
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

TPSS Campus Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 13, 2023

Zoom

1:30PM – 3:30PM

Attendees

Members Present: Jona Colson, Jeri Gresham, Diana M. Benson, Alice Santoro, Lesley Brown, Fenet Shertaga, Kimberly Fouche, Debbie Juneja, Clevette Ridguard

Proxies: Dianne Cherry, Eliane Ferreira

Members Absent: Stephanie Banks, Ghasala Imane Mohamed, Schnell Reed Garrett, Sonja Jackson

Invited Guests: Carlo Sanchez, Hannah Manalang

Liaison: Dr. Brad Stewart

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 1:34pm by Chair, Alice Santoro

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

The agenda and Minutes were approved as written.

Constituents Concerns

None

Provost's Report

Operations are suspended for Staff Enrichment Day which is being held on the TPSS Campus. Please encourage all staff to attend. Staff not attending, should be working from their assigned workspace.

March is Women's History Month and there are many events, please encourage participation. Faculty – please encourage student participation. People work hard to put these together.

March 21, Innovation Grants are due. Great opportunity to promote new programs and approaches.

March 25, Confluence translation event. This is a very fascinating event and it is not intended for only translators

Official wayfinding signage for the new Library location is almost complete.

Chair's Update

Reminder about upcoming Governance elections

Shared updates about the governance Meet and Greet event on the TPSS campus

Promoted MC's Got Talent (March 23), Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Kickoff

Festival (April 26), Safe Zone training (dates in Workday), Mobile Market (March 22), Fairytales ON ICE (March 24),

Reviewed Commencement Plans: One commencement, RV Campus, May 19 at 10am

Volunteers are needed for the Mass Casualty Training Exercise on Saturday, April 29, from 7am-1pm

Montgomery College Foundation seeks two student board members

Campus Safety Discussion

Carlo Sanchez, Assistant Director of Public Safety, joined to discuss campus safety. He provided an overview of the partnership with MCPD to help with pedestrian safety and parking around the ST building due to the loss of parking lots and the ongoing construction projects. Carlo spoke about the benefits of having MCPD on campus and the efforts made to create a positive relationship between the MC community and the on-campus MCPD officers.

Evening Public Safety Officers complete a monthly lighting assessment to ensure all lights are operational. They also identify areas that may need additional lighting due to changes related to construction projects.

There are increased Public Safety patrols in the parking garages during evening hours as well. Public Safety continues to review approaches to enhance camera coverage and signage in the East Garage.

All are encouraged to report safety concerns to Public Safety.

The upcoming Public Safety drill on March 24 will include observers from outside of Public Safety for an enhanced process.

Student Senate Recommendation

Hannah Manalang, TPSS Campus Student Senate President, reported that students at TPSS Campus have voiced that the open gym on the TPSS is smaller and less up-to-date in comparison to the other campuses. The gym is hidden and not promoted well.

Concerns continue to be voiced about the lack of equity in regard to Athletics. Students at TPSS Campus cannot participate in sports due to limited transportation options and the time needed to use the shuttle. There are no intermural sports options and no opportunity for students at TPSS to support their peers. This approach limits their opportunities to participate and show school spirit.

Students feel these inequities remain unaddressed despite all students paying the same fees without receiving the same opportunities to engage.

Student Senate will gather more information by connecting with campus facilities and Tarlough Gasque, Athletics Director, to see if there are options (grassy area near P2 and P4, MOU w/Jesup Blair Park, etc.) that can be implemented to address these concerns prior to making a recommendation.

Annual Goals

Reviewed Annual Goals

Continue to identify outdated information on the website. Members will focus on their own areas' web presence.

Identify dates where events are happening in ST that will bring more people to ST for the Council to schedule a tabling event to promote governance. Student Life Open House in April may be an option.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Parking and Transportation (parking enforcement, shuttle services)

Announcements

Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 3:22pm.

