

MC GOVERNANCE

GERMANTOWN CAMPUS COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 5, 2023; 3:04 PM – 3:50 PM

Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Present: Amanda Darr, Joanna Kilby, Kiersten Newtoff, Brandon Mollock, Katie Mount, Karlyvette Acevedo, Nichole Land, Milton Nash, Kam Yee, Patrick McNair, Shakenna Adams-Gormley, Clevette Ridguard, Yevette Taylor, Brian Shaffer

Guests: Tonya Addleman

Absent: Kayla Yost, Asmaa Abdul-Amin

Liaison: Muhammad Kehnemouyi

Call to Order

There is a quorum to conduct business. The meeting was called to order at 3:04 PM by the chair.

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

The agenda and minutes were approved with written corrections. The meeting was recorded for internal use only.

Constituent Concerns/Thoughts

1. Tonya Addleman raised concerns about the flags at the Flag Pole in Germantown. She mentioned that there are guidelines about the flag being either lit at night or taken down at sunset and re-put up at sunrise. There are concerns that these guidelines are not being followed. Amanda Darr acknowledged the concern and stated that she would look into the issue to ensure compliance.
2. Kiersten Newtoff raised a concern regarding the scheduling of the mobile market events. She pointed out that while it provides consistency by being on the same day and time across all three campuses, this approach excludes individuals with classes during that time, particularly science students. Amanda Darr acknowledged the concern and stated that she would make note of it. She planned to reach out to the Shaw Center and inform Sergio about this issue for further consideration and potential adjustments to the scheduling of the mobile market events.

Provost's Report-Muhammad Kehnemouyi

1. A lecture series featuring Nobel Laureates that had been arranged for the campus. Three Nobel Laureates would be visiting the campus, with the first one being John Mather, the chief scientist of the James Webb Space Telescope on Oct 23 from 2pm-3pm in Globe Hall.
2. Mohammed highlighted the distribution of free Chromebooks for MC students who were Pell recipients or enrolled in benefit programs such as Medicaid. The distribution details were provided in the meeting.
3. He discussed the reservation of rooms 151 and 152 for ballot canvassing for the 2024 primary election, affecting room availability from mid-April through mid-June 2024.
4. Mohammed announced an ice cream social event on September 7, inviting everyone to join for ice cream and conversation in the cafeteria.
5. He extended gratitude to the student life staff for their efforts in welcoming students with snacks, prizes, campus maps, and more.

Chair Report- Amanda Darr (see associated PPT)

1. Amanda discussed a current policy and procedure change proposed for religious accommodation that is currently open for review and comment to the college community until October 6th

<https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/policies-and-procedures/index.html>

2. Amanda discussed the upcoming Chromebook distribution event for qualified students. Germantown Campus: September 12 and 21 from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm in Bioscience Education Center (BE) 151/152.

3. Mobile market volunteer opportunities. GT Campus dates are Sept 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, and Nov 29

4. The Faculty and Staff Exhibition Sept 12-29 on the 2nd floor of the Paul Peck Art Building on the Rockville campus.

5. The Hispanic Heritage Month kickoff event on September 14th, 6-8:30 p.m. in the Cultural Arts Center

6. The Transfer Affairs date for GT is Sept 28, 10am-1pm in the SA building

7. Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023, from 3 PM to 5 PM.

GT Council Meeting Schedule and FY24 Goal Plan Discussion

1. Amanda Darr began by discussing the council meeting schedule, which is on the first Tuesday of each month from 3 to 5 pm for the fall semester, with plans to reevaluate for the spring semester in December.

2. Amanda reminded everyone of the college council theme for the year: "Cultivating connections across the college community to empower everyone's voice." The council was tasked with creating a goal based on this theme. Last year, the Council had two goals: partnering with MC. Groups and participating in campus events.

3. Kiersten Newtoff preferred keeping similar goals from last year, emphasizing physical presence at events and finding effective ways to gather constituent concerns. Katie Mount shared her experience from the Faculty Council, highlighting the importance of connecting with constituents through various means.

4. The discussion considered multiple goals for the year, including gathering and addressing concerns while continuing to volunteer at events or co-sponsor activities for students. The goals have yet to be finalized

Take 2023-2024 Council Photo

Amanda Darr apologized for the inconvenience and explained that they needed to take a photo again to ensure it only included the Germantown Campus Council members. A new council photo was taken.

Announcements/Updates

1. Joanna Kilby announced the reopening of the gym on campus, with specific hours posted on the door. Registration with Keith is required.

2. Katie Mount mentioned various upcoming events from Student Life, including a resource fair on September 13th, Advising Day on October 17th, and Día de los Muertos events on October 18th and 19th.

3. Milton Nash informed the council about the STEM Honors Research Colloquium on September 8th at Globe Hall, featuring students from various disciplines.

4. Clarence Mollock updated the council on the renovation status of the Takoma Park campus library, stating it will remain under renovation until April.

5. Karlyvette Acevedo shared updates on Financial Aid, including resumed in-person appointments and their office hours from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.