

MC GOVERNANCE

GERMANTOWN CAMPUS COUNCIL FY 2024-2025 MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 | 12:00-1:30 pm
Zoom Meeting

Attendees

Members Present: Tonya Addleman (Chair); Greg Downs (Vice Chair); Kam Yee (Secretary); Karlyvette Acevedo; Esther Clark; Teresa Lew; Milton Nash; Kalen Roundy; Silvia Vargas; John Wysong.

Absent: Al-Hassan Mohamed Bangura; John Rouse.

Proxies: Mark Levine (for John Rouse).

Liaison: Sharon Anthony.

Guests: Jermaine F. Williams; Erin Marcinek; David Vargas; Ryan Belanger; Shakenna Adams-Gormley; Yvette Taylor; Clevette Ridguard; Tilandra Rhyne.

Call to Order

- The regular meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm by Chair Tonya Addleman.
- Quorum was established to conduct business.
- Meeting to be recorded for internal use only.

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

- Minutes from the Nov 12, 2024 meeting were approved as written by acclamation.

Constituent Concerns

Old concerns:

- Pickleball at GT Campus – Request to use tennis courts for pickleball. Funding available to repaint one tennis court for pickleball use. Target: Spring 2025. No immediate plans for indoor pickleball space. Pickleball instructor from Rockville campus is willing to serve the Germantown campus too.
- MC's Policy and Procedure (P&P) – Difficult to search in MC's website. The P&P documents are stored in non-searchable PDFs. Must use the policy name or number for now. Goal is to eventually make them into searchable web pages.

New concerns:

- Silvia Vargas (Cyber Security Program) – Faculty has no administrative rights to classroom and college-issued personal computers. This limits faculty's (specifically full-time) ability to create practical labs to administer in the classroom. The program is being watered down as result of this limitation. Department chairs and deans are aware of this. It has been an issue for a long time. There seems to be no traction to resolve this.

President's Remarks – Dr. Jermaine F. Williams (Montgomery College's President)

- Dr. Williams shared his sentiments about the positive steps that the College is taking to continue to move forward, supporting students and supporting each other to ensure that we can effectively and equitably support students.
- He reiterated the strategic plan's vision of enhancing our partnership with the community, making sure there's a sense of belonging, creating a sense of belonging for everyone at the college. We are in fast-moving and changing times, and there will be impacts on post-secondary education and on Montgomery College.

- He recognized that the values guiding our institution, equity and inclusion, excellence, integrity, innovation, adaptability, sustainability, and respect are more vital than ever. Our work is rooted in fostering an environment where diverse perspectives can flourish right where critical thinking is paramount and where all members feel seen.
- He expressed his appreciation for the value and the contributions that the Governance Councils make to the College.

Staff Enrichment Day (SED) – Tilandra Rhyne (SED Planning Committee Co-Chair)

- Staff Enrichment Day is a day dedicated to all staff across all 3 campuses, to come together to engage in personal and professional development.
- Date: Wed, Mar 19, 2025. Germantown Campus will host.
- Theme: “Stronger Together, Transforming Tomorrow.”
- SED Planning Committee is looking for a keynote speaker. Nominate them.
- Volunteers requested for various roles.
- Peer-nominated Beebe Award nominations requested.
- Personal milestones and accomplishments from Staff to be recognized.

Financial Aid Events – Karlyvette Acevedo (Financial Aid Outreach Counselor)

- Karlyvette shared details about the financial aid process. There are many sources of aid (federal, state, institutional, private, etc).
- MC’s Financial Aid Office helps students identify applicable sources of aid and helps them navigate through the process.
- She thanked Sharon for attending the *How To Pay For College Night* event on Dec 04, 2024. About 100 people attended.
- Upcoming events: *FAFSA Completion* event, Jan 11, 2025 (Rockville campus); *Financial Aid Awareness* month kickoff, Feb 03, 2025.

Academic Master Plan – Sharon Anthony

- Old Academic Master Plan was up in 2023. MC is developing a new Master Plan to guide us to the next 5 to 10 years. It is really important that we provide input because College allocates current and future resources based on this plan.
- Sharon reiterated some of the goals. One of the goals is enhancing connections between MC and the community, not only MCPS, but also the neighborhoods. Goal 2 is cultivating a sense of belonging for everyone (both students and employees). Goal 3 is enhancing educational and organizational effectiveness.
- Other important items include career preparation and exploration, and career development skills being part of academics as well.

Campus Dean’s Report – Sharon Anthony

- GT Campus holiday party: Wed, Dec 18, 2025, 11:30am -1:00pm. Volunteers requested.
- Children from Child Care Center will sing a song at the beginning.
- College will be closed for 2 weeks after Final Exams.
- Southern Management Leadership Group is collecting women's clothing, warm clothing, hygiene products and food for hurricane relief.
- Thousands of MCPS 6th graders will come to each of the campuses during MC’s Spring Break.
- HT Building’s roof rehab work is complete. Construction equipment has all been removed.
- HT 138 classroom has been revamped. New and fun equipment has been installed in there.
- HT Building’s fourth floor Honors Lounge should open in the beginning of the Spring semester.
- GT Food Pantry will have a new room in SA Bldg. Construction planned to start in Jan 2025. Operational by Summer 2025.

Spring Meeting Times

- After deliberation, meeting dates/times for Spring 2025 were agreed upon:
Feb 04, Mar 04, Apr 01, May 06. 11:30am-1:00pm. Via Zoom.

Chair's Report – Tonya Addleman

Summary of Chair Report's Presentation Slides:

- 2023-2024 Annual Governance Report is available.
- Nov 2024 Student Panel Discussion. See Governance Council website for details.
- College Council meeting (Dec 03, 2024) further discussed Strategic Plan internally.
- Dates of future College Council meetings were shared.

Announcements

- None.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 1:28 pm. Silvia Vargas motioned to adjourn. Greg Downs seconded.

Next meeting scheduled for Tue, Feb 04, 2025, 11:30-1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Kam Yee, Secretary
Germantown Campus Council*