

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE
Faculty Council
Sept. 18, 2025

Attendees:

- Members Present: Jana Anderson, Amanda Darr, Diego Hernandez, Sandra Menzies, Tamesha Robinson, Richard Shaw, Sally Silberman, Harry Singleton, Maria Sprehn, Joseph Stumpf, Rachel Sullivan, Anestine Theophile-LaFond, Megan Van Wagoner, Charmaine Weston, Marianne Wysong.

- Proxies Present:

- Members Absent: Mohammad Ghaedi, Pierre Harges, Susanna Sunn, Brandon Wallace

- Guests: Carla Ammerman, Sally McClean, Elyse Meredith, Sonia Pruitt, Carolyn Terry, Debby Van Camp

- Council Liaison: Deidre Price (delegate: Shinta Hernandez)

- Governance Director: Clevette Ridguard

Call to Order. The regular meeting was called to order by Amanda Darr, Chair, at 12:04. There was a quorum to conduct governance business.

Approval of Minutes. The minutes from the May 1st meeting were approved with edits. Motion by Diego Hernandez. Seconded by Charmaine Weston.

Constituent Concerns. At this time, council and guests were invited to speak by vice chair Tamesha Robinson.

Concern raised by Diego Hernandez regarding the new automatic billing of students for assigned textbooks and materials by Slingshot.

Concern raised by Diego Hernandez regarding the ability of faculty to disable Bb messaging. Apparently an institutional decision to keep it on.

Academic Affairs Update. Update presented by SVPAA Dr. Price's delegate, Dr. Shinta Hernandez. Dr. Hernandez mentioned a renewed look at MC's Camera Use policies which have not been reviewed since the pandemic in Fall 2020. Also relayed an interest in revisiting the Faculty Council guidelines on AI policy.

Guest Speakers

- Carla Ammerman, Manager of Employee Development and Engagement, spoke about the sabbatical leave program. Also announced that the faculty sabbatical committee needs new members. November 14 deadline. Submit application through Workday.
- Elyse Meredith, Learning Commons Director, spoke about accessing learning center services, and the conversion from Accudemia to Starfish for Learning Center appointments.

Chair's Report. Chair's Report presented by Amanda Darr. Full report will be submitted to Faculty Council Teams site.

Committee Reports (see documents for full reports.)

- TPSS Faculty Senate. TPSS senate, chaired by Marianne Wysong will meet the first Monday of October, October 6.
- RV Faculty Senate. Anestine Theophile-LaFond reports the first senate meeting to be held Sept. 25.
- GT Faculty Senate. Tamesha Robinson reports the GT senate will have its first meeting in October, date not yet scheduled.
- Curriculum. Harry Singleton reports, the Curriculum Committee will have its first meeting of the year, Friday, Sept. 19. Three vacancies to the committee needed to be filled. Candidates presented are Evdokia Kastanos as Dept. Chair representative. Motion to vote: Harry Singleton. Second: Diego Hernandez. 13 yeas. 0 nays. 0 abstentions. Alla Webb as STEM representative. Motion to vote: Harry Singleton. Second: Tamesha Robinson. 13 yeas. 0 nays. 0 abstentions. Jennifer Lee as at-large member. Motion to vote: Harry Singleton. Second: Anestine Theophile-LaFond. 13 yeas. 0 nays. 0 abstentions.
- Gen Ed. Maria Sprehn reports. Gen Ed committee met Sept. 12 – will be reviewing 30 classes for recertification. Candidate to fill Kim Driver's role, Keith McKelphin. Motion to vote: Maria Sprehn. Second: Megan van Wagoner. Noted that CAP Melissa McCeney is stepping down from the role. A new CAP will be needed. Recertification forms will be simplified.
- Academic Regulations. Diego Hernandez reports. The Academic Regulations committee met Sept. 12 to review A.R. 6.6: Disputing Final Course Grades. Faculty Council will need to assemble a faculty pool for grade disputes. Three vacancies in committee to fill. Candidates presented are Susan Bontems (instructional faculty), Lane Schwager (instructional faculty) and Jessica Parent (counseling faculty). Motion to vote: Diego Hernandez. Second: Harry Singleton. 13 yeas. 0 nays. 0 abstentions.

Other business

Last year goal update: Edits have been made to website concerning faculty awards.

This year's goals. Council reviewed several possible goals for the upcoming year. Goals will be chosen and submitted by Oct. 31st.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn (1:45): Anestine Theophile-LaFond. Seconded by Marianne Wysong.
Meeting adjourned at 1:45.

■ *Any presentations or supporting documents shared at this meeting will be available on the Faculty Council AY2025-26 Teams site.*