

MC GOVERNANCE

Montgomery
College
College Council Meeting #1 Minutes
Tuesday, September 10, 2024
1:00 – 3:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Present: Shakenna Adams-Gormley (Chair), Tilandra Rhyne (Secretary), Ramon De La Cruz, Ernest Cartledge, Dr. Arlene Blaylock, Amanda Darr, Dr. Anestine Theophile-LaFond, Nghi Nguyen, Mhambi Musonda, Matthew Wilson, Tonya Addleman, Ar Kar Kyaw-Win, John Amoroso, Tonya Addleman

Absent: Dr. Paul Miller

Proxy: Philip Bonner for Dr. Paul Miller

Guests: Dr. Jermaine F. Williams, Dr. Meghan Gibbons, Dr. Deidre Price, Sherwin Collette, Dr. Ed Cabellon, Dr. Debbie Van Camp, Dr. Michelle Campbell, Lisannie Montilla, Dr. Dianne Cherry, Rosa Trigo, Dr. Lucy Vitaliti, Josephine Trawick, Kimberly Jones, Sepy Yousefi, Stephanie Gallo Krasnoff, Susan Cottle Madden, Maria Adams

Liaison: Dr. Stephen D. Cain

Governance Director: Dr. Clevette Ridguard

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Shakenna Adams-Gormley at 1:00 p.m., with a quorum present. The meeting was recorded for internal purposes.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Dr. Anestine Theophile-LaFond moved to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2024 meeting, which was seconded by Tonya Addleman. The minutes were approved as written. The agenda for the September 10, 2024 meeting was also approved without changes.

Constituent Concerns

Chair Shakenna Adams-Gormley shared a concern regarding the “*Reaffirming Our Mission and Focus*” memo sent by Dr. Jermaine F. Williams on September 4, 2024. The concern sought clarification on the memo's purpose and whether there was a specific issue that prompted its release. This concern has been forwarded to Dr. Williams for further clarification.

Chair's Report

Shakenna Adams-Gormley welcomed attendees and shared the College Council's 2024-2025 theme: *Bold Transformations to Empower All Voices and Thrive Together*. She encouraged council members to stay informed by reading key communications like *Employee Matters* and *Monday Minute*. As part of the chair's report, we celebrated and acknowledged Dr. Anestine Theophile-LaFond, co-chair of the Faculty Council, who is the mother of Olympiad gold medalist winner Thea LaFond-Gadson. A PowerPoint outlining upcoming college events and important dates was presented and is available on the Governance Blackboard community.

Presidential Remarks

Dr. Jermaine F. Williams expressed his gratitude for the contributions of the council members. He provided updates on the smooth start of the fall semester, his visits to all campuses, and upcoming events such as Hispanic Heritage Month and the opening of the Leggett Math and Science Building. Dr. Williams also highlighted voter registration efforts across campuses and emphasized the importance of governance to the college community.

Strategic Plan Overview

Dr. Debbie Van Camp, Director of Planning and Policy, presented an overview of the Strategic Plan and the plans to engage governance in the FY 25 strategic plan outcomes discussion this academic year. In addition, the College Council will receive routine updates on any policy and procedures changes and have an opportunity to provide input.

Shakenna Adams-Gormley requested a motion to suspend Robert's Rules of Order to facilitate Dr. Ed Cabellon's presentation. The motion was made by Ramon De La Cruz and seconded by John Amoroso.

Dr. Jermaine F. Williams introduced Dr. Ed Cabellon, Interim Senior Vice President for Student Affairs, who outlined the new Strategic Enrollment Plan and strategies for targeted enrollment growth over the next three years.

Following Dr. Cabellon's presentation, a motion to reinstate Robert's Rules was made by Ramon De La Cruz and seconded by John Amoroso.

Shakenna Adams-Gormley thanked Dr. Cabellon and highlighted the importance of aligning with the Strategic Plan. Dr. Van Camp's detailed presentation is available on the Governance Blackboard community.

College Council Goals Discussion

Shakenna Adams-Gormley reviewed last year's achievements, including the successful Governance Awareness Days and mental health initiatives. She then invited ideas for this year's goals, aligning with the theme "*Bold Transformations to Empower All Voices and Thrive Together*."

John Amoroso suggested focusing on inclusivity and engagement to address governance stigma. Dr. Arlene Blaylock proposed using data to highlight the impact of

governance efforts. Ar Kar Kyaw-Win recommended improving communication with signage around campuses.

Shakenna Adams-Gormley will compile these suggestions into a proposal for further discussion at the next meeting.

Governance Information

Dr. Clevette Ridguard, Director of Governance, welcomed everyone to the fall semester and shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding governance chair expectation, training feedback, and important reminders. Additional information is available on the Governance Blackboard community.

Announcements

- There are no governance meetings in January. There will be Governance training for the chairs.
- Please do not schedule governance meetings the week of spring break. If you have meetings scheduled, change the date to hold your meeting before or after spring break.
- The College Council is participating in fall Club Rush events at each campus.
- Spring semester Governance Awareness Day will be held on February 19, 2025
- A new Instagram page for governance is now live. John Amoroso is the Chair of the Social Media committee. https://www.instagram.com/mc_governance. Send any announcements, communications, and images to him to post.
- Save the date. The College Council chairs are invited to Conversations with the Board of Trustees on October 14th.
- Dr. Anestine Theophile-LaFond announced having a Takoma Park Faculty Senate representative.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m. following a motion by Tilandra Rhyne, seconded by Dr. Anestine Theophile-LaFond.