
MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

WDCE Council

Date 11/13/25

Location Zoom

Scheduled Start Time-End Time 3:30pm – 5:00pm

Attendees:

- Members present Caroline Barry, Zethene Spinner, Angel Griffin (Vice Chair), John Deamond (Chair), Patrick McNair, Patrick Brown, AnnMarie Anderson, Eric Scharf (Secretary), Donna Kinerney, Antonio Vidal, Eunice Melo
- Invited Guests Jeff McGill, Carolyn Terry, Dr Nawal Benmouna, and Dr Price

Call to Order

- There was a quorum to conduct business. John Deamond, the chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm

Approval of Minutes (Before or after Constituent Concerns)

- Minutes were approved.

Constituent Concerns

- None

Academic Affairs

- Updates on Academic Affairs; ongoing focus on student retention, financial/work challenges.
- Encouraged sharing of ideas and continued faculty engagement (Provost roundtables).
- Update on Academic Master Plan progress and the “Resilient by Design” report relevance.

Chair's Report

- Update on Slingshot Choice bookstore option: WDC classes not included.
- Reminders: feedback for policy/procedure reviews, student panel and council opportunities, use of leave by 12/19, award nominations.
- Updates from College Council: classification and compensation study, new benefits initiatives, clarification on leave/personal leave, early stage of paid parental leave discussion.

Presentations:

- WDCE Structural Updates
- Jeff McGill, Dr. Benmouna, and Carolyn Terry discussed the ongoing structural changes in Workforce Development & Continuing Education (WDCE).
- Emphasis on aligning workforce/non-credit and academic/credit programs

for student pathways.

- Review of grant funding status and contingency planning (especially for ALG & Tech MAP programs).
- Discussion of organizational naming (no immediate rebranding; current unit is WD&CE).
- Planned recommendations on structure due to Dr. Price by end of semester; no major changes before Spring 2026.
- Operational review: program efficiency, staffing, marketing, community engagement.

Unfinished

Business

- Invite the Director of Auxiliary Services to the next WDC Council meeting to discuss concerns about food and snack availability on campuses. (Assigned to: John Demon)
- Gather feedback from constituents on issues related to online learning, such as faculty camera usage and student engagement, and invite Dr. Mike Mills to a future meeting to discuss. (Assigned to: John Demon)
- Complete a report for the Academic Master Plan, strategy 4.4B (assigned to Council).

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New Business

- Angel Griffin will taking over as Chair and a new Vice Chair will have to be elected/nominated.
- Academic Master Plan Work Group (Strategy 4.4B) Led by Satheen Spinner; members: Caroline Barry, Martin Cain, Kate Wooldridge
- Decided to design a survey for program leads (short, mix of open/multiple choice)

Next Steps.

- All members: Send feedback/survey question suggestions for Academic Master Plan 4.4B work group (by Dec 8).
- Members: Submit nominations or volunteer for Vice Chair.

Adjournment.

- Patrick Brown Motioned to end the meeting Donna Kinerney seconded.