

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

Student Council

Monday, October 6, 2025

Zoom

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, Akhyan Tamang, and Supervisor: Dr. Clevette Ridguard
- Proxies present: none
- Members excused: none
- Invited Guests: Matt McGoldrick | Associate Senior Vice President for Administrative and Fiscal Services, Sokol Mato | Director of Auxiliary Enterprises, Mhambi Musonda and Magdiel Banire | MC Foundation Student Representatives, and Dr. Tiffany Ray Patterson | Senior Vice President for Student Affairs

Call to Order:

- The regular meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Chair, Mahnoor.

Approval of Minutes: 4:32 PM

- Approved as read.

Constituent Concerns: 4:36 PM

- No constituent concerns were brought forward.

Chair's Report 4:38 PM: Mahnoor Z. Asif

- Discussed the successful tabling efforts during Club Rush.
- Provided updates on cross-campus Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations.
- Shared information regarding Middle States accreditation progress.
- Reminded students about Montgomery College resources, including the Wellness Center.

Guest Speaker 4:45PM: Matt McGoldrick and Sokol Mato

- Mr. McGoldrick provided updates on various bookstore initiatives, including the Slingshot auto-fulfillment program.
- He specifically discussed efforts to increase visibility of the new system and outlined key features of the Slingshot auto-fulfillment model.

- Important dates were shared, including expected outreach via email to students and the opt-out deadline for the spring semester: January 9th.
- Additionally, he asked the council for feedback on the draft email, detailing these plans, to help incorporate changes that would make this information more accessible to the broader student body. The students provided helpful insights about web developments and made suggestions about how to present the material in a bulleted memo format.
- Many questions were asked during this time regarding the specifics of the Slingshot model, potential drawbacks, student concerns about automatic enrollment, and justification for the opt-out timeline and communication strategy.

Guest Speaker 5:19 PM: Mhambi Musonda and Magdiel Banire

- Hambi Musonda and Magdiel Banire joined the meeting to discuss upcoming initiatives related to Philanthropy Week and the Montgomery College Foundation.
- The speakers emphasized the goal of increasing visibility and engagement around Philanthropy Week, particularly among students and alumni.
- Plans were shared to feature speakers from the Alumni Student Board during the week's events to highlight the impact of donor support and student success stories.
- One of the key objectives is to increase donor giving by showcasing the importance of scholarship funds and how they directly support student achievement. Thus, the Foundation is seeking volunteers from the Honors Program and current scholarship recipients to participate in interviews and share their experiences.
- The Philanthropy Council is actively coordinating logistics for Philanthropy Week, including outreach, event planning, and promotional materials.

Guest Speaker 5:26PM: Dr. Tiffany Ray Patterson

- Announced the launch of the new Student Enrollment Plan aimed at streamlining the advising process and improving the use of student data.
- Highlighted goals to enhance student support and retention through more efficient systems and targeted outreach.
- Asked for input from the Student Council on future planning efforts, emphasizing the importance of student involvement in shaping enrollment strategies.

Updates 5:31 PM: Dr. Clevette Ridguard

- A joint meeting will be held on December 2 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, bringing together members of the Student Council and the College Council.
- The event aims to foster collaboration and dialogue between student leaders and college governance representatives.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:33 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Sophia Kalinyak, Student Council Secretary