

MC GOVERNANCE

GERMANTOWN CAMPUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 | 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Present: Amanda Darr (Council Chair), Kiersten Newtoff, Kam Yee (Secretary), Nichole Land, Milton Nash, Greg Downs, Benedict Ngala, Erin Marcinek, Brian Shaffer, F. Haleem, Yvette Taylor, Clevette Ridguard

Guests: Angela Dawson, Megan Cooperman

Liaison: Muhammad Kehnemouyi

Absent: Patrick McNair, Clarence Mollock, Karlyvette Acevedo, Jennifer Capparella, Asmaa Abdul-Amin, Shakenna Adams-Gormley

Call to Order

Quorum was established to conduct business. Meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm by the Council Chair (Amanda, presiding). The presiding officer informed attendees that the meeting was to be recorded for note-taking and internal use only, and that recording will not be preserved for any other purpose. Meeting is open to the College community, but only elected and appointed members may speak and participate.

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

The minutes from the Dec 05, 2023 meeting were presented. There were no comments. The minutes were approved as written.

Amanda welcomed recently new appointed Council members.

The agenda for today's meeting (Feb 20, 2024) was also presented. There were no comments for additions or corrections.

Constituent Concerns/Thoughts

1. Milton brought up that a recent College survey found only 51% satisfaction rate with the cafeteria offerings due to lack of food diversity. Milton asked whether this could be improved. Amanda will follow up in a future College Council meeting. Erin mentioned that College cafeterias used to have a more culturally diverse food selection pre-Metz.
2. Kiersten pointed out a few name errors in the minutes of Dec 05, 2023 meeting. Kam will correct them in the final version.
3. Brian discussed that Assessment Centers close at 5 pm nowadays. This does not allow sufficient time for student afternoon assessments that require double time, nor evening use for evening classes. Amanda will follow up.

Guest Presentation – SHaW Center & Mobile Market

Angela Dawson (Student Affairs Initiative Program Coordinator)

1. Mobile Markets take place once a month on each campus. They are open to anyone. We need to get the word out to everyone. Many people in the MC community (faculty included) are not aware of this program.
2. MC partners with local farmers and food banks to provide food (primarily produce) at no cost to anyone who needs it. Demographic data is collected for statistics only.
3. Volunteers are needed to help. Schedule is put forth months in advance.
4. Food lockers are available on each campus for students.
5. A new person will start soon to run the Mobile Markets (taking over Sergio Washington's former role).
6. We need to remove the stigma associated with food insecurity and encourage people who need food to use this service.

Amanda reiterated the Mobile Market's constant need for volunteers. She pointed out that Jul 03, 2024 will likely be a day where volunteers might be lacking (due to the Jul 04, 2024 holiday), and asked the Council to consider volunteering on that day if possible.

Kiersten noted that because the Mobile Market takes place on the same date/time every month, it might exclude a certain population who are unable to make it, and suggested that rotating or changing dates/times periodically could help draw additional and more diverse population. Angela will ask the new person to assess this in the future, recognizing that the current schedule is not set in stone and can be revised in response to students' needs.

Council Updates & Goals Review – Amanda Darr

1. Welcome new members Benedict Ngala, Erin Marcinek, Greg Downs. New members continue to serve their respective predecessor's term and will need to be re-elected if they wish to continue serving in the Council after the term is up.
2. Vice Chair position is currently vacated due to Katie Mount's departure from the Council. The Council needs to elect a new person to this position.
3. Goals Review:

Goal #1: Actively engage with constituents during the 2023-2024 academic year.

- Volunteered at Governance Awareness Day in both Fall and Spring semesters.
- Wore Germantown Campus Council (GT CC) shirts on campus.
- Created and distributed GT CC Meeting Flyer.
- Future: Increase nominations from Germantown Campus members for governance.

Goal #2: Partner with one MC group in the Fall and one in the Spring to provide support to faculty/students/staff and to strengthen the sense of belonging and community at Germantown Campus.

- Volunteered at Germantown Campus Holiday Celebration (Dec 12, 2023).
- Future: adopt Mobile Market on Wed, Apr 24, 2024.

