
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

TPSS Campus Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 12, 2022

Zoom

1:30PM – 3:30PM

Attendees

Members Present: Jona Colson, Jeri Gresham, Lesley Brown, Stephanie Banks, Sonja Jackson, Imane Mohamed, Debbie Juneja, Alice Santoro (Additional Attendees: Clevette Ridguard, Dianne Cherry)

Proxies: Richelle Charles

Members Absent: Schnell Reed Garrett, Kim Fouche

Invited Guests: Dr. Jermaine Williams, Sharon Wilder

Liaison: Dr. Brad Stewart

Call to Order

The regular meeting called to order at 1:30pm by Chair, Alice Santoro

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

Minutes for November 2022 and agenda stand approved as written.

Constituents Concerns

- None

Presidential Remarks

- Dr. Williams shared his gratitude for the Council's work, the way TPSS shows up to support events and students, and he spoke to the unique work of the "third shift" that manages the campus overnight.
- Dr. Williams reviewed the strategic plan refresh and the importance of doing this work now based on the pandemic, social justice concerns and the changes in the way we work and our needs.
- The new plan will be aligned with the accreditation cycle.
- Request to the BOT will be that the new strategic plan cover July 2023-2028
- The refresh process will include an eclectic group of representatives and will incorporate survey results (i.e., Your Voice, Your MC), existing documents and guiding principles.
- The refresh effort will be led by Dr. Stephen Cain, chief staff/chief strategy officer, and John Hamman, chief analytics and insights officer.

Provost's Report

- Encouraged everyone to rest and relax over the break.
- Encouraged all to be mindful of their health during this worse than normal flu season, encouraged people to receive the available vaccinations.
- COVID policy updates: Mask optional policy implementation planned for Spring 2023, Zoom information sessions will be held on December 13, 12-1pm and December 2-3pm.
- Individuals can choose to wear a mask, but it is not required.
- RC library will be in Pavilion 1 until early 2024 when the RC building is finished renovation.
- Dr. Stewart will look into additional flu shot events.
- Dr. Stewart shared that the project lead for the RC move is Kerry Norberg and she should be able to share the full details on the move.

Chair's Update

- Deans of Student Affairs will have Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) vouchers again in Spring 2023 for students who have been impacted by the pandemic. These funds can be requested through the campus dean's office and can be used at the campus bookstore to purchase textbooks, technology, and supplies.
- Fenet Demegu Shertaga will rejoin the Council as a student representative for the remainder of the academic year.
- Reminder to review collegewide communications.
- Presidential Scholars is having a service campaign to collect donations of hygiene items, winter attire, etc. for the TPSS Campus, items can be dropped off on Friday, December 16 in ST 301 or sent directly to the CT building.
- Chair Santoro shared appreciation for the support provided in her absence during the previous meeting and the hard work the Council has already done on the annual goals.

Office of Equity and Inclusion and MC's Antiracism Strategy:

- Sharon Wilder shared the vision of the Office of Equity and Inclusion and the importance of this work being part of all that we do at MC.
- Action and change are work we all must be a part of and we need to understand that we are going to go through the stages of change each time we learn new information in this area.
- An overview of the work done by OEI was provided to include regular events like Let's Talk, the new taskforce to support MC's work as a Hispanic Serving Institution, the President's Advisory Committee on Equity and Inclusion (PACEI) and more.
<https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/about-mc/equity-and-inclusion/index.html>
- Updates for this year include getting the Inclusion Center up and running, Safe Zones training has been rebooted, antiracism training is ongoing, expanding Social Justice Inclusive Leadership Institute.
- Antiracist micro credential was rolled out in October, It is the only micro credential in the College that is simultaneously available to employees and students. Next round will start in February.
- OEI is looking at ways to capture efforts taking place around equity and inclusion.

Annual Goals

- The council reviewed the Goals Action Plan with the list of completed items and confirmed team membership.
- The council agreed to revisit the idea of highlighting student success stories monthly.
 - Alice will look for the student spotlights sent in partnership with the VPP Office in the past.
 - Ideas include having a list of awards that happen each semester and sending the spotlights through InsideMC.
- Council members will review the information on the MC site for their own areas with the intent of updating outdated information.
- Debbie Juneja and Stephanie Banks will research resources within IT (e.g., web group) to invite to future meetings.
- Council members are interested in tabling to promote the council and suggest the council partner with other events.
- The council will partner with the Office of Student Life for the Mental Health Fair in April

Announcements

- None shared.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Updates from Financial Aid Office re: staffing, hours, etc.
- Invite IT representatives to discuss updating web information.

Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.