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**MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE**  
**STUDENT SERVICES & SUCCESS COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, November 21, 2023 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

**Zoom**  
**MINUTES**

**Attendees**

- Members Present: Tonya Mason, Ernest Cartledge, Edie Johnson, Claudia Salas, Fikir Mantegaftot, Guillermo Laya, Brenda Crist, Rosa Garcia, Debbie Van Camp, Eurae Muhn
- Members Absent: Israel Bayolana, Judith Taylor
- Guests: Ja'Bette Lozupone

**Call to Order**

Chair Cartledge called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

**Constituent Concerns**

- Eurae Muhn raised concerns surrounding student wellness in regard to current atrocities happening globally (especially in relation to her own student, whose family members were recently murdered in Gaza, and students who have experienced hate crimes on our campuses in response to the genocide in Gaza).
- In response to Eurae's concern, Dr. Brown shared that administrators have met with students on listening tours and that notes from these meetings have been shared with Dr. Williams and his cabinet. Students have been asked for suggestions surrounding this matter.
- Dr. Mason has not received any reports of hate crimes. Eurae suggested that communication condemning hate crimes as well as steps to reporting hate crimes be sent out to the entire community.

**Presentation: Guest Speaker Ja'Bette Lozupone**

- A Student Parent Advisory Group (SPAG) has been formed. They meet 2x a semester, while 5 workgroups meet more regularly.
- Aims to accelerate academic careers for student parents.
- MC has received a seal for being Family Friendly and has been named an exemplar institution—recently won \$25,000 grant
- Plan to collect data and identify student parents, build family friendly spaces and resources, increase student parent engagement and outcomes
- Data collection will happen through admissions applications/registration

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from last month's meeting were approved.

## **Chair's Report**

- College Council Report: constituent concerns about shuttle maintenance, messaging surrounding atrocities in the Middle East, Mr. Sergio Washington's departure from SHAW
- Announcements: open enrollment, cybersecurity awareness in October, Dr. Fechter provided an update on academic affairs, Kim McNair provided an update on enrollment management plan
- Update on concerns on catering company—meeting scheduled
- 11/14 meeting: constituent concerns about shuttle busses being behind on all campuses
- Everyone encouraged to read Employee Matters and Monday Minute e-mails
- 11/13 Random Acts of Kindness Day
- Upcoming mobile markets:
  - 11/29 GT
  - 12/6 RV
  - 12/13 TPSS
- Staff enrichment day: 3/13/2024, 8 am-4 pm
- Presenters from HR on compensation, challenges to hiring, what makes MC attractive

## **Goals**

- We are leaving our goals as a standing item
- Fikir shared that SGA open meetings occur each week (Mondays 4-6 on the Rockville campus) and she will provide the meeting schedule for all campuses

## **Announcements**

- Fikir is on the RV Student Activities Board, which is hosting Stress Relief Week from 12/4-12/8. Please encourage students to attend. Fikir will send flyers and dates. All students from all campuses welcome
- Rosa is on the ATPA Latinx Subcommittee. They will be sending a survey out to all Latinx students to get a sense of how they are experiencing MC

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Eurae Muhn

Student Services and Success Council Member