

## MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

### Student Council

Thursday, November 6, 2025

Zoom

5:00-6:05pm

#### Attendees:

- Members Present: Chair: Mahnoor Z. Asif, Vice-chair: Krithi AnandVel, Secretary: Sophia Kalinyak, Juan F. Mendoza, Isaiah Smith, Akhyan Tamang, and Supervisor: Dr. Clevette Ridguard
- Proxies present: Isaiah Smith — attending as proxy for Daniela Castro
- Members excused: none
- Invited Guests: Dr. Carolyn Terry| Associate SVP for Curriculum, Placement & Pathways, Sokol Mato| Director of Auxiliary Enterprises, Dr. Michael Mills| Associate SVP for Equitable Access & Student Success, and Dr. Surayya Johnson| Director of the Office of Student Life and Chair of the Student Services and Success Council

#### Call to Order 5:00 PM:

- The regular meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chair Mahnoor.
- Attendance was recorded, including one proxy representation.

#### Constituent Concerns 5:03 PM: Krithi AnandVel

- Juan Mendoza raised concerns regarding refund checks, noting that they are not being issued directly to student cards but instead through separate processes, which may cause delays or confusion.
- Samuel Monderire highlighted the lack of campus job opportunities for non-citizens, specifically F1 international students, emphasizing the need for equitable access to student employment.
- Discussion followed about inviting a representative from Human Resources to the next meeting to address these issues directly.

#### Chair's Report 5:10 PM: Mahnoor Z. Asif

- There will be a combined meeting of the Student and College Council scheduled for December 2, 1:00–3:00 PM. This will include a student panel and opportunities for students to get more involved with the councils.

- The next regular Student Council meeting will be held on the first Thursday in February.
- Additional Updates:
  - Launch of the Student Council Instagram to improve communication and outreach.
  - Updates on IMPAC MC initiatives were provided.
  - Planning for Philanthropy Week.
  - Establishment of a Banned Book Club.
  - Information on Spring registration and the Slingshot choice system was shared.

Guest Speaker 5:17 PM: Dr. Carolyn Terry and Dr. Michael Mills

- Dr. Terry and Dr. Mills provided updates and information on the course scheduling process and course availability.
- They specifically discussed present work being done to develop a two-year advance schedule to reduce errors and improve predictability compared to previous years.
- They discussed the factors that are considered when determining the number of classes to offer and on which campus, which includes gauging class sizes and enrollment trends from previous years. It was highlighted by Dr. Terry and Dr. Mills that the importance of early registration is critical to ensure accurate planning and resource allocation.
- Many questions were asked during this time regarding the specifics of what goes into the course selection process, ways to improve the feedback and communication between students and academic departments regarding adding additional classes, and how student concerns about course availability can be formally addressed.
- Action Item: Dr. Terry will see if POLI 201 can be offered in the spring semester.

Guest Speaker 5:47 PM: Soko Mato

- Soko Mato joined the meeting to discuss recent reports and inspections conducted on the food and dining services across the Montgomery College campuses.
- He discussed how there is ongoing and constant collection of student feedback regarding the dining services to ensure that meals remain safe, high-quality, and responsive to student needs. All recent safety checks have been successfully completed and passed. Surveys are currently being

conducted to gather broader input on food quality and overall dining experiences.

Guest Speaker 5:55 PM: Dr. Surayya Johnson, Student Life Director of GT campus

- Dr. Johnson provided a number of updates about upcoming student events and initiatives:
  - The Emerging Leaders Conference will take place on January 23, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
  - There will be upcoming Virtual Emergency Preparedness Discussions scheduled for November 12th from 1:00–2:00 PM and December 4th from 2:00–3:00 PM.
  - A Joint Meeting of the Student Council and College Council is scheduled for December 2nd from 1:00–3:00 PM.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:05 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Sophia Kalinyak, Student Council Secretary