MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

Faculty Council
October 1, 2026
Zoom
12:00–2:00 pm

Attendees

- Members present: Jana Anderson, Diego Hernandez, Heather Hughes, Barbara LaPilusa, Tamesha Robinson, Atul Roy, Ingrid Scott, Flor Romero-Slowing, Maria Sprehn, Rachel Sullivan, Susanna Sunn, Megan Van Wagoner, Alla Webb
- Proxies present: Ingrid Scott proxy for Michaela Pacesova, Tamesha Robinson proxy for Jana Anderson until 12:30, Diego Rivera proxy for Rachel Sullivan until 12:15, Alla Webb proxy for Susanna Sunn until 1:40
- Members absent: Sandra Menzies, Richard Shaw, Sally Silberman, Brandon Wallace, Marianne Wysong
- Invited guests: Angela Lanier
- Additional guests: Beri Kari-Forge, Miriam Zemen, Roberto Hurtado, Sonia Pruitt, Pauline Eccles-Rose, Joseph Stumpf, Yvette Taylor, Alice Santoro, Angie Moy
- Council liaison: Dr. Sharon Anthony for Dr. Price, Academic Affairs

Call to Order

- The regular meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by Tamesha Robinson.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from the September 17, 2026 Faculty Council meeting were approved as read.

Constituent Concerns

1. Diego Hernandez brought a concern about the way that student behavioral issues are addressed and the support available to faculty when there is a disruptive student in class. He says, “Students Affairs needs to be structured in a way that professors get prompt support when these unfortunate situations occur.”

2. We received a second concern via email stating that faculty feel the College is at a critical point where a coordinated effort is needed across relevant units to examine academic integrity amid AI. They said faculty are feeling a sense of urgency around this and emphasized that it needs to be treated as important as advising redesign. They are asking Faculty Council to be part of a collaborative effort to address this in a systemic way.

Presentations

Academic Affairs Update—Dr. Sharon Anthony representing Dr. Price

Academic Master Plan Work—The goals of the AMP have been organized into six themes. Each month there will be a memo and video release, one-hour academic showcases in-person, virtual coffee hours, virtual evening gatherings, and end-of-month recap at College Council. The first three showcases have been scheduled.

- Advising and Communication (Showcase at SW301, RV, Oct. 15, 3¬–4 pm)
- Professional Development (Showcase at CAC, TPSS, Nov. 12, 3–4 pm)
- Academic Supports (Showcase at Globe Hall, GT, Dec. 2, 3–4 pm)
- Scheduling
- Curriculum
- Future of Work
- AMP Year 2 Closing —Daylong event during professional week

This is intended to get faculty and staff more involved in the process and provide a place for all faculty voices as we work together towards the goals of the AMP.

Faculty Learning Pathways— Dr. Angela Lanier, CTE

The Center for Teaching and Learning has changed the way they present workshops. Previously CTL provided stand-alone workshops. Now, they are grouping workshops by topic or theme. There are currently five pathways of aligned workshops. Each pathway will have a series of five workshops, and each series will be scheduled once each semester. Each workshop includes one optional assignment or deliverable. If you complete five workshops and their assignments, you can complete a micro-credential.

How does it work?
Choose a pathway. Attend at least three workshops in that pathway. Complete the three associated assignments. Attend two workshops in other pathways and reflect on their connection to the primary pathway. Submit your work to CTL. Then earn the badge.

Angela Lanier is the contact and can answer questions, angela.lanier@montgomerycollege.edu.

You can find more info here: https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/offices/academic-affairs/ctl/faculty-learning-pathways.html

Committee Reports

TPSS Faculty Senate – No representative present

RV Faculty Senate – Tamesha and Atul

This group has not yet met.

GT Faculty Senate – Heather Hughes

GT Faculty Senate will be holding their first meeting tomorrow, Friday, October 2.

Curriculum Committee – Alla Webb

The CCC newsletters and agendas are being published every week on Monday via InsideMC. They are also accessible in Curriculog. CCC is encouraging faculty to get more involved in curriculum by reviewing the newsletters and providing feedback to the committee before their meetings. The process for submitting feedback is on the CCC website, https://info.montgomerycollege.edu/secured-fas/academic-affairs/curriculum.

CCC membership has been finalized. There is one internal position which will be filled from the current membership.

Next meeting is Friday, October 2.

General Education – Maria Sprehn

The committee met on September 25. Joe Koussa is leaving the committee, and they need to replace one member. Kiersten Newtoff from biology at Germantown, has offered to replace him. Maria shared her bio and presented her for approval. Alla Webb motioned to approve. Diego Hernandez seconded the motion. The General Education Committee will be meeting next on Friday, October 9.

Academic Regulations and Standards – Diego Rivera

Diego brought two regulations for approval by Faculty Council.

Academic Appeals Regulation—

Academic Appeals Committee membership was updated last year. Following those changes, Dr. Price requested additional updates to the Academic Appeals reg which were presented today. The changes requested were to update the language to address winter session and the addition of ECEC, as well as other clarifications about specifying staff or department chairs.

Alla Webb made a motion to approve. Barb LaPilusa seconded the motion. This regulation was approved to move forward to Dr. Price.

Required Reporting of Last Day of Attendance —Ar. 5.2 F added to Article 5

Academic Regulations was charged by Kimberly McNair to codify in the regs that faculty must enter a date of last attendance whenever they enter an F or U grade. A new sub-section was added to Article 5. It says that for all grades of F or U, faculty must enter a date of last attendance before the deadline to file grades.

Barb motioned to approve. Ingrid Scott seconded the motion. This regulation was approved to move forward to Dr. Price.

Chair's Report

- Hispanic Heritage month is being observed Sept. 15-Oct 15.
- All employees should have an emergency evacuation plan.
- Raptors have a new look!
- Survey launched!
- Transfer Days are coming up on all three campuses.
- There are currently two P&P items open for comment.
- Call for new members–
    - The College wide academic appeals committee
    - Assoc. of Faculties for Advancement

New Business

Faculty Council Goals
The council began work on our 2026-27 goal:

> *Evaluate and recommend updates to the Academic Affairs syllabus template to support consistency and effectiveness across divisions.*

During the meeting, we first discussed the process. We are planning to use 45-60 minutes each month to review the template as a group. Our work will focus on updating content to match current practices, as well as focusing on where we can link to information on the MC website to keep the length manageable and the info current.

Then, we looked closely at the first two sections as well as the header.

1. Contact Information
2. General Course Information

Possible revisions were noted. During our next work session, we will start with section 3, Common Course Student Learning Outcomes.

Reflection—Adjournment

Rachel Sullivan made a motion to end the meeting at 1:56 p.m. It was seconded by Barb LaPilusa.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:56 pm

Respectfully submitted by Megan Van Wagoner, Faculty Council Secretary