictor of student success. Key milestones for full-time students are 24 credits by the end of the first year and 48 credits by the end of year 2. Part-time student milestones are 12 credits by the end of year 1 and 24 credits by the end of year 2. There is an incremental improvement on reaching these goals with the full-time students. The part-time students are having less success with achieving these milestones. To note, a greater percentage of MC students are part-time.

4. PAR graduation rate numbers are improving even though enrollment is declining. This represents positive action on guiding students. 3-year graduation rates for first time full-time students have improved to 28% (from 22%).

5. Post-graduation success measured by finishing a bachelor’s degree in 8 years is up to 34%.

Q&A

Q. Tonya-Do we have data on why students stop taking classes?

A. It is a complex set of reasons. It is hard to get students to respond to these surveys. The students who are not here do not respond. When we get responses, it demonstrates no definitive set of reasons.

Chair's Report

1. Updates from College Council: Goals will be to focus on mental health and mobile markets. The Presidential Transition Advisory Committee Report is available on the MC website for reading. The Strategic Plan Refresh Committee is looking for members. Reminders that parking permits are going to be enforced and there are employee guidelines for involvement during the political season.

2. October 24-28 Annual Humanities Days events:

<https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/special-programs/paul-peck-humanities-institute/humanities-days-at-mc.html>

3. October 26 Donuts with the Deans event. RSVP by October 21st

4. November 4 and December 2-First Fridays book discussion series. Register through Workday.

5. November 17 Guest speaker at the Athenaeum. Robert Teitel Holocaust survivor will speak of the dangers of extreme ideologies.

6. November 15 Town Hall meeting with Dr. Williams will be in-person, the campus location TBA.

7. Reminder to employees to complete the required trainings before upcoming due dates.

8 Dates for the Germantown Mobile Markets are:

November 2

November 30

February 1

March 1

March 29

April 26

Final Discussion/campus updates

1. Tonya recommended taking advantage of the arts display on humanities day
2. Board of elections will be in BE building for the majority of November. It is an opportunity to observe, but rooms 151 and 152 will be occupied.
3. The furniture for the first floor of the SA building will be in next week for the ACES group.
4. The cafeteria now has its own chef. Ava Givens will now be the head chef and Don Luther will manage the catering. Tonya can provide contact information for them.
5. New Germantown Student Services building has a plan and students are being asked to advocate for this building. The goal is to place all of the services in one building.
6. There is a request for funding for the reconfiguration of the PE buildings on all three campuses and for the GT baseball field to bring it up to division standards.
7. PIC MC gateway signage will now be added to the MC signage at the Holy Cross entrance of campus.
8. The preinaugural presentation was a huge success on the GT campus.

Department Updates

1. Joanna-the Community Health Department has just finished getting approval for a Community Health Worker Certification in collaboration with Holy Cross Hospital. The first course will run Spring 2023.
2. Brandon- The library has the election guides and deadlines, tips for misinformation. Takoma Park library will begin renovations. Building will close December 19 and be relocated by January 23, 2023.
3. Sally McClean- wanted to discuss the value of the GT campus to students.
4. Kayla- Student Senate is full with 24 students. Student activities board has 23 students. Voting postcards to encourage students to vote-2000 postcards were written by students.

Photo taken

The guests were asked to leave, and a GT Campus Council photo was taken. A second picture may be taken on November 18th meeting to capture the missing members.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 pm.