

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

Rockville Campus Council

April 10, 2024

via Zoom

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Attendees

- Members present: Katie Goldstein (Chair), Cathy Henley (Vice Chair), Ar Kar Kyaw Win (Secretary), Tendai Johnson, Hoa Nguyen, Dayan Grero, Shelly Jablonski, Alton Henley, Alvin Trask, Caio Braga, Milind Patel, Ramica Allen
- Guest: Josephine Trawick
- Guest Speakers: Kimberly Jones

Call to Order

- The regular meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Chair Katie Goldstein.
- The meeting was recorded for internal use only.
- There is a quorum present.
- The meeting began with roll call.

Constituent Concerns

- There are no constituent concerns.

Approval of the Minutes

- Katie asked for changes to the minutes.
- No changes were brought forward.
- Katie noted the minutes would stand approved as read.

Provost's Report

- There is no Provost's report.

Chair's Report

- Only have one meeting left this year.
- Thank you to the volunteers for the March Mobile Market at the Rockville campus.
- Milind, a new student representative, was acknowledged for volunteering.
- Significant turnout at the Mobile Market, with Caio's participation noted.
- A student shared their powerful experience volunteering at her first mobile market while in the U.S.
- Recognition and gratitude extended to all volunteers throughout the year.

- Governance elections just a reminder to vote by April 12th; half of the council has one year left on their term.
- Current chair concluding four years on the Rockville Campus Council.
- Call for nominations for officer positions: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.
- Equity Week events featuring guest speaker Kimberly Jones, the Interim Equity Inclusion Officer to speak coming up.
- Call for volunteers for commencement, emphasizing it's very rewarding.
- Update on graduation stoles, approval was granted for student athletes.
- Advertisement for the Spiffy Closet event, "give one, get one," for clothing donations.
- Announcement of Summer and Fall schedule availability for academic advising and registration.
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month is going on Nationwide events and workshops are happening, emphasizing support and resources. Denim day 4/24.
- Information on RAINN, the National Sexual Assault Hotline, and online chat resource.
- Big Open house event at Universities at Shady Grove highlighted for interested students.
- Monthly virtual housing clinic every first Wednesday of the month. Upcoming safe Zone training session noted.
- Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month kickoff event on May 1st.
- Update on athletics: baseball, track and field, and soccer teams' activities.
- Highlight of a student's full athletic scholarship announcement for soccer.
- Crisis and personal resources shared for Montgomery County and college staff/students.
- March Madness graphic shared, acknowledging historic viewership in women's sports.

Facility and Macklin Tower Construction Updates

- Ramica Allen and James Gillis invited to address constituent concerns regarding construction in Macklin Tower.
- Ramica Allen provided updates on the ongoing renovation project in Macklin Tower Room 002 for the writing center.
- Concerns addressed about asbestos exposure and HVAC repair in Macklin Tower ground floor 002.
- MT002 is being renovated.
- MT026 A/C cooling unit is being scheduled.
- Additional updates on campus-wide projects:
 - deadwood removal project and
 - pool area hot water repairs
- Updates provided on elevator operations and repair progress in student services building and other items on constituent concern list.
- Communication channels clarified for reporting facility issues and inquiries.
- Issues with plumbing and elevator inspections resolved and explained.
- Reminder to direct vending machine inquiries to the appropriate department.

- Announcement of upcoming communication regarding community scheduling process.
- Reminder to send requests to facilities help desk for prompt attention.
- Appreciation expressed for Ramica Allen's updates and advocacy.
- Discussion opened for updates from representatives of different areas.

General Updates

- Alton Henley expressed concern over the removal of Coca-Cola cooler from the cafeteria. He also highlighted the upcoming business analytics conference.
- Tendai Johnson announced an artist talk, a student art exhibition in the art department, along with an upcoming art walk.
- Ar Kar Kyaw Win promoted the MCTV baseball game coverage in 1080p 60 frames per second.
- Cathy shared plans for new furniture in the basement of Macklin Tower basement.
- Shelly discussed library activities for Arab American Heritage Month and ongoing work on updating the library's master plan.
- Alvin Trask noted upcoming concerts.
- Dayan mentioned changes in the IT department following a new CIO's appointment and plans for IT. There are upcoming changes to the MyMC portal.
- Hoa recognized the Cherry Blossom conference.
- Open mic Poem Event
- Remember Summer Dinner Theatre (In the Heights and Chicago) this summer.
- Ar Kar Kyaw Win provided an update on the college's rebranding project, indicating that it is still in the developmental stage.
- Tendai Johnson discussed their child's interest in film and animation schools, including potential options in Boston and England.
- The group engaged in casual conversation about commuting, with Tendai sharing their commute from Baltimore to the city.

Office of Equity and Inclusion Updates and Equity Week

- Kimberly Jones, interim chief equity and inclusion officer, discusses updates on Equity Week initiatives at Montgomery College.
- An external consultant was hired (Segal) to conduct a review of the Office of Equity and Inclusion.
- Initiatives include the MHEC Cultural Diversity Report, due from her Monday, and preparations for Equity Week starting the following Monday.
- Equity Week features 21 programs across all three campuses, with a focus on understanding belonging and mattering.
- Student-led panels and events, such as multicultural fairs and cultural nights, highlight diverse experiences and raise funds for scholarships.
- Faculty and staff also contribute programs, covering topics like racial healing, Dreamers, and women in STEM.

- Feedback is welcomed for improving Equity Week, including suggestions for better promotion, and potentially spreading events throughout the year.
- Kimberly acknowledges the collaborative effort of the Equity Week committee and expresses openness to new ideas and community involvement.
- Plans for the future include refining Equity Week, seeking community input for the next roadmap, and continuing initiatives like the mental health fair.

Adjourn

- Cathy Henley made a motion to adjourn.
- Shelly Jablonski seconded.
- Motion approved.
- Meeting adjourned at 3:18 PM