



**College Council**  
Tuesday, February 10, 2026  
Meeting #9  
1:00-3:00 p.m., Zoom

## **MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Paul Miller (Chair); Suzette Spencer (Vice Chair, Administrator Council Chair); Nghi Nguyen (Secretary, Staff Council Chair); Tamesha Robinson (Faculty Council Chair); Angela Nissing (Academic Services Council Chair); Tonya Addleman (Germantown Campus Council Chair); Jason Bruffy (Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Council Chair); Angel Griffin (Workforce Development and Continuing Education Council Chair); Sepydeh Yousefi (Employee Services Council Chair); Fernandra Ferguson (Operational Services Council Chair); Jin Khademi (Rockville Campus Council); Surayya Johnson (Student Services & Success Council Chair)

**Absent:** Mahnoor Z. Asif (Student Council Chair)

**Proxy:** ---

**Guest Speaker(s):** Dr. Jermaine F. Williams, Susan Madden

**Guest(s):** Dr. Debbie Van Camp, Dr. Deidre Price, Dr. Tiffany Ray-Patterson, Andrew Scheppler, Cathy Henley, Lisannie Montilla, Sherwin Collette, Dr. Stephen Cain, Dr. Sarah Campbell, Dr. Hoa Nguyen, Dr. Michelle Campbell

**Liaison:** Dr. Stephen D. Cain, Chief of Staff

**Governance Director:** Dr. Clevette Ridguard

**Resource:** Yvette Taylor

### **Call to Order**

- There was a quorum to conduct business. Paul Miller (Chair) called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

### **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

- The February 10, 2026, agenda was approved as written.
- The minutes for December 16, 2025, approved as written.

### **Constituent Concerns**

- No constituent concerns were raised.

## **Chair's Report**

- See the Chair's Report.

## **President's Remark**

*Dr. Jermaine F. Williams*

- See President's Report for College Council

## **Government Relations Updates**

*Susan Madden, Chief Government Relations Officer*

- County Priorities 2026
  - Capital Budget: \$499.7M for six years
    - Key Projects: Theatre Arts Building modernization; Rockville Library Renovation, Germantown Student Services Center
  - Operating Budget: \$6.3M in new funds for FY27
    - Part-time faculty for enrollment growth
    - Inflation adjustments for same services
    - Fiscally prudent compensation adjustments
- See Government Relations Updates Presentation
- All council members are encouraged to email the county executive in support of the College's budget and their County councilmembers' in support of the Theater Art's Building.

## **Councils Goal and Planning Report Out**

*Dr. Paul Miller, Chair*

- **Academic Services Council**
  - We have so many resources at the College, and not everybody knows the resources that we have. Trying to invite guest speakers to each meeting to share about those resources, so that we can all learn about what is offered and what is available for students all around the College, and then to help spread the word.
  - Working on a microcredential badge for students to put on their LinkedIn.
- **Administrator Council**
  - Spreading awareness and working with the Middle State Steering Committee to spread the word about, the steps leading up to the accreditation visit and some of the progress that's been happening with the committee.
- **Employee Services Council**
  - Aligning goal with the Strategic Plan, Number 2. Co-sponsor an event with Office of Inclusive Excellence and Belonging.
- **Faculty Council**
  - Working on Goal 4.4C of the Academic Master Plan.
  - Inviting guest speakers come to discuss service learning opportunities, the enrollment plan.
- **Germantown Campus Council**
  - Tabling activities to help students become more aware of Slingshot, changes with the bookstore.

- Mobile markets are changing in that there would be more responsibility on those folks on our campuses to run those markets, and so council is making it a goal to be a presence, to be there to help.
- **Operational Services Council**
  - Working diligently with the Spiffy Closet and Mobile Market, encouraging council members and students to go and volunteer.
- **Rockville Campus Council**
  - Goal is to make sure the signs at MC, like at the Rockville Campus, are updated so that students, faculty, and staff will be able to find their way.
- **Staff Council**
  - Members are participating in Mobile Market at all three campuses for first goal.
  - Second goal is to volunteer or walk during Commencement.
  - Staff Enrichment Day Planning Committee is working to prepare for the event on March 18. Have great workshop submissions and activities planned for the day. Administrator who would like to volunteer for morning check-in table registration, please contact Chair Nghi Nguyen.
- **Student Council**
  - Throughout the semester, the Student Council focused on elevating student concerns related to bookstore operations, the Slingshot auto-fulfillment system, refund processes, course availability, and on-campus employment access.
  - The Council met with multiple senior administrators and campus offices to provide student feedback on major initiatives, including student success efforts, enrollment planning, advising systems, and dining services.
  - We also prioritized student engagement and visibility through Fall Club Rush, improved communication efforts, and collaboration with the College Council, including a joint meeting and student panel discussion.
- **Student Services and Success Council**
  - Attending and supporting the Mobile Market
  - Attending Student Council meetings, because of the nature of our council, it's important to know what issues come up for our students, what they're working on, how they are working on that.
- **Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Council**
  - Primary goal is working with facilities and helping to focus on the sense of belonging for students.
- **WDCE Council**
  - Working on Strategic Plan 4.4B. The workgroup created a survey and will finalize the survey in the coming days.

### **Governance Assessment Project**

*Dr. Clevette Ridguard and Dr. Paul Miller, Chair*

- The last comprehensive assessment was in 2011-2012.
- How well are our current governance structures and processes serving the College and all its constituents, and where might there be opportunities for improvement?
  - How can we continue to ensure that the voices of all members of the

- College community are heard?
- How can we ensure strong alignment with the College's strategic priorities?
- Brainstorming
  - How are we able to track viewer clicks of the information we are sharing with the College community such as MyEmma email?
  - How do we get the words out about the council meetings?
  - The importance of the leadership team on the council.
- See Governance Assessment Project Presentation.

### **Governance Director Updates**

*Dr. Clevette Ridguard*

- Template for meeting agenda being revised regarding Zoom link.
- Welcomed Suzette Spencer as the Vice Chair for College Council.
- Governance Nominations (February 23-March 6) and Elections (March 30-April 10). It is very important that we are engaged in recruiting new members and encouraging everyone to participate in the election.
- Email Yvette your council's minutes and agenda.
- Meet with Andrew Scheppler's for Zoom meeting link update.

### **Announcement**

- Have a great winter break!

### **Adjourned**

- The meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m., following a motion by Suzette Spencer and seconded by Angela Nissing.

### **Next Council Meetings**

- 2/24, 3/10, 3/24, 4/14, 4/28, 5/12

### **Submitted by**

- Nghi Nguyen, College Council Secretary