
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE
STUDENT SERVICES & SUCCESS COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, December 20, 2022 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.
Zoom
MINUTES

Attendees

- Members Present: Jessame Ferguson, Ernest Cartledge, Andrew Krieger, Amanda Lebleu
- Members Absent: Sergio Washington, Luc Desir, Daniel Robert Trujillo, Eunice Melo, Najah Mills, Tonya Mason, Judith Taylor, Kelly Livernoche, Tyler McClenithan
- Guests: Dr. Jermaine F. Williams, Clevette Ridguard, Yvette Taylor

Call to Order

Jessame Ferguson called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Constituent Concerns

None raised.

Approval of Minutes

The November meeting minutes could not be approved due to lack of quorum. The minutes will be brought to the table for approval at the next meeting.

Presidential Remarks - Dr. Jermaine F. Williams

The President expressed how grateful he is for the work we do and how we are involved in the governance process. He also shared the plans for refreshing the strategic plan. MC 2025 was created during 2018 as a 5-year plan through a thorough process of review and comment. But when it started, we were in the pandemic, need to update it based on our new reality. We're also responsible for focusing on justice and social responsibility, including the fears that people face on a daily basis. We plan to be done with the refresh in March. It will be relevant to our present and future, and aligned with our accreditation process. Our refreshed strategic plan will take effect July 2023, and will go to 2028 = 5 years. There will be opportunities for employees and the community to weigh-in. We'll also be looking at our values to make sure they are representative, and also transforming our future aspirations. Dr. Williams created a synthesis of aspirations during commencement based on everything he'd heard from people and our guiding documents, such as the Presidential transition report, Your Voice Your MC survey, and National Survey of Student Engagement findings, among other plans at the college. The strategic plan refresh is meant to be a holistic approach. Everyone is invited to be part of this process. The co-chairs are Cain and Hamman. On Thurs Jan 19 during professional week there will be a college strategic plan open forum. He really wants us engaged.

College Council Updates

There was a meeting in November right before the Thanksgiving break that Ernest attended as SS&SC representative. Thank you! Highlights included:

- Dr. Williams thanked everyone for help with the Board of Trustees meeting
- Wellness open labs
- Announcement about Professional Day

There was a meeting on December 13 that Jessame attended as SS&SC representative. Highlights included:

- Faculty Council had concerns about the mask mandate lifting and Chevelle is holding open forums with faculty to hear their concerns directly.
- Costs of fingerprinting and background checks if students in HLTH 297 work at the hospital.
- Appreciation from Dr. Williams for our work in governance and that what we do matters so very much. The conversations and solutions we provide for students and the college makes a difference and it's an essential part of a thriving institution.
- Outstanding faculty/staff award nominations due March 1.
- \$40,000 available for MC Innovation Fund Grants, apply by March 21.
- Governance training updates from Dr. Ridguard with important reminders about attaching agendas to zoom meeting invitations, letting her know if you have vacancies on your roster so she can work on getting you a full set of members, and more.
- Nominations and elections for governance will be starting again soon and there will be an Information Session in February. Think about volunteering for the Communications and Elections committee. Contact Dr. Ridguard if you are interested.
- Discussion with Dining Services regional manager for Metz. He expects the issues experienced early on due to staffing issues will be resolved with a new manager starting at Rockville in January.
- DEI update from Dr. Wilder including that the Anti-racism Micro-credential Badge is open to students, faculty, and staff. Another cohort will begin in February.

Library Resources – Jessame Ferguson

Provided a brief demonstration for how to find resources via RaptorSearch and locating specific types of databases via the A-Z Databases list on the MC Library website. Shared information about how library resources aren't just for students. There are many resources that are useful to anyone's career and professional development at MC. You can look up current research on topics in your field. You can also find lots of fun resources too, such as feature films, popular movies, magazines, ebooks, and audio books you can enjoy during your commute. Here's the instructions for [Downloading an EBSCO Audiobook](#). MC Library staff and librarians can help you find what you want, and we want you to use our resources.

Old Business

2022-23 Goals Discussion

- Jessame shared the draft flyer for Research Appointments

New Business

Nothing raised.

Announcements & Adjournment

- Prof. Krieger shared that information tables can be set up at the open tables at Rockville

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Next Meeting

February 21, 2023 at 3:00 P.M.

Jessame Ferguson

Student Services and Success Council Secretary