
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

Rockville Campus Council

September 12, 2022

via Zoom

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Attendees

- Members present: Katherine M. Goldstein (Chair), Elizabeth Melanson (Vice Chair), Anne Briggs (Secretary), Raquel Bunai, Ivonne Bruneau-Botello, Samuel Dina, Lisa Hackley, Tendai Johnson, Hayatullah Khan.
- Proxies present: None
- Members Absent: Rebecca Fuchs.
- Guests: Sydney Babb, Eric Benjamin, Maila Hudson, Andres Javitt, Kimberly McNair, Mara Pizzano

Call to Order

- The regular meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m. by Chair Katherine M. Goldstein. The meeting was recorded for internal use only.
- The meeting began with roll call and each member introducing themselves.

Approval of Minutes

- The May 2022 minutes were approved as written. Tendai Johnson motioned to approve. Lisa Hackley seconded.

Provost's Report (Dr. Eric Benjamin)

- Dr. Benjamin serves as intern vice president and provost for the Rockville Campus. He will act as a resource member for the Rockville Campus Council.
- His focus will be on student success: how to ensure an accessible and equitable learning environment for all.
- Campus looks different than before the pandemic. We have a number of new buildings and the students are using the campuses differently than they did previously. Many students are taking online classes while on campus.
 - Please pay attention to how students are using the spaces in new ways this fall.
- Thank you to all staff who were required to work on campus during the remote working and learning period.
- Reminder: if you have student employment opportunities, please post them to the [College Central Network](#).
- [Inauguration of President Williams](#) will take place October 19 at the Music Center at Strathmore.
 - Rockville Campus is holding a day of community service on October 13 (late morning – early afternoon) in honor of the inauguration.
 - Activities include legal clinics, voter registration, and community gardens.

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- Other ideas are welcome: please think about ideas that could help students or the community (not just information sharing).

Presentation: Student Athletes

- Mara Pizzano and Maila Hudson, co-captains of MC Women's Soccer Team:
 - Two home games (Rockville Campus) coming up in the week ahead. ([Full women's soccer schedule available online.](#))
 - MCTV has filmed some games for TV, which has helped bring attention to the team.
 - You can also watch the [women's soccer games streaming on YouTube.](#)
 - Mara and Maila like representing the College and encourage other students to see what MC has to offer.
- Andres Javitt, captain of MC Men's Soccer Team:
 - This is a building year for MC men's soccer. Only 6-7 returning players from last year.
 - Two home games (Rockville Campus) coming up in the week ahead. ([Full men's soccer schedule available online.](#))
 - Supports MCTV filming and showing games. Can also [stream the men's soccer games on YouTube.](#)
 - Javitt has enjoyed his time as a student athlete at MC. He's met other people who like to work hard and achieve, and appreciates the help MC has given him.
- Sydney Babb, captain of MC Women's Volleyball Team:
 - Team will have 36 games this season, and have been traveling a lot recently. They have two games coming up this week. ([Full women's volleyball schedule available online.](#))
 - [Stream the women's volleyball games on YouTube.](#)
 - Requests support in spreading the word about MC athletics. She's spoken to some students who don't realize the College has sports teams.
 - People aren't on campus as much over the summer, so fall sports need an extra promotional boost to bring attention and draw people to the games.
 - Sydney is thankful for the structure that participating in school and athletics has provided her.
- Additional information from Katie Goldstein:
 - Tickets to athletic events are free.
 - Rockville Campus Council should consider doing an "out to the ball game" promotion for athletics similar to what was done in previous years by the Germantown Campus Council.

Presentation: Kimberly McNair, Interim Associate SVP of Strategic Enrollment Management

- Overview of strategic enrollment management (SEM) efforts at Montgomery College.
 - Aligning our programs, services, and other efforts in such a way that students are provided a quality academic education and environment.
 - Examples of SEM activities: outreach (e.g., presentations in high schools, marketing, sharing something positive about MC with any constituent), teaching and learning (e.g., quality instruction, introduction to careers, sharing important deadlines, Student Life, Athletics), assessment and data analysis (e.g., student performance, satisfaction, service usage, etc.), policies and procedures (e.g., delete deadline for non-payment), create a sense of belonging (e.g., helping students when look lost).
 - Not reinventing the wheel. Activities aren't new, but they're newly aligned under SEM.
- Anyone can request a customized informational session on SEM for their department or team.
- Dr. McNair is also developing a workshop on SEM, going more in-depth on data, that will be available via MC Learns.
- Feedback opportunities (listening tours, feedback forms) are in development for suggestions on enrollment.
- Will be gearing up for efforts to align next strategic plan with SEM.
- Suggestion from Tendai Johnson to make it clearer earlier in the enrollment process on which campus the course will be held.

