

**MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE**

TPSS Campus Council Meeting Minutes

Friday, Sept. 20, 2024

Zoom

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**Attendees**

*Members Present:* Lesley Brown, Christopher Campanella, Norberto Gomez, Jeri Gresham, Heather Bruce Satrom, Matt Wilson

*Proxies:* Deborah Taylor, for Emma Grace

*Members Absent:* Emma Grace, Socrates Purification, David Chen, Anna Elaine Abella, Monique Davis, Sal Rosales

*Invited guests:* none

*Liaison:* none

**Call to Order**

The regular meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Chair Matt Wilson.

**Approval of Agenda**

Option to approve minutes. Minutes stand approved.

**Constituent Concerns**

Concerns were expressed about the lack of an employee recognition award for new employees. Perhaps a new “rookie” award could be established.

Concerns expressed about the lack of clear signage on campus for the Student Wellness Center, the Learning Centers, the ACES program, WDCE offices including the Refugee Center, and other places on campus. It is difficult for students, especially non-native English speakers, to locate these centers. Signage in Cafritz seems particularly problematic. Perhaps multilingual signage could be posted in languages that are most common for MC students.

Concerns expressed about the bookstore: several faculty members have reported that book orders were submitted but book orders did not arrive. Students report that books are not available. Concerns expressed about high markup on texts in store.

**Dean’s Report**

No report from the campus dean. Not clear who will fill in for Dr. Stewart this semester while he is on medical leave.

### **Chair's Update**

Report from the College Council: The theme for this year is Bold Transformations. There are listening sessions coming up; please attend. Reminders about support for students with disabilities. Reminders about policies regarding political campaign activities. MC has been designed an AANAPISI (Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution). An AANAPISI Task Force has been created.

The Women's and Gender Studies Program and History & Political Science are sponsoring a conversation about Mexico's First Female President with News Producer for Latin America, Mercedes Vargas-Lugo, moderated by Dr. Lucy Grinnell on Sept. 23 at 11 am in Rockville and on Zoom.

Reminders to get information out to students about resources. The Student Wellness Centers had an Annual Resource Fair on Sept. 18. Please tell students about the wellness centers, the learning centers, the food pantries on campus, the SPIFFY clothing closet, and the Mobile Markets (2 to 4 pm on September 18, October 16, November 20, and December 18 in the ST Atrium)

There will be a Fall Family Festival on Sept. 28 at ECEC. Encourage students to attend with their families.

### **Annual Goals**

1. Promote efforts to improve signage to help students and other College community members more easily find resources on campus, especially in the Cafritz building.
2. Repurpose the former Cafritz art supply store / café into a welcoming space for students, staff, and faculty.
3. Continue to promote composting of food waste on campus. Coordinate with county efforts.

### **Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Oct. 11. Council will meet on second Friday of each month from 10 am to 12 pm. We need to invite someone from Facilities to discuss signage. We need to find out which languages are most spoken at TPSS. On Sept. 25 at 10 am, Matt and Deb are meeting a county official regarding efforts to compost food waste on campus. They will update the group on this meeting.

### **Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 12 pm

Respectfully submitted by  
Heather Bruce Satrom  
TPSS Campus Council Secretary