

## MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

Student Council

September 8, 2025

Science Center, Room 152

4:30-5:30pm

### Attendees:

- Members Present: Chair: Mahnoor Z. Asif, Vice-chair: Krithi AnandVel, Secretary: Sophia Kalinyak, Daniela Castro, Juan F. Mendoza, Isaiah Smith, Supervisor: Dr. Clevette Ridguard
- Proxies present: none
- Members excused: none
- Invited Guests: Valeria da Silva, Director of Enterprise Project Management Office| Office of Administrative and Fiscal Services, Dr. Angela Dawson, Student Affairs Initiative Program Coordinator, Levinson, MA., NCC, Julie | Counselor/ Professor | Counseling and Advising, Mato, Sokol | Director of Auxiliary Enterprises | Office of Business Services, and Burl, Lisa | IT Communications Director | Office of Information Technology

### Call to Order:

- The regular meeting was called to order at 4:39PM by Chair, Mahnoor.

### Approval of Minutes: 4:43PM

- First meeting, so no previous minutes to review. Went over attendance instead.

### Guest Speaker: 4:45: Dr. Angela Dawson, Student Affairs Initiative Program Coordinator

- Mrs. Dawson discussed various resources and events the Student Wellness Center is providing and running across campuses, including free rapid HIV testing, the Call & Be Well mobile health center, OTC Contraception Info Sessions, and Stay Smart Kits.

### Constituent Concerns: 4:57PM

- Daniela: Expressed concerns about the bookstore on the Germantown and Tacoma Park campuses. Specifically, the lack of information about the new bookstore system, limited bookstore hours, and inconveniences students are facing.

### Guest Speaker: Valeria da Silva Director of Enterprise Project Management Office 4:59PM

- Valeria da Silva and her team shared updates on the Student Success Project, which focuses on streamlining processes to support students throughout their college journey,

including modernized registration system, new application for MC students, and MyMC portal enhancements. Several questions were asked, and various council members shared feedback on the communication of these efforts.

Guest Speaker 5:12PM: Mato, Sokol Director of Auxiliary Enterprises Office of Business Services

- Mr. Sokol shared with the council several updates and changes to the Germantown and Takoma Park campuses' bookstores. These included changes to the physical space, revised drop-off and pick-up procedures, and the introduction of a new auto book fulfillment program. Several questions were asked about the auto book fulfillment program, particularly regarding how students would be notified, the process for opting out, and potential issues with incorrect book assignments.

Chair's Report 5:32PM: Mahnoor Z. Asif

- Goals for the 2025-2026 school year
- Increase Visibility of the Student Council
  - Attend Club Rush on each Campus
- Provide feedback and input to major student initiatives.

Updates 5:40 PM: Dr. Clevette Ridguard

- Announced guest speaker for 10/06 meeting: Matt McGoldrick. Associate Senior Vice President for Administrative and Fiscal Services
- Discussed reaching out to council members who were not present and the onboarding of new members

Meeting Adjourned at 5:44 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Sophia Kalinyak, Student Council Secretary