MC GOVERNANCE

Montgomery College
College Council
Meeting #12 Minutes
Tuesday, April 8, 2025
1:00 – 3:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

Attendees
Present: Shakenna Adams-Gormley (Chair), Dr. Christine Crefton (Secretary), Ramon De La Cruz, Amanda Darr, Mhambi Musonda, Tonya Addleman, John Amoroso, Cathy Henley, Dr. Anestine Theophile-LaFond, Dr. Arlene Blaylock, Ernest Cartledge, Nghi Nguyen

Absent: Dr. Paul Miller (Vice Chair), Matthew Wilson

Proxy: Nghi Nguyen for Matthew Wilson, Dr. Christine Crefton for Dr. Paul Miller

Guest: Dr. Jermaine F. Williams, Dr. Ed Cabellon, Dr. Michelle Campbell, Sherwin Collette, Dr. Deidre Price, Dr. Meghan Gibbons, Maria Adams, Tommy Luginbill, Dr. Norberto Gomez, Jr., Selma Laporte, Dr. Debbie Van Camp, Dr. Mike Mills, Dr. Stephen Cain, Anna Donohoe

Liaison: Dr. Stephen D. Cain

Governance Director: Dr. Clevette Ridguard

Resource member: Yvette Taylor

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chair Shakenna Adams-Gormley at 1:00 p.m., with a quorum present. The meeting was recorded for internal purposes.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes
Ramon De La Cruz moved to approve the minutes for March 25, 2025 and Nghi Nguyen second the motion. The meeting minutes for March 25, 2025, were approved as written. The agenda for the April 8, 2025, meeting was approved without changes.

Constituent Concerns
Dr. Roberto Gomez Jr., Chair of the Visual and Performing Arts Department at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus, raised concerns regarding the removal of a Pride flag from the Cafritz building by Facilities staff without prior communication. Despite the flag being part of a broader, multilingual display promoting inclusivity and belonging, it was taken down, returned

in a trash bag, and later questioned again when rehung inside the department suite. Dr. Gomez is seeking clarification on the application of posting guidelines and how to ensure expressions of support for diverse communities are respected and aligned with college policies moving forward.

Chair Adams-Gormley confirmed the concern was noted and would be assigned to a council member for follow-up with Facilities leadership.

Chair's Report
College Council Chair, Shakenna Adams-Gormley
Shakenna Adams-Gormley presented a PowerPoint outlining upcoming College events and important dates. It is available on the Governance Blackboard community.

Dates to highlight:
- ➢ Tuesday, April 22, 2025 – College council meeting will be held via Zoom and in room PK 105 on the GT campus before the 2:00 pm baseball game. Chair election for the College Council will take place.
- ➢ Tuesday, May 13, 2025 – Final Meeting in-person for the College Council.

Policy & Procedure Updates
Director of Planning and Policy, Dr. Debbie Van Camp
Dr. Debbie Van Camp provided updates on several policies, including the recently approved Bank Services policy and upcoming board reviews for Placement Assessment, Asset Management, and Acceptable Use of IT, with currently posted policies covering Institutional Risk Management, Anti-Hazing, and policy formulation processes. For full details and opportunities to provide feedback, visit the [Montgomery College Policies and Procedures website](#).

Council Updates
Council Chairs
Council chairs shared updates on goals and progress:
- **College Council:** Recommendation 25-01 was accepted; governance reports due May 23.
- **Operational Services:** Delivered ~600 items to Spiffy Closet.
- **Germantown Campus:** Promoting the baseball game; organizing Council seating and T-shirt giveaway.
- **Student Services & Success:** Investigating Spiffy Closet concerns; attended SGA meeting; next meeting includes IT updates.
- **Faculty Council:** Focusing on communication with IT/facilities; working on P&P awards.
- **WDCE:** Donated 145+ items to Spiffy Closet; 15+ mobile markets supported; hosting Racial Healing Circle.
- **Staff Council:** Continuing donations through May 1; 400+ attendees at Staff Enrichment Day.
- **Rockville Campus:** Focus on visibility; created flyers and hosted IT Help Desk presentation.
- **Administrator Council:** Focus on anti-racism badging and DEI training; monthly "Let's Talk Data" segment added.

- **Student Council:** Improved student participation and SGA collaboration; in-person meeting had strong turnout.
- **Academic Services:** Guest speakers each meeting; strong engagement; working on streamlining student support services.

PIC-MC Presentation
Executive Director PIC-MC, Tommy Luginbill
Tommy Luginbill shared that PIC MC originated as a technology park through a public-private partnership between Montgomery College, Montgomery County, and Holy Cross Hospital. The park now includes the Hughes manufacturing facility, a hospital, and a life sciences incubator, with students actively interning at the new 5G incubator. He emphasized the growing opportunities for experiential learning and community partnerships and encouraged future tours and collaborations with faculty and students. Learn more at the PIC MC website.

President's Remarks
President, Dr. Jermaine F. Williams
Dr. Jermaine Williams expressed gratitude to governance members and highlighted key celebrations, including Community College Month and the "Best Decision Ever" campaign. He recognized student achievements such as Montgomery College's first Goldwater Scholar and ten Jack Kent Cooke semifinalists, praised the East County Education Center for serving over 1,500 students in its first year, and commended the Communications team for earning national awards. Dr. Williams also acknowledged the staff's efforts in hosting impactful events like MC Experience and World of Work, reaffirmed the College's steadfast commitment to equity and inclusion, and announced the launch of two new websites to share college positions and support displaced federal workers.

Blackboard Ultra Update
Instructional Designer, Anna Donohoe
Anna Donahoe provided an update on the upcoming transition to Blackboard Ultra, which will be fully implemented for all courses beginning in Fall 2025. Faculty will retain access to their original Blackboard courses, and a range of support options are available, including self-paced modules, live virtual sessions, and in-person consultations. She encouraged departments to schedule custom training sessions before the semester ends and highlighted the availability of open labs and 24/7 support through the Blackboard Help Desk and ELITE team. More information can be found on the Blackboard Learn Ultra Hub.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m. following a motion by Ernest Cartledge and seconded by Cathy Henley.