



College Council
Tuesday, April 14, 2026
Meeting #13
1:00-3:00 p.m., Zoom

MINUTES

Members Present: Paul Miller (Chair); Suzette Spencer (Vice Chair, Administrator Council Chair); Nghi Nguyen (Secretary, Staff Council Chair); Tamesha Robinson (Faculty Council Chair); Tonya Addleman (Germantown Campus Council Chair); Jason Bruffy (Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Council Chair); Sepydeh Yousefi (Employee Services Council Chair); Jin Khademi (Rockville Campus Council); Surayya Johnson (Student Services & Success Council Chair); Angel Griffin (Workforce Development and Continuing Education Council Chair)

Absent: Angela Nissing (Academic Services Council Chair), Fernaundra Ferguson (Operational Services Council Chair), Mahnoor Z. Asif (Student Council Chair)

Proxy: Tracey Bodo for Angela Nissing, Byron Jamison for Fernaundra Ferguson

Guest Speaker(s): Dr. Jermaine F. Williams, Susan Watson, Sarah Martin

Guest(s): Rosa Trigo, Dr. Debbie Van Camp, Lisannie Montilla, Kari Schmidt, Josephine Trawick, Shakenna Adams-Gormley, Sherwin Collette, Angie Moy, Maria Davidson, Debra Bouyer

Liaison: Dr. Stephen D. Cain, Chief of Staff

Governance Director: Dr. Clevette Ridguard

Resource: Yvette Taylor

Call to Order

- There was a quorum to conduct business. Dr. Paul Miller (Chair) called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- The April 14, 2026, agenda was approved as written.
- The minutes for March 24, 2026, were approved as corrected.

Constituent Concerns

- No concerns.

Chair's Report

- See the Chair's Report.

President's Remark

Dr. Jermaine F. Williams

- Montgomery College hosted the Black Family Wellness Expo in partnership with The Links, Incorporated, to provide health screenings, wellness education, and community resources. The event was open to, and welcoming of, everyone in the community and simultaneously working to address persistent health disparities seen in the Black community. Nursing students conducted blood pressure screenings, applying their training in a community setting. The event reflects the College's commitment to advancing equitable access to health information and services.
- Honors College STEM Scholars, Joshua Richard Lewis and Lawrence Woo, earned recognition at the Maryland Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference for their research presentation. Mentored by Professor of Chemistry Dr. Tom Chen, their work highlights the strength of undergraduate research and faculty mentorship at Montgomery College.
- See the President's Report for the College Council on the Governance website.

ADA Title II Updates

Susan Watson, Chief Compliance, Risk and Ethics Officer & Sarah Martin, Interim Director of ADA Compliance provided an overview of Title II.

- The CLEAR Framework
 - Caption Everything (C), Logical Layout (L), Easy to Read (E), Alt Text for Images (A), Responsive Design (R)
 - A practical, faculty-facing framework that translates accessibility requirements into actionable course design habits
- Work to be Done
 - Inventorying web content and mobile apps
 - Remediating web content and web apps
 - Learning to create/choose accessible web content and mobile apps
- Check out the [CLEAR Framework Digital Guide](#)
- Review the Digital Accessibility Update presentation

Assessment & Engagement Exercise

- How do you recognize governance, (planning for Governance Review Fall 2026), and then show the college community what governance has done?
- And how important that is to show the impact of what happened on governance, the decisions made, policies input, and all of the impact.
- Show what impact governance has had and how it aligns with priorities and also promoting governance overall so that the college community can see that it works, and then people would be more interested in being a part of governance.

Council Report Out

- Faculty Council
 - Last meeting, council had a presentation on the Advising redesign.
 - Dr. Ray-Patterson presented on student affairs updates.
 - The upcoming meeting, council will have a presentation about the Math curriculum changes.
 - At next meeting, council will do breakout room discussions on the President's monthly report.
- Rockville Council
 - Addressed one of the constituent concerns about the sidewalk not aligning with the parking lot.
 - The Campus Provost is working on the elevator issues on Rockville Campus
- Administrator Council
 - Have done a great job in terms of bringing in individuals who are working on major shifts that are happening within their areas to give updates.
 - The last meeting, Liz Greaney came to give us an update on the FY27 budget.
- Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus
 - Input and requests into facilities for modification, beautification, and general usage of this classroom space.
 - There's an old outdoor classroom in the center of campus.
 - The benches are old, it's tread, it's not accessible in any way, shape, or form, and there's an old whiteboard with no markers sitting out there.
- Germantown Campus Council
 - Wanted to, as a campus council, meet at different places around the campus, so that each of the members on our team could talk about their areas and showcase stuff on the campuses, because council has found that members often are just sitting in their offices. Explore Germantown campus and what members are doing however, there needed to be virtual component to each meeting.

Governance Updates

Dr. Clevette Ridguard

- All final council meetings should be held before the College Council meeting on Tuesday, May 12.
- Council will receive newly elected members to governance roster for your council. Invite them to your last meeting so you can conduct officer elections.
- Constituency Concern Report and Goal Report.
 - Track your concerns, keep report current
 - Reports are due Friday, May 29
- March and April Governance Awareness Month
 - Each council member will invite 3 people to attend a council meeting
- Emails to Elected Officials
 - We need employees to email their elected officials on behalf of MC budget request.

- See Governance Update presentation.

Adjourned

- The meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m., following a motion by Sepydeh Yousefi and seconded by Tamesha Robinson.

Next Council Meetings

- 4/28, 5/12

Submitted by

- Nghi Nguyen, College Council Secretary