

MC GOVERNANCE

Montgomery College
College Council Meeting #14
Minutes
Tuesday, May 13, 2025
1:00 – 3:00 PM
Zoom & In -person BOT108

Present In-person: Shakenna Adams-Gormley (Chair), Dr. Christine Crefton (Secretary), Tonya Addleman, Denisia J. Akagah, Amanda Darr, Nghi Nguyen, Mahnoor Z. Asif, Dr. Arlene Blaylock, Tracy Bodo, Janson Bruffy, Ernest Cartledge, Michelle Chan, Gregory Downs, Dr. Zenobia Garrison, Cathy Henley, Dr. Surayya Johnson, Suzette Spencer, Sepy Yousefi, Dr. Fernaudra Ferguson, Dr. Anestine Theophile-LaFond, John Amoroso, Adetoro Oladokun

Absent: Brenda Knopp, Matt Wilson, Dr. Paul Miller (Vice-chair), Ramon De La Cruz

Proxy: Dr. Christine Crefton for Dr. Paul Miller

Zoom: Byron Johnson, Jin Khademi, Mhambi Musonda, Dr. Hernandez, Dr. Michael Mills, Erik Swanson, Angel Griffin, Joseph Stumpf, D. Anthony, Christina Gentile, Katie Mount, Adaora Nwigwe, Guillermo Laya, Geraldine Papillero, Anna Donohoe, Maria Adams, Aniket Belur, Megan Madramootoo, Lisannie Montilla, Rita Dodson

Guest: Dr. Jermaine F. Williams, Dr. Debbie Van Camp, Dr. Kimberly McNair, Dr. Michelle Campbell, Sherwin Collette, Dr. Deidre Price

Liaison: Dr. Stephen D. Cain

Governance Director: Dr. Clevette Ridguard

Call to Order

There was a quorum to conduct business. Shakenna Adams-Gormley (Chair) called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The agenda was approved as written. The minutes for April 22, 2025 were approved as written.

Constituent Concerns

Dr. Christine Crefton raised a formal concern regarding the reassignment of employees in Academic Affairs and lack of procedural compliance, referencing College Procedure 34001CP. The concern was presented as a systemic issue and submitted through the proper governance process.

The concern cited – College Procedure 34001CP and Policy 39003 on retaliation protection. The concern was assigned to the College Council for review and response.

Introduction of the New College Council Officers and Welcome (Shakenna Adams-Gormley, College Council Chair)

The incoming Council Leaders introduced themselves and gave a brief background of their job with the College.

President's Remarks (Dr. Jermaine F. Williams)

Dr. Williams thanked the governance process and the outgoing College Council members, welcomed new ones, and highlighted governance accomplishments including support for mobile markets, Spiffy closet, and upcoming commencement ceremonies. He encouraged self-care and continued engagement in governance.

Chair's Announcements (Shakenna Adams-Gormley, College Council Chair)

Shakenna Adams-Gormley highlighted internal announcements, including policy comment deadlines, cybersecurity ribbon cutting, Rockville campus emergency drill, and Mobile Market dates. She also recognized ongoing wellness services and reminded everyone about commencement on May 23, 2025. PowerPoint presentation of the upcoming College events and important dates. To view the details of the PowerPoint presentation report please visit the Governance Blackboard community.

Strategic Plan Updates (Dr. Debbie Van Camp and Dr. Kimberly McNair)

Dr. Debbie Van Camp and Dr. Kimberly McNair provided updates on the Strategic Enrollment Plan and Strategic Plan Goal 3 outcomes, emphasizing progress on enrollment growth, student retention, academic advising, and campus improvements. To view the details of the PowerPoint presentation report please visit the Governance Blackboard community.

Council Reports – Updates

Council chairs shared annual accomplishments including engagement initiatives, support services, student outreach, and collaboration with facilities and operations. Councils also held elections for 2025–2026 leadership roles.

Dr. Clevette Ridguard presented an engaging activity with the College Council members.

Engaging Activity: What it means to be a responsible citizen of Montgomery College. The results inform us what to emphasize in future governance activities.

Vice Chair and Secretary Elections for College Council

Council elections were held with new officers named:

College Council members voted in the new officers for 2025-2026 Dr. Paul Miller – Chair, Amanda Darr – Vice Chair, John Amoroso – Secretary.

Announcements about Strategic Plan Future Outcomes

Updates provided on Strategic Enrollment Plan (SEP) goals including:

Continuous enrollment growth:

- Equitable retention and completion
- Milestone-based advising
- Data-informed support services
- Overview of college-wide strategic goals and outcomes with examples of achievements in advising, enrollment, career readiness, and equity initiatives.
- Announcement of FY26 outcomes focus and long-term planning for next five years.

Reporting of highlights from each council included:

- Student Council focused on building communication with SGA leaders.
- Staff Council coordinated food drives and improved visibility.
- Germantown Council enhanced student resource awareness and hosted events.
- Rockville Council improved constituent communications and hosted guest presentations.
- TPSS Council distributed campus flyers and partnered with facilities.
- Faculty Council addressed facilities communications and recognition processes

Adjournment (Shakenna Adams-Gormley, College Council Chair)

Shakenna Adams-Gormley closed out with a thank you to all the governance members for their hard work and dedication to governance. Shakenna Adams-Gormley requested a motion for the meeting to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.