

Montgomery College Governance
Student Council
Thursday, September 19th, 2019
4:00 - 6:00 PM Rockville Campus
Science Center 400

Attendees

Members present: Caleb Schauer, Rachel Walfish, Kymani Brown, Jennifer James, Maeva Kepgang, Devin Meas, Richelle Adu, Conrad Smith

Administrative Liaison: Monica Brown, Clevette Ridguard

Members excused: N/A

Guests: Tracey Smith-Bryant, Mark Pace, Christopher Moy, Kristen Roe, Maria Adams, Kimberly Kelley, Ed Riggs

Call to Order (4:04)

The regular meeting was called to order at 4:03pm by Caleb Schaeur, Student Council Chair

Approval of Minutes (4:07)

The agenda has been approved as read. The last meetings minutes have been read and approved.

Constituent Concerns (4:04)

- A resolution to reconstitute Columbus Day as a Indigenous Peoples day - Richelle Adu
- Awareness of career scams on MC campuses - Conrad

Parking & Transportation (4:08)

- What can be done about the ticket and penalization issue?
 - Appeal or Pay. There is a 10 day period to appeal which was implemented for the students.
- Losing registration over not knowing to appeal?
 - Website was redone by communications to assist students, many places to keep students aware, what extra could be done to assist students in learning of such opportunities?

College Council Chair (4:16)

- Encourage student council awareness

College mission, vision, and values

- Remind the college of our sense of urgency. Process is very important, but some concerns require expedition. Stand in solidarity of fellow students. "Takoma Park is losing their gym"

Office of Compliance, Risk, and Ethics (4:23)

Title IX & Compliance

- Need to know
 - Increase student awareness of Title IX laws.
- How can we (Office of Compliance, Risk, and Ethics) increase student awareness?
 - Incentivized events, Simpler email communication (with click to read more)

Student Complaints (where to go to file a complaint)

- Student complains resolution website

Reporting Athletic Concerns

Maryland SB798

Options for reporting athletic concerns

- Contact a coach
- Contact Christopher Moy (phone or mail)
- Contact EthicsPoint (Confidential reporting)
- Contact public safety and emergency management

Title IX

- Prevention of sexual misconduct, sex based discrimination, etc
- Sexual Assault Prevention for Community Colleges
- Bringing in the Bystander

Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Resources

- Gender inclusive restroom locations on each campus
- Preferred Names Guidelines

Pregnant and Parenting Students

- Mamava Lactation Suites

Room for questions

Any issue you feel could be classified under Title IX is worthy bringing to attention

“Fields of Study” Initiative (5:05)

- Getting students onboarded properly, increase retention, optimize students ability to graduate with 60 credit hours
- Introduce “Fields of Study” program to generalize student interest of learning
 - Fewer wasted credits, faster completion time, decreased cost to graduate
 - Classes will be tinkered to allow useful credits to be taken which will transfer

Room for discourse in regards to questions, clarifications, and testimonies.

Council Discussion (5:32)

Online meetings

- Potential for meetings to take place virtually.
- Designated places per campus to conduct virtual meeting

Richelle’s proposal

- Resolution to reconstitute Columbus Day as Indigineous Peoples day

Richelle Adu of Student Council made a motion at 5:46 to reconstitute Columbus Day as Indigineous Peoples day. It was seconded and passed with unanimous support.

Announcements & Future Agenda Items (5:51)

- Optional emergency meeting for further discussion of goal plans. To be discussed further.
- The amendment voted on last meeting will be present for the next college council meeting.

Chair’s Report (5:57)

- Food services consultant to attend meeting on October 10th
- The College photographer will be taking pictures on October 10th, subject to change.

Next Meeting (6:03)

The next student council meeting is planned to occur on Thursday, October 10th during 4:00-6:00pm in the Rockville Science Center, Room 400.

Hearing no objections, Caleb Schauer adjourned the meeting at 6:03pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:03pm

Respectfully submitted by
Kymani Brown, Student Council Secretary