
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

Rockville Campus Council

December 7, 2021

via Zoom

4:00–5:30 p.m.

Attendees

- Members present: Katherine M. Goldstein (Chair), Sullivan Voss (Vice Chair), Jennifer Page (Secretary), Joanne Carl, John Coliton, Andre Ferguson, Elizabeth Melanson, Elizabeth Ridings
- Proxies present: Shawn J Roberts for Matt Sandee
- Members Absent: Lisa Hackley, Justin Hicks, Matt Sandee
- Guests: Chevelle Glymph, Janice A. Dufour
- Liaison: Dr. Kimberley Kelley
- Governance Director: Dr. Clevette Ridguard

Call to Order

- The regular meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Chair Katherine M. Goldstein. The meeting was recorded for internal use only.

Constituent Concerns

- No concerns were brought forth.

Approval of Minutes

- The November 2021 minutes were approved as written. Andre Ferguson motioned to approve. Jennifer Page seconded.

Chair's Report (Katherine M. Goldstein)

- There will be no meeting in January. The next meeting will be on the first Tuesday in February.
- Mask and vaccine mandate memo
 - Students: documentation due January 7 to verify that they are fully vaccinated
 - Students are encouraged to vaccinate as soon as possible
 - <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/coronavirus/vaccines.html#student>
- Campus vaccination and testing sites
 - Counseling and Advising Building (CB). Open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. to students, staff, and the general public. Walk-ins welcome; [appointments available](#)
 - The Rockville vaccination site offers vaccines on Wednesdays only from 9am to 6pm.
 - Booster shots for all three vaccine types are available at all locations. Please visit the [Montgomery County website](#) to determine if you are eligible and/or to schedule an appointment.
- Emergency financial assistance, resources, and support
 - <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/coronavirus/students/financial-assistance-resources-support.html>
- Rockville campus pantry
 - This food and hygiene drive will be November 29th-December 17th. However, you are encouraged to donate at any time. Items can be delivered to the SHaW Center in the Long Nguyen & Kimmy Duong Student Services Center (SV), Suite 316.

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- Below is a list of popular and need items:
 - Canned Vegetables, Soups, Beans and Fruits
 - Dry Pasta, Beans and Rice
 - Canned Fish and Meat (Tuna, Chicken, Ham, etc.)
 - Cereal, Oatmeal, Applesauce
 - Pancake Mix & Syrup
 - Peanut Butter and Jelly
 - Boxed and Canned Meals: Soup, Spaghetti's, Mac & Cheese, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Ramen Noodles
 - Powdered, Canned or Shelf-Stable Milk
 - Bottled drinks (juice or water)
 - Hygiene items (a very big need): soap/shower gel, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, lotion, feminine care products, lip balm, toothpaste/toothbrush
 - **Please, no glass.**
 - MC Athletics at Rockville
 - Women's and men's basketball are in full swing! Their games are played at Rockville at the gym. Masks required.
 - <https://www.mcraptors.com>
 - The Writing, Reading, and Language Centers, Academic Success Center, Digital Learning Centers, Counseling, and MC Library will host the following **workshops**:
 - 1. Introductions and Conclusions, WRLC-TPSS, Wed., 12/1, 5 - 6 p.m.
 - 2. Paraphrasing, WRLC-RV, Thu., 12/2, 1 - 2 p.m.
 - 3. Common Grammar and Punctuation Mistakes, WRLC-GT, Tue., 12/7, 1 - 2 p.m.
 - 4. Integrating Sources: APA, WRLC-TPSS, Tue., 12/7, 2 - 3 p.m.
 - 5. Integrating Sources: MLA, WRLC-TPSS, Wed., 12/8, 1 - 2 p.m.
 - 6. Test Anxiety, RV Counselling, Wed., 12/8, 2 - 3 p.m.
 - 7. Ace the In-Class Essay, WRLC-TPSS, Thu., 12/9, 2 - 3 p.m.
 - Virtual Study Rooms, hosted by Achieving the Promise Academy
 - Thursdays 7-10pm, Saturdays 3-5pm, Sundays 5-7pm
 - <https://Linktr.ee/atpa>
 - Stress Relief Week, sponsored by MC Student Life
 - Ugly sweater contest, December 6 - December 10
 - Curated calm yoga session, December 6, 4-5pm
 - Build-a-Bear, December 9, 1-2pm
 - Esports tournament, December 10, 6-7pm
 - Just Breathe! Meditation workshop
 - Wednesday, December 8, 1pm
 - Thursday, December 9, 3pm
 - Register: <https://bit.ly/MCMEDITATION>
 - Students who attend will receive a chance to win prizes
 - Crisis and personal resources
 - If you are experiencing a mental health crisis please call, text, or chat 24 hours a day:

