

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

Operational Services Council

September 12, 2024

via Zoom

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Attendees

Current year members present:

Ramon De La Cruz, Elizabeth (Liz) Greaney, Gregory Sember, Adam Reid, Anna Hamilton, Lisa Evans, Margarita Silva, Gloria Barron, Yvette Taylor (Guest).

Call to Order

- The regular meeting was called to order at 3:12 p.m. by Chair Ramon De La Cruz
- The meeting was recorded for internal use only.
- The meeting began with roll call.
- First meeting of FY25

Constituent Concerns

- The first submission is from an employee requesting the college reconsider its policy of not waiving tuition for non-credit courses, particularly for dependents with developmental disabilities.
- The second submission is from a student concerned about anti-homelessness architecture on campus, specifically the installation of low-standing fixtures on benches that prevent people from lying down and seeks clarification on their purpose.

Approval of Minutes

- No minutes were available to approve

Chair's Report

- Important College news: Employee Matters, weekly Inside MC email, and Communication Memos from Dr Williams
- Announcement: Enrollment at MC has increased in the past year.
- As of now, MC is the only Hispanic Serving Institution in MD
- The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Catherine and Isiah Leggett Math and Science Building will take place on Thursday, September 19, at 2 p.m.
- The MC Votes committee has ballot boxes at each of the Montgomery College campuses.
- Dr. Debbie Van Camp, Director of Planning and Policy highlights the [strategic plan](#) that is guided by four principles, with twenty-five supporting strategies and 25 indicators.
- The College Council welcomes anyone to attend the meetings and observe the work done by governance.
- Dr. Edmund Cabellon, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs, highlights his [strategic enrollment plan](#).
- 2024-2025 Governance Theme "Bold Transformation to Empower All Voices and Thrive Together."

- Each council needs to establish a new goal for the year. The Operations Services Council needs to finalize a goal by 10/25. A decision on a goal will be made at the next council meeting.
- Dr. Clevette Ridguard provided an update on the governance training, and survey, which offered good and positive information. She also shared a Concerns to Recommendations graphic and the governance recommendations workflow. The website is updated.
- Governance training on 9/29. Ramon reports that five individuals attended.
- If you want your picture included on the website as a board member, send it to Ramon.
- Useful publications to keep up with:
 - Employee Matters
 - Monday Minute
 - Monday Morning Boost
 - Inside MC
 - Key Memos
- MC Governance Communication & Elections Committee seeking volunteers
- Mexico's First Female President: A Conversation with News Producer for Latin America, Mercedes Vargas-Lugo. September 23 11-12:30 SC 301 Rockville and via ZOOM ID: 935 5222 9953
- Wellness Center offers food to students who have difficulty accessing sufficient food to eat every day. Free food is available on campus in rooms SV001, SA113, HC201, CM110.
- Mobile market needs volunteers. It provides fresh fruits, vegetables, and other foods to MC students, faculty/staff, and the community. The food is distributed on campus at no cost.
- Hispanic Heritage Month 2024 has begun with a kickoff from September 15 through October 15.
- MC Student Health and Wellness events begin on September 13 with Zoom Yoga, Health Fair at TP/SS, and STI/HIV Clinic at TPSS, Onsite Screening
- AAWCC-MC Meet and Greet, September 17, 2024, Central Services (CT) Building, 2:30–4 p.m.
- Flu shot clinics. The Kaiser Mobile Health Van offers free flu shots for all MC employees, retirees, and students, October 7 through November 11. Check the [website](#) for locations and times.
- Montgomery College Fall Family Festival, Saturday, September 28, 11 a.m.– 4 p.m., Free and open to the public
- Montgomery College is hosting a Family Empowerment Resource Fair on Saturday, September 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Rockville Campus. The event will take place in the Arthur and Miriam Becker Family Quad and the Long Nguyen and Kimmy Duong Student Services Center
- ELITE Super Staff Tuesday and First Faculty Friday training is offered monthly. Check workday for workshops.
- Election Guide for Students. Use the library's online 2024 [election guide](#) to learn how to vote, understand what is on the ballot, and expand knowledge of the voting process.
- The Asian American, Native American, and Pacific Islander (AANAPI) Task Force at Montgomery College working towards an AANAPI serving institution designation.
- Anestine Theophile-LaFond's daughter wins gold. <https://sundominica.com/articles/a-mothers-pride-7271/>

Council Organization, Election of New Secretary

- A quorum was not met with seven members present, so voting could not take place.
- The vote will be rescheduled for the next meeting. A motion to vote in October was made.

Goal Discussion

- Ideas include:
 - Grab & go. This goal aims to provide students who need food the opportunity to grab food on the go while on campus. Greg Sember supports the idea.
 - Involve other Government Councils.
 - Team up with SPIFFY clothing closet to provide necessity items.
 - This goal should be developed using the SMARTIE goal framework criteria. Specific, Measurable, Action Oriented, Relevant, Time-bound, Inclusive, and Equitable.

Adjourn

- Margarita Silva motioned to adjourn. Greg Sember seconded/approved.