
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

Student Council
Friday, September 20, 2024
Zoom Meeting
5:00-6:00 PM

Attendees:

- Members present: Chair: Mhambi Musonda; Vice-Chair: Aniket Belur; Secretary: Denisia Jocktane Akagah; Members: Makeya Segu Bekele; Fatou Sow; Hanif Ali; Fenet Shertaga; Visitors: Meklit Abebe; Krithi; Supervisors: Ms. Yvette Taylor, Ms. Shakenna Adams-Gormley
- Proxies present: NONE
- Members excused: Alex Jaemin Kim, Jasjeet Kaur Upal, Alan C. Lee, Alan Chin, Cristian Jose Ramos
- Invited Guests: Dr. Stephen Cain, Chief of Staff/Chief of Strategy Officer; Dr. Clevette Ridguard, Director of MC Governance; Dr. Edmund Cabello, Interim SVP of Student Affairs

Call to Order

- The regular meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM by the Chair, Mhambi Musonda.

Approval of Minutes (Before or after Constituent Concerns): 5:06 PM

- First meeting, so no previous minutes to review. Went over meeting agenda instead.

Constituent Concerns: 5:09 PM

- Makeya: student housing options for international students on each campus.

Icebreaker: 5:13 PM

- Students share their name, major, and something special about themselves.

Guest Speaker: 5:17 PM

- Dr. Stephen Cain inquires the support of the Student Council in hiring a new SVP of Student Affairs at the College.
- Dr. Cain shared a presentation explaining the different departments at the College to help student better understand the roles of the incoming SVP of Student Affairs
- Attend interview sessions and listen to finalists' statements of interest for the position
- Students on the Student Council are invited to join the Search Committee to help in selecting the new SVP for Student Affairs

Chair's Report: 5:33 PM

- Club Rush: 09/18 on Germantown from 11 to 1 pm, great turnout. Rockville 09/25 from 1 to 3 pm and TPSS 09/25 from 1 to 3 pm. MC Governance will have tables at Club Rush on each campus.
- SGA and Governance meetings: MC Governance will attend each SGA campus meeting to share the differences between Student Government and MC Governance, and much more items
- SGA+MC Votes Meetings: GT 10/15 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm, RV 10/21 from 4 to 5 pm, TPSS 10/25 from 4 to 6 pm.

Campus Event Announcements:

- Soccer for Peace on GT campus on 09/25 from 12-3 pm to celebrate International Peace Day by participating in a pickup soccer game.
- Information Literacy Week from 09/24-09/27. The campus libraries will host a series of events that

will be covering the importance of the elections, ethics, and how to spot misinformation.

- The GT library will also share cybersecurity awareness skills during an event on 09/23 from 10 to 11 am.

Club/Program Announcements:

- The GT African Dance Club will have meetings every Thursday from 3:20-6:20 pm. The GT ASA is meeting every Tuesdays and Thursdays in PK 106.
- Sister2Sister Mentoring Program meets on 09/25,10/23, 11/20 at 1 pm on Zoom.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Clevette Ridguard: 5:48 PM

- Explained differences and similarities between MC Governance and SGA using the MC Participatory Governance Model.
- There are 13 councils at MC participating in MC Governance. The Chairs of each Council sit on the College Council, which is the 13th Council. Students are so important to the College that they are put in the Constituency Group along with the administrators, faculty and staff. SGA is campus-based and only discusses things that concentrate on their respective campus. Whereas the Student Council advocates for everyone from the College, from all three campuses and WDCE. Concerns are tracked and discussed during the following meeting under new business. Last year a major concern was Metz Food Services. Last year's council was instrumental in improving the food quality.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:59 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Denisia Jocktane Akagah, Student Council Secretary