Chair's Report (Katherine M. Goldstein)

- Rockville Campus Council has two vacancies: one for part-time faculty and one for staff. Runners-up for those categories are being contacted to recruit for these vacancies.
- Virtual Presidential Town Hall: September 28, 2pm. Reminder to send in questions in advance to townhall@montgomerycollege.edu. More information on the [Town Hall Meeting webpage](#).
- Vaccines and testing: reminder that CB has a daily vaccine and testing site. See [Campus Vaccination and Testing Sites webpage](#) for current hours.
- Mobile Markets: Will be held next to the North Garage once per month. Offer fresh and free produce. Demonstration of need is not required. More information on [Fuel for Success Food Campaign webpage](#).
 - Rockville Campus Council will consider "adopting" a Mobile Market at which council members will volunteer.
- Reminder that the College has designed spaces for students to attend their virtual classes while on campus. Rockville locations are:
 - Ackerman STEM Learning Center (SW 109)
 - Library (MT 110)
 - Cafeteria (Campus Center)

- WRLC (MT 020)
- Parking garage/lot WiFi
- Digital Learning Center (HU 312 and HU 314)
- Lisa Hackley shared updates on Rockville Student Life activities:
 - Club Rush, 9/28, 12pm to 1:30pm, green space (or TA arena if weather is bad). Departments will be include to promote resources/services.
 - Virtual Club Rush, 9/22, 12:30pm to 2:30pm
 - Wednesday, 9/14, events related to suicide prevention. Partnership with SHAW center.
 - Thursday, 9/15, Constitution Trivia for Constitution Day.
 - Voting initiatives with League of Women Voters, 9/20.
 - 9/21: Financial Literacy Workshop (partnership with Financial Aid)
 - Working on promoting athletics and encouraging students to go to games.
 - Project for Hispanic American Heritage Month: wearing jerseys, carrying flags, interviewing players.
 - More information on all events available on [Rockville Office of Student Life website](#).
- September in Suicide Prevention Month.
 - Suicide is #1 cause of death among college students.
 - If you are struggling, there is support and help available:
 - Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: Call 988
 - Crisis Text Line: Text TALK to 741741
 - Montgomery County Crisis Hotline: 240-777-4000
 - National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800-273-8255, Press 1 for Veterans Crisis Line
 - Online Chat Support: imalive.org.
 - National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-7233
 - Student Resources:
 - <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/counseling-and-advising/personal-counseling.html>
 - <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/can>
 - <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/shaw-center>
 - Faculty/Staff Resources:
 - <https://info.montgomerycollege.edu/offices/human-resources/faculty-staff-assistance-program.html>
- Volleyball, Men's Soccer, and Women's Soccer are all in full swing. Home games are played at Rockville in the gym and new soccer stadium. More information at <http://www.mcraptors.com/>.

Announcements

- Liz Melanson: Arts calendar will be released shortly.
- Both galleries at Rockville are open and first shows are up. (Sarah Silberman Gallery – faculty staff show, Media Arts Gallery – retrospective of works by photographer Gene Young.)

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- More information and current hours are available on the [Art Department: Rockville Campus website](#).
 - 9/27: Faculty jazz quartet.
 - 9/29: Maryland Band Directors Band (high school band directors put on large concert).
 - Anne Briggs: The library is celebrating Banned Books Week September 18 – 24. Each campus library will have a display related to censorship and banned books. Additional communications will go out and a [new online guide to Banned Books Week](#) is available.

Constituent Concerns

- Reminder that members of the Rockville Campus Council serve our constituents, in part, by bringing their concerns forward to the Council.
- Hayatullah Khan: There are not enough computer science tutors available through the Ackerman STEM Learning Center. Computer Science students need more support (peer-to-peer and tutors). There is currently only 60-90 minutes of help available all day, which is becoming a hindrance to grades and transfers.
 - Dr. Benjamin: Requests Hayatullah to send an email with the details. He will refer the issues to Dean Nash (Dean of Mathematics, Statistics, and Data Science) and Dean Kehnemouyi (Collegewide Dean, Science, Engineering, and Technology) and provide an update at the next meeting.
- Katie Goldstein: The automatic door to the Student Services Building (the door closest to Raptor Central) does not work consistently.
 - James Gillis: Will put in a work order to get it fixed.

Goal Brainstorming

- Rockville Campus Council needs to create two goals for the year.
- Used Padlet to share ideas generated during the governance training session in August and collect new ideas. Council members can comment, like, or dislike the ideas as a way to generate feedback.
 - MC Votes/misinformation
 - Communications with Rockville Campus (social media and other means)
 - Collaborating to revive student engagement post-pandemic
- Council leadership group will meet to finalize the Council's goals for the year.
- Request to consider how the council and individual members can contribute to the identified initiatives.
- Student Life will be doing a get out the vote activity in which students write on cards to encourage others to vote.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:56 p.m. Lisa Hackley motioned, Hayatullah Khan seconded.

Respectfully submitted by
Anne Briggs, Rockville Campus Council Secretary

Rockville Campus Council Goals Brainstorming Exercise:

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Rockville Campus Council Goals Exercise 2022-2023

What would you like to see more of on the Rockville campus?

- Adding onto equity and inclusion**
More restroom options for non-binary members of community.
1 upvote, 0 downvotes
- Adding on to the MC Votes idea**
More broadly, how to avoid misinformation that could affect your vote.
4 upvotes, 0 downvotes
- Support for the Arts**
2 upvotes, 0 downvotes
- Strengthen equity and inclusion at Rockville Campus**
1 upvote, 0 downvotes
- Adding on to social media goal idea**
More broadly, what are the best ways to communicate with students/employees at Rockville Campus? Maybe compiling a list and some best practices for how to get information out effectively.
4 upvotes, 0 downvotes
- More use of social media for the campus**
2 upvotes, 0 downvotes
- Involvement with MC Votes/Election**
4 upvotes, 0 downvotes
- Support for athletics at Rockville**
3 upvotes, 0 downvotes
- Collaborating for student engagement**
5 upvotes, 0 downvotes