
MC GOVERNANCE

Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Council

September 25, 2018
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
ST 301

Attendees

- Members present: Shelly Caldwell-Bennett, Jenny Hatleberg, Diego Hernandez, Kimberly Herrera, Dianna Mathews, Maria Moreno Uribe, Angie Pickwick, Raven Salaam, Rashod Sibert, Tracey Smith-Bryant (online), Ethan Sribnick, Laurie Williams
- Members absent: Joseph Leger
- Guests: Sadi Ahmad (online), Grace Gourdine (online), Opal Juarez, Barbara Morgan (online)

Call to Order: Vice Chair Kimberly Herrera called meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved with no amendments or changes.

Approval of Minutes: The September 11, 2018 minutes were approved as written.

Introductions: Each council member briefly introduced themselves.

Constituent Concerns

- There is a concern pertaining to Uber and Lyft drop-offs at the King Street/Georgia Ave entrance to campus presenting a safety hazard. Suggestion to create a designated drop-off area to address safety concerns. Council's Safety & Security representative will raise the question with Russ Sharpe, Public Safety Manager.
- Constituent raised a concern about automated accessible doors not working consistently, even after reports have been made to facilities. Council's Safety & Security representative will remind Security officers to check the switches on the doors and report broken switches to Facilities.
- Student representative presented a constituent concern relating to the availability of gender-neutral restrooms on campus, and, more broadly, the environment for transgender students at the College. Council members will investigate the College's Policies & Procedures regarding gender-neutral bathrooms and draft communication to the campus. Further discussion is needed to address the broader concern of the environment and sensitivity towards transgender students.

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- Student representative presented a query about water purification systems at drinking fountains. Systems have been purchased for the campus and should be installed by the end of the Fall semester.

Provost's Report: Dr. Brad Stewart was unable to attend the meeting.

Chair's Report

- Reminder about the Men of Color conference at the Germantown campus on October 5, 2018.
- MC 2025 strategic planning applications have closed and are under review.

Constituent Reflections

- Lactation pods will be arriving on campus soon and will be placed in the Commons and Cafritz buildings.
- The Cafritz Art Library will be closing in December 2018. The Dean of Arts, Frank Trezza, is managing the transition process. Charrettes with art students will be held on October 3, 2018 (11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) and October 9, 2018 (4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.) in CF 145. Questions should be directed to Dr. Frank Trezza.
- Council Chair asked representatives to solicit volunteers for the committee discussing food services in the Cafritz building. Those interested should contact Tracey Smith-Bryant.
- Course offerings for the Winter session are available to view online. Registration begins on October 8, 2018.
- Twenty-three students have been selected to participate in the iLead program through Student Life. There may be an Advanced iLead cohort in the spring.
- Request for more information about the Outstanding Service and Outstanding Teaching awards. Nominations are open. Vice Chair will follow up on this item.

Council Goals

Council continued to discuss proposed goals from the previous meeting.

- Discuss strategies to increase support for incoming and vulnerable students: Council discussed the intended focus of this goal and agreed to rephrase “vulnerable students” to “at-promise students.” This language is inclusive of first-generation college students, first-year students, and high school students.
- Address the perceived Collegewide impression of the Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus. Consider campus beautification projects, service learning, and other strategies: Council discussed at length, to clarify the intended focus of this goal. Additional clarification is sought regarding centralized access to information for students.
- Council members will review SMART Goal guidelines before the next meeting. Council will identify measurable deliverables for each proposed goal, prior to a vote.

Announcements: None

Outreach Activity: The outreach activity scheduled for the latter part of the meeting conflicts with a Transfer Fair. Council members approved a motion to postpone the outreach activity to a later date.

Next Meeting: October 9, 2018 (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.), in Cafritz 143

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

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