
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

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

Attendees:

- Members present: Chair: Mhambi Musonda; Vice-Chair: Aniket Belur; Secretary: Denisia Jocktane Akagah; Members: Fatou Sow, Makeya Segu Bekele; Visitors: Krithi, Ms. Kimberly McNair, Faith Nchang, Ryan Jones; Supervisors: Ms. Shakenna Adams-Gormley, Dr. Clevette Ridguard, Ms. Yvette Taylor
- Proxies present: NONE
- Members excused: Hanif Ali, Alex Jaemin Kim, Jasjeet Kaur Upal, Alan C. Lee, Alan Chin, Cristian Jose Ramos, Fenet Shartaga
- Invited Guests: Dr. Jermaine F. Williams, Mr. Ernest Cartledge, Dr. David Torain II.

Call to Order

- The regular meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM by Chair Mhambi Musonda.

Constituent Concerns: 5:03 PM

- Denisia: Lights above the bridge between parking lot 3 and PK building on Germantown campus are flickering. Ms. Shakenna will help with this issue.

Approval of Minutes: 5:05 PM

- Approved as read.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Jermaine F. Williams – Presidential Remarks (5:11 PM)

- Visited the labs of the Nursing School at TPSS. The President of Kaiser Permanente came to visit the facilities as well and offered to support the program. Dr. Williams recently met with some county representatives to advocate for affordable tuition.
- Aniket shared that early college students would like to have more flexibility in choosing their classes. Dr. Williams asked Dr. Ridguard to investigate the academic master plan to address that issue.

Guest Speaker: Mr. Ernest Cartledge (5:23 PM)

- Mr. Ernest shared information about the process of applying for graduation. The deadline to apply for graduation in the spring is February 15, 2025. Students can apply through their myMC account. He emphasized that it is important to respond to any application about graduation, whether it is to reserve tickets for family, or RSVP for grad finales in mid-April (to get information about gowns and caps, and the course of commencement). December graduates are invited to attend the grad finales on each campus and commencement. There is a 2-hour rehearsal happening on the Tuesday or Wednesday of the week of commencement to give a breakdown of the ceremony and accommodations for parking, guest tickets, etc. Large families cannot usually all attend under the tent, but all family members can attend via an alternate viewing location. The ceremony is held on the Rockville campus.
- Mr. Cartledge is the chair of the Student Services and Success Council; he shared the link to the said Council's meetings.

Chair Report: Mhambi Musonda (5:35 PM)

- Mobile Market on RV December 11 and December 18 on TPSS.
- The Student Council does not meet in January, but on the first Friday of February.
- Mhambi shared remarks about the election results.

Guest Speaker: Dr. David Torain II (5:43 PM)

- Dr. Torain shared about a new grant called MC Share, recently planned by NSF. It is a grant for students in STEM who are interested in going to academic conferences. Students interested in doing research or in any STEM subject are eligible to attend a conference in the DMW area. This year the faculty mentors/advisors are looking to send 15 students. Next year's goal is to send 20 students. Students can send their questions to Dr. Torain.

Makeya made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:58 PM

Respectfully submitted by
Denisia Jocktane Akagah, Student Council Secretary