

Student Services and Success Council Meeting (SS&SC)

Minutes

Thursday, November 9, 2017 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Central Services Building (CT), Room S301

Attended: Maria Adams, Byron Jamison, Clemmie Solomon, Frances Raphael-Howell, Judy Taylor, Bo Chan, Jean Deutcheu, Tim Kirkner

Guests: Shawn Harrison, Sharon Bland

Call to order at 2:15pm

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

November meeting agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes

October meeting minutes approved with edits

Constituent Concerns

- Student Club Hours
 - Jean Deutcheu reported that students contacted the Student Life office seeking club hours
 - Students want to engage in activities at the same hour
 - Students want club hour to be at a time when students are already on campus

Takoma Park Garage Issues – Shawn Harrison

- Currently, the east garage has poor lighting and is without WiFi and cameras
- Steps that are being taken to increase security in the garage include
 - increasing patrols
 - exploring the possibility of retro fitting the garage with new technology
 - WiFi, Cameras, better lighting
 - Potential issues include funding, structural damage, and disturbing neighborhood residents
 - Awareness campaign for students, faculty & staff to encourage them to remain vigilant

Security Update – Shawn Harrison

- Public Safety Officers
 - Officers now wear uniforms and are more visible
 - Officers have increased patrols

Equity and Inclusion Presentation provided by Sharon Bland, Chief Equity and Inclusion Officer

- Has met with over 300 people.
- Will share the Equity and Inclusion survey results with the MC community in December (almost 900 participants).

- Held “Pizza for Your Thoughts” sessions at each campus. Plans to include GBTC and Westfield.
- Shared some information regarding comments from students at the sessions, which fell into these categories: food (variety and vegan options), access to campuses, counseling, cost, and professors.
- Focus group for students to be developed.
 - So far, 38 students have expressed interest in participating

Gender Equity & Inclusion – Clemmie Solomon

- The issue has often been brought forward as increasing the number of women
- Has there been any benchmarking on attrition of males of color in faculty and staff
- There is a continuing and growing imbalance of males of color among faculty, staff and leadership
- Frances Raphael-Howell put forward gender inequity is no longer a binomial situation
 - LGBTQI

Program of Study – Judy Taylor

- Maryland and DC will hold the college to program of study
- Maryland is changing the number of credits for state aid

Improving Communication

- How do students view communication?
- What do students think communication should be vs. what we are doing?

Student Needs Assessment

- Tim Kirkner suggested that a comprehensive assessment of students’ needs should be conducted

Town hall

- Bo Chan raised the question if SS&SC should follow up on anything from the town hall meeting.

Announcements

Dr. Solomon – Opioid Crisis

- The Governor’s task force on opioid prevention is coming to the Takoma Park campus at 11:00 am on November 30.
- Takoma Park will possibly host a program in April on substance abuse awareness
- Exploring the possibility of having an MC specific substance abuse awareness event in Rockville
 - State Attorney’s Office wants to be involved

Meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.