

MC GOVERNANCE

Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Council

March 26, 2019

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

ST 301

Attendees

- Members present: Alice Boatman, Shelly Caldwell-Bennett, Jennifer Hatleberg, Kimberly Herrera, Diego Hernandez, Dianna Matthews, Raven Salaam, Rashod Sibert, Tracey Smith-Bryant, Laurie Williams
- Members absent: Maria Moreno Uribe
- Guests: Shane Doyle, Ashley Roberts, Brad Stewart

Call to Order: Chair Tracey Smith Bryant called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved as written.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the December 11, 2018 and January 22, 2019 Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Council meetings were approved as written.

Constituent Concerns

- Council member raised question of inequitable time off for staff during Spring Break. This concern was raised in the fall, and the Chair took it to College Council for feedback at that time. Recommendation for the council member to submit as an official concern to Staff Council.
- Student concern regarding housing needs for students. Student Senate is discussing housing databases and co-op options, and considering a survey of students.
- Staff concern regarding Public Safety availability at night. Request to see other physical locations around campus, in addition to the station at Health Sciences.
- Concern sent to Chair, regarding the availability of all governance meetings via GoToMeeting.
- Concern sent to Chair, regarding handicap parking spaces by the planetarium, which will be lost when construction begins on the new science building. Guest Brad Stewart discussed the ongoing planning for alternate parking spaces.
- Staff concern regarding dim lighting in West Garage. Brad Stewart will address this with Facilities.
- Faculty concern that the police officer on the corner of Takoma Ave leads to a negative image of the campus. The police officer is stationed there due to traffic safety issues.

Council members were asked to explain the reasons for having the officer with constituents. Brad Stewart will share talking points.

Provost's Report

- Budget Advocacy: Craig Rice (County Council), Jack Smith (MCPS Superintendent), and Dr. Pollard will be holding a budget forum March 27, 2019 at 6:30 in the Cultural Arts Center at Takoma Park/Silver Spring. Encourage students and others to attend and advocate for funding.
- Leggett Math & Science Center planning meeting recently took place with Barton Mallow (construction company); they will have office space and office hours on campus during construction. In May, offices and equipment in Falcon Hall and Science South will be moved to P4, Science North, and other locations. In April and May, there will be additional design charrettes for the exterior of the building. Parking lot E1 will be closed mid-summer; those who park there should prepare to park in another location. Consider other transportation ideas; pre-tax public transportation benefits, bike-to-work. New flexible work arrangements policy is being drafted. Communications will be frequent towards the end of the semester. Contact Dr. Stewart with questions and comments.

Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Council Student Spotlight (Guest: Shane Doyle)

- Campus Council has partnered with Shane Doyle to nominate students for the Provost's Office monthly Student Spotlight. Mr. Doyle provided details about the process for nominating students, gathering information, and publishing the student spotlight. The Council discussed the need to develop guidelines and a procedure for the next academic year, and will make recommendations to incoming Council members in May.

Campus Food Service Operations: Guest did not attend; presentation postponed

Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Council Goal Plan Update

- Goal 1 – Campus Beautification: Pending information from the Office of Facilities
- Goal 2 – Student Spotlight: See presentation notes, above. Council-nominated student was featured in the March 2019 spotlight.
- Goal 3 – Campus Services: Scavenger Hunt was completed on March 22. The students who participated will receive a prize for participating. Planning a photo hunt for next month. Developing Takoma Park Pride video; Chair requested student testimonials and photos of student events.

Chair's Report

- Update on Wellness constituent concern regarding EAP reimbursement for gym memberships. Campus Council will develop a recommendation to expand the EAP subsidy for gym memberships to include “external structured wellness activities.”
- Chair requested College promotional materials to use as Scavenger Hunt prizes.

- Equity & Inclusion Summit: April 30, conflicts with regularly scheduled Campus Council meeting. Discussion of whether to reschedule that day's Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Council meeting as well. Motion made by Jennifer Hatleberg: Cancel the April 9 and April 30 Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Council meetings, and reschedule for April 23. Motion seconded by Kimberly Herrera. Unanimous approval
- The final meeting for this academic year will be on May 14, 2019.
- Volunteers are needed for upcoming Mobile Market.
- College Council would like all council members to wear Governance buttons on the dates of council meetings, to increase visibility of governance membership.
- Toiletries Spirit Challenge ends March 26, 2019. Items will be distributed by the Institute for Race, Justice, and Civic Engagement.

Announcements:

- Student Life & Service Learning Earth Day cleanup will be Saturday April 13 (off-campus location).
- MC 2025 Strategic Planning: Thank you for participating in forums. There will be further opportunities for comment.
- Student Senate is working with student clubs to provide Safe Zone training.

Next Meeting: April 23, 2019 (CF 143)

Meeting adjourned at 12:01p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Hatleberg, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Council Secretary