
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

Student Council
Friday November
1, 2024
Zoom Meeting
5:00 PM-6:00 PM

Attendees:

- Members present: Chair: Mhambi Musonda, Secretary: Denisia Jocktane Akagah, Members: Hanif Ali, Fatou Sow, Makeya Segu Bekele; Visitors: Meklit Abebe, Chen; Supervisors: Ms. Shakenna Adams-Gormley, Dr. Clevette Ridguard, Council Liaison: Dr. Ed Cabellon
- Proxies present: NONE
- Members excused: Vice-Chair: Aniket Belur; Alex Jaemin Kim, Jasjeet Kaur Upal, Alan C. Lee, Alan Chin, Cristian Jose Ramos, Fenet Shertaga
- Invited Guests: Dr. Susan Albertine, Ms. Eman Saqib

Call to Order

- The regular meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM by Chair, Mhambi Musonda

Approval of Minutes: 5:09 PM

- Approved as read.

Constituent Concerns: 5:15 PM

- Hanif: Rumors that the new Dean of Humanities is worried about the student-run closet on the RV campus might get closed, despite its vital role in supporting students. Dr. Cabellon and Dr. Price are working on having a new layout for the closet so that it falls under a better management, possibly for the Student Wellness Center. Dr. Cabellon would like to open this closet on each campus. Ms. Shakenna shared that there is one at TPSS. Students complained that the gym hours are too short.

Chair's Report: 5:24 PM

- Election Day is on November 5.
- Monthly Housing Clinic sponsored by the Student Wellness Center on 11/06
- Wellness Center is hosting a health insurance enrollment fair on 11/07
- MC (Student Wellness Center) will collaborate with Pathways to Housing DC on 11/04 to connect people with permanent housing opportunities.
- On 11/14 from 12-12:45PM the Office of Equity and Inclusion seeks student input about the cultural diversity experience at MC.

Guest Speaker (5:29 PM): Dr. Susan Albertine (President of the Montgomery County Chapter of the League of Women Voters)

- The League of Women Voters grew from the Women Suffrage Movement from 1920 to educate women and others to vote. They are open to all eligible voters and residents of Montgomery County. They are also involved with the County Council. The League comes to MC to help with voter registrations, provide information on who is on the ballots and discuss election issues. It is important to note that they are non-partisans. Nevertheless, they take positions on issues. They produce the voters' registration guide to share information on the candidates and what the questions on the ballots are. They preserve the integrity of the candidates' answers to political issues. The League also handles "Vote411.org," which gives easy access to the aforementioned items.

Guest Speaker (5:41 PM): Ms. Eman Saqib (MC Foundation Board Student Director, Chair of the MC Philanthropy Council)

- Eman is a Student Director of the MC Foundation and the chair of the Philanthropy Council. The Philanthropy Council has been created to highlight the amazing ways in which the MC Foundation has helped supporting MC students. They are going to have an event on the RV campus on 11/14 to share some information on how students can give forward. Dr. Williams and Ms. Kimmy Duong will be present as guest speakers. The Philanthropy Council is also looking for two student members; Eman will share information about the requirements to join later.

Guest Speaker (5:46 PM); Dr. Clevette Ridguard

- MCHE is looking for a student representative to sit on their Council. MC is establishing a process to have ongoing representation on that council. The faculty and student councils are expected to come up with the said Dr. Ridguard shared what the process currently looks like from the MHEC Bylaws.
- The Student Council will nominate students, then send it to the SVPSA who will then send it to the President. We already have some requirements for nomination and for participation on the MHEC Student Advisory Council. The representative will sit at the MHEC meetings and report back to the student council.
- Dr. Ridguard would like the members of the Student Council to reflect on the selection process and come up with student names for nomination.

Member Reports

- Makeya: Update about the safety issue at TPSS. Students complained to the Public Safety office, and they put in an order for CCTV cameras to be put around campus. The SGA invited Public Safety to their meeting to get an estimate of the delivery time for the cameras.
- Ms. Shakenna: Update about the flickering lights in the GT parking lot: lights have been fixed

Meeting Adjourned at 5:56 PM

Respectfully submitted by
Denisia Jocktane Akagah, Student Council Secretary