

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

TPSS Campus Council Meeting Minutes

Friday, Nov. 8, 2024

Zoom

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Attendees

Members Present: Matthew Wilson, Heather Bruce Satrom, Monique Davis, Emma Grace, Norberto Gomez, Jeri Gresham, Socrates Purification, Heather Bruce Satrom, Deborah Taylor, Lesley Brown, Yvette Taylor

Members Absent: Anna Elaine Abella, David Chen, Sal Rosales, Christopher Campanella

Invited guests: Ali Fadl (Campus Facilities), Adaora Nwigwe (Placement and Learning Center Advisor), Alex Galen (Adult ESOL and Literacy Program Director), Deborah Crutchfield (WDCE Customer Service), Clevette Ridguard

Liaison: Dean Fiona Glade, Acting Campus Dean, TPSS

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda

Agenda proved. Minutes from last meeting approved.

Constituent Concerns and Updates:

Concerns were expressed about people parking in handicapped parking spots in the lot near the Leggett Building. People with disabilities need access to these spots, and tickets are not being issued to violators.

Concerns were expressed regarding ongoing problems with Blackboard and MyMC on Advising Day, before midterms were due, and numerous other times. Faculty have expressed frustrations with Bb Gradebook not working properly, resulting in delays in giving timely feedback to students and completing grading on time.

Concerns were expressed regarding locked doors at ECEC and unclear signage.

Matt Wilson welcomed Dr. Fiona Glade, who is serving as a TPSS Campus Dean while Dr. Brad Stewart is on leave.

Invited guests and council members expressed concerns regarding inaccurate, insufficient, and outdated signage in Cafritz Building, Health Sciences, and in other buildings. Especially problematic: students and community members find it very challenging to locate the refugee center. Many visitors go the East side of campus, not knowing about buildings on the West side. Staff members often help people find the right location, but many visitors are lost, frustrated, and confused. Possible solutions were discussed, including the following: enter a work order to TPSS Facilities (perhaps from the TPSS Campus Council?) to request better signage, meet with students / visitors/ community members to ask for their suggestions on how we can improve; consider implementing apps (Campus Finder?) or QR codes in multiple languages to help visitors; consider low-tech solutions for those who don't have phones or newer phones; document problems related to Wayfinding Assistance issues; work with the College Council on these efforts; consider multilingualism on different campuses (we have different populations - look beyond the "big six" languages); consider putting up multilingual welcome signs so immigrants and refugees feel safe; consider staffing entrance areas with human beings who can direct visitors to the appropriate offices; collaborate with Dr. Sarah Campbell, Dr. Alice Santoro, and other leaders who are working on the College's branding refresh efforts.

Dean's Report

Acting campus dean Dr. Fiona Glade made the following report:

- Thank you to TPSS community for showing up to the Leggett Building ribbon-cutting ceremony
- The next Mobile Market will be on Nov. 20.
- Free flu shots will be available on Monday, Nov. 11.
- MCPS school groups will be coming to visit the campus soon.
- There will be a TPSS winter party on Dec. 13 from 1 to 3.
- Renovations to the East Garage are almost complete.
- The TPSS campus library is scheduled to re-open in January or February. There will be a "sneak preview" on Nov. 20.

Chair's Update

Report from the College Council, Memos and Notifications, and Announcements:

The Board of Trustees and College Council met regarding theme of "Bold Transformations to Empower All Voices and Thrive together."

Please remember to read Employee Matters, The Monday Minute, and Inside MC.

The President's Town Hall Meeting will take place on Nov. 12 at 2 pm on the theme of "Bold Transformations in Access." Please register for the meeting.

MC won a \$562,500 Safety Programs Grant for Public Safety.

The "Bow Tie Chats" with Dr. Williams have begun. The topic of the last chat, on Nov. 4, was cybersecurity.

The draft of the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar will soon be available for review.

The Presidential Scholars Programs is looking for nominations.

MC Math Professor Dr. David S. Torain won a National Science Foundation Grant for his project MC Student Hybrid Academic and Research Experience (SHARE), a two-year planning project that will provide up to 35 MC students with the opportunity to engage with scientific discovery first-hand by participating in STEM conferences as participants and presenters. The award amount for SHARE is \$200,000.

MC Staff Member Tilandra Rhyne was honored during the AAWCC National Conference with the 2024 Women Under 40 Award as a “mover, shaker, and influencer” at MC. The purpose of the award is to recognize and elevate exceptional women from community colleges.

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month in November with the MC Library.

Open Enrollment ends today.

A reminder that there will be upcoming mobile markets on all campuses.

There is an MC Governance Instagram QR Code. The goal of having 50+ followers was met.

There will be Microsoft Essentials Fall 2024 workshops. Contact the Microsoft Office Essentials website for additional information.

The Employee Professional Development Catalog has been issued.

A reminder that the Student Wellness Center offers food, clothing, and hygiene supplies at several locations on campus: CM 110, ST 306, P4 202, and HC 201.

The College Council is seeking individuals to become members of the Communications, Nominations and Elections Committee.

Annual Goals Update

The College Council suggested that concerns about signage in Cafritz should be handled as a constituent concern, not as a council goal.

The TPSS Campus Council’s goal for this year is related to adapting the space where the Cafritz Art Store / bookstore / café was located. How can we make this space more welcoming to all? After the pandemic, this space has greatly changed. Ali Fadl said that Facilities, in response to our concerns, has added three star-shaped tables to this space. They can remove the bookshelves and put student art up on the walls. They can look at furniture surplus to explore

other ideas to make the space more welcoming. He invited suggestions and asked that requests be submitted to Facilities.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Dec. 13. Invited guests include Carlos Sanchez.

Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am. Jeri Gresham motioned to adjourn, and Leslie Brown seconded.

Respectfully submitted by
Heather Bruce Satrom
TPSS Campus Council Secretary