



## Student Services and Success Council

Thursday, April 2, 2026, 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Via Zoom

### Minutes

#### Attendees:

**Members Present:** Surayya Johnson (Chair), Pamela Wessells (Vice Chair), Miho Shimizu (Secretary), Ana Matta, Bonita Parker, Arianna Villatoro, Nadine Hayles, Lucy Vitaliti, Judy Taylor

**Proxies Present:** Sam Pouryoussefi (Proxy for Craig Garrison-Mogren), Judy Taylor (Proxy for Marcus Peanort)

**Members Absent:** Craig Garrison-Mogren, Marcus Peanort, Amiya Rayford, Colleen King, Jason Youngkin

**Guests:** Bernadette Maldonado, *Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations*

#### Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Surayya Johnson at 3:08 p.m.

#### Approval of Minutes:

The March meeting minutes were approved as written.

#### Constituent Concerns:

- Ms. Arianna Villatoro raised a concern about the protests on the Rockville Campus on April 2. A protester was reportedly harassing students, creating a hostile environment. Dr. Tiffany Ray-Patterson has addressed this concern.
- Dr. Lucy Vitaliti raised a concern about the Slingshot Choice Program, suggesting it be reviewed next year. Currently, students are required to opt out of the program by a specific date. She questioned whether an opt-in option could be considered instead.

#### **Bernadette Maldonado, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations: *MC Foundation Update***

- The Montgomery College Foundation has achieved almost 84% of its FY2021-2028 campaign goal.
- Annual Fund Rebrand: Every Path Leads to Success/Choose Your Impact. Change Their Future.
- Launch of Student Essentials: Where Extraordinary Begins.
- Digital marketing and analytics to transform alumni giving.
- Alumni contributed \$2.28 million last year.

#### **Old Business: Unfinished Business**

Ms. Ana Matta reported on the concerns about Public Safety's emergency response.

- Adam Reed, Vice President of Public Safety, Health & Emergency Management/Chief of Campus Police, investigated the incident.
- From the time the officer received the call to when they arrived on scene took exactly 34 seconds. Their total response time for this incident was 1 minute and 3 seconds.
- The call tree process takes roughly 30 seconds, but it can be shortened if options are known.
- He urges everyone, in case of an emergency, to lock the doors and call Public Safety directly to avoid delays for their assistance.

**Chair's Report:**

Dr. Surayya Johnson presented upcoming College events and items from the College Council and College Leadership.

- Where to Find MC New and Events
- Reminder to submit feedback on P&P items
- A Data Rocks Session with Dr Tiffany Ra-Patterson on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in BE151, GT Campus
- Speak for Your Community College: Turn the Room Purple, Public Hearing on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, Council Building
- Governance elections
- Graduation Cap Decorating Party
- Mobile Market
- Take Your Child to Work Day: April 23
- Spring Job Fairs
- Spring Fest on all three campuses by the Office of Student Life
- 2026 Commencement Ceremonies: Volunteers needed.

**Dr. Tiffany Ray-Patterson, Vice President for Student Affairs: *Student Affairs Report:***

- Since the launch of the new application in December, applications have increased by 5% compared to this time last year.
- Ongoing effort to streamline and modernize processes and procedures through the Student Enrollment Plan.
- Advising Redesigning Work Group.

**Announcement:**

Miho Shimizu announced that the AANHPI Heritage Month Kick-Off Event will be held on May 6 at the SV building on the Rockville Campus.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Lucy Vitaliti and seconded by Bonita Parker. The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 PM.

Miho Shimizu  
Student Services and Success Council Secretary