Provost's Report – Dr. Muhammad Kehnemouyi

1. Held Maryland Science Olympiad at Germantown Campus on Sat, Feb 10, 2024. This is part of the strategic plan to connect community and K-12 partners. Over 400 high school students representing 20 area high schools were in attendance.
2. MC alumnus Luis Meta Lopez (now studying Computer Science at UMD) was invited to sit on a panel assembled by President Biden's commission for advancing educational equity and economic opportunity for Hispanics. Luis shared his family story and his experience as intern in federal programs at NIH

and NSF while attending MC, expressing how much these programs helped him discover his talents and career path.

3. Montgomery College representatives and students met with State elected officials in Annapolis, MD. Students did a wonderful job sharing their stories. Emphasis was placed on keeping tuition affordable so that education can be within everyone's financial reach.
4. Tommy Luginbill, new Executive Director of the Pinkey Innovation Complex, started Jan 02, 2024. He brings his experience with startups and fostering innovation to carry the mission of the Center, to establish an integrated academic, business and research campus in Germantown. MC-Germantown is the only campus with a teaching hospital on campus.
5. MC BioTech has been nominated for Workforce Champion of the Year Award.
6. Two Maryland Cabinet members (Portia Wu, Maryland Secretary of Labor, and Sanjay Rai, Acting Secretary of Higher Education) visited the Germantown Campus on Dec 20, 2023. Both were impressed with what they saw from the Germantown Campus programs.
7. The third Nobel Laureate lecture (Dr. David Wineland) has been scheduled for Fri, Apr 19, 2024, 9:30-11:00 am. Topic is quantum computing. Dr. William Phillips (also a Nobel Laurate who presented in Germantown Campus on Nov 06, 2023) will also be in attendance.

Guest Presentation – MC Wellness

Megan Cooperman (Employee Wellness Specialist)

1. Sitting too much is bad for our health, but offsetting the impact is easy.
2. MC Wellness has a website (via HRSTM). Registration to the program is required. Site has lots of information resources, and a link to MC Cares (which includes six free counseling sessions).
3. Upcoming February programs: free massages; free virtual nutrition consultations.
4. Upcoming March programs: 10K-A-Day Challenge; Louis Can Amstel (Dancing with the Stars Happy Hour); free virtual nutrition consultations; aqua fitness with Megan.
5. Upcoming April programs: equity walk.

6. Cigna employee members are eligible for a *HelloHeart* blood pressure/heart rate monitor.
7. For upcoming fiscal year: provide app for all employees to provide fitness and wellness classes, paid for by MC.
8. Wellness EAP funds may be utilized to pay for gym memberships, up to \$35 per month. These funds are part of Total EAP funds, available to all full-time MC employees, and certain eligible part-time employees.

Chair's Report – Amanda Darr

1. Staff Council is holding a Food & Hygiene Drive. Donations accepted until Feb 23, 2024.
2. Germantown Athenaeum Symposium: Mon, Feb 26, 2024. 12:30-2:00 pm. GT BE Room 151. "Remedies for Disappearing: An Author Talk with Alexa Patrick." Vocalist Alexa Patrick will perform poems from her debut collection "Remedies for Disappearing" and share complicated stories around Black girlhood.
3. Spring 2024 Transfer Fair: In Germantown Campus: Mon, Feb 26, 2024. 10:00-1:00 pm.
4. Governance nominations and elections.
 - Feb 26-Mar 08 – Nominations.
 - Mar 11-Mar 22 – Accept of decline nominations.
 - Apr 01-Apr 12 – Elections.
5. Virtual Town Hall: Wed, Feb 28, 2024. 2 pm, via Zoom.
6. MC Foundation Innovation Grant Fund. Deadline for submission is Mar 19, 2024.
7. MC Commencement: Fri, May 17, 2024.
8. Mobile Market Volunteers Needed. Volunteer if you can, especially for the Summer ones.
9. Outstanding Staff Awards & Outstanding Faculty Awards: Due Fri, Mar 01, 2024.
10. Required training: Due Sun, Jun 30, 2024. Topics: Data Security; Journey Towards Becoming an Anti-Racist Institution; Title IX; Overdose Epidemic; Digital Fundamentals for Teaching and Learning (new faculty only).
11. Staff Enrichment Day: Wed, Mar 13, 2024.
12. Women's History Month. Multiple events happening across different campus.

Vice-Chair Nominations & Vote

Floor was opened for nominations for (currently open) position of Vice-Chair. Erin Marcinek self-nominated herself. Kiersten seconded the nomination. Without opposition, Erin was elected to the Vice-Chair position by acclamation.

Adjournment

Kiersten motioned to adjourn the meeting. Milton seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 pm.