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- Montgomery County Crisis Hotline: 240-777-4000
 - National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800-273-8255. Press 1 for Veterans Crisis Line
 - Online chat support at imalive.org
 - Text chat support: Text "Start" to 741741
 - National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-7233
 - Students:
 - <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/counseling-and-advising/personal-counseling.html>
 - www.montgomerycollege.edu/can
 - www.montgomerycollege.edu/shaw-center
 - Faculty/Staff:
 - <https://info.montgomerycollege.edu/offices/human-resources/faculty-staff-assistance-program.html>
 - Two committees will be set up to help create more specificity with goal setting. Members should choose from one of the following:
 - Supporting the Arts
 - Supporting mental health (collaboration with student senate or College Council?)
 - Please direct message or email Jennifer Page, Secretary, with your choice of committee.
 - John Coiltion: Support the Arts
 - Elizabeth Ridings: Mental health
 - Elizabeth Melanson: Support the Arts
 - Joanne Carl: Support the Arts (but also Mental Health – flexible)
 - Andre Ferguson: Support the Arts

Provost's Report

- Things are going very well regarding the Fall semester. A challenging fall but relatively successful in presenting courses in person.
- Excellent metrics – reassuring
 - Student portal: submit vaccine proof or exception request
- Lot of work going on in winter break
 - Buildings closed
 - Water/sewer issue in Student Services
 - Piping work HU and MT: conversation with James Gillis
 - Finish underground
 - Cannot put in concrete during cold weather, so more time needed for closing the area out
 - Pool: will not be ready in January, until later in Spring semester
 - Walk-through PE: excellent condition, renovation and filtration system, painting, and repairs are all completed. Classrooms and studios look really good.
 - Most of proxy card readers installed.

- Mask-up campaign: concerns among libraries and writer centers about safety, unsure if students entering will be vaccinated, so campaign will encourage students to wear masks.
 - Question: Is the college doing anything for those students that don't submit any vaccine documentation or exemption requests – will students be dropped? What will be the faculty responsibility ensuring that students have submitted verification?
 - No intention to not allow registration so all students will be permitted to register. Faculty cannot be the vaccine police, so not expectation for them. College will reach out to the students. The goal is to make sure that the percentage will be similar numbers for students as we currently have for the staff.
 - Question: what is the best option when students raise concern about vaccination and safety?
 - Dr. Kelley: We cannot ask them whether they are vaccinated. Anyone can be in the class because they signed up before the vaccine mandate. Email: publichealth@montgomerycollege.edu
 - Question: a lot of concerns from students have been addressed: about not knowing what to do if another student isn't vaccinated or if they feel unsafe. There is not a lot of information about what noncompliance looks like.
 - Dr. Kelley: will look to see if there anything on the web that addresses what students should do if they feel unsafe.

Presentation: Chevelle Glymph, Director of Public Health and Environmental Safety

- Brief overview on where things are regarding COVID and return to campus.
- Anyone not feeling well, stay home. Utilize the health assessment form.
- Important to use masks.
- Hand sanitizers and wipes available. Facilities are responsible for making sure the machines are full and usable.
- Publichealth@montgomerycollege.edu
 - Faculty: send email to this email address with any concerns about any students
 - For example, if a student is gone for 2 weeks
- Positive test result for staff and students: quarantine is 10 days for vaxxed, and 14 days for unvaxxed
 - Staff: Take sick leave or work from home
 - Students: need to work out arrangements with course faculty
- Class will be deeply cleaned if student reported positive that day
- Numbers have been pretty low – major uptick since Thanksgiving – to be expected.
- Boosters:
 - Not required right now, but highly encouraged
- Nov 24: Omicron variant, WHO variant of concern
 - Not situation where it's being transmitted in a few states, the only state in DMV area is MD right now
 - A lot not known yet, much research being done.
 - What we know that works:
 - Mask

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- Stay home if feeling sick
 - Hand hygiene
 - Vaccine and booster
 - Questions:
 - Everyone on campus has to do the health assessment and get the green checkmark?
 - If you're experiencing any symptoms, then don't come to campus
 - If exposed, but have no symptoms and vaxxed, can still come to campus, should get tested 3-5 days later
 - Health assessment: designed to make you pause every day and think before heading to campus
 - Classes with student tested positive, what will be the procedure about the room?
 - Student will need to quarantine and may be able to take the in-person class remotely
 - Room can still be in use – will be deeply cleaned, not need to move class to online unless faculty member has Covid

Announcements

Jennifer Page:

- Please share any ideas for future Rockville Campus Council Meeting speaker presentations on this Google survey form. Name is optional; your suggestion can be anonymous if you wish.
- Survey link is: <https://forms.gle/kR99hAnsrJjpt9Xr9>
- This link will also be sent in an email to all of the council members from the Rockville Council mail account.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:04 p.m. John Coilton motioned, Joanne Carl seconded.

Respectfully submitted by
Jennifer Page, Rockville Campus Council Secretary