

Catonsville Forum
November 27, 2006
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Senators in Attendance: Erica Cirillo, Karen Dalton, Bill DeLuca, Charles Dowling, Don Elliott, Steve Kabrhel, John Kozarski, George Lavery, Kamaria Moir, Carolyn Payton, Patricia Rhea, Hannah Shuster, Carol Tipton

College Attendees: Lillian Archer, Larry Coleman, Trude Cook-Turner, Gonetti Doon, Jeffrey Hahn, Alicia Harvey-Smith, Mary Herbranson, Rob Hess, Sandra Kurtinitis, Christina Markuski, Mark McColloch, Tricia McDonald, Maureen McLaughlin, Charolene Oliver, Charon Perry, Rod Pullen, Debra Ross, Traci Simmons, Mark Williams, Gretchen Wright

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Carol Tipton, at 2:45 pm. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

As a follow up to the President's civility forum on October 30, Drs. Lillian Archer, Larry Coleman, Alicia Harvey-Smith and Rich Lilley presented a follow up report:

“An open forum for faculty and staff was held on October 30, 2006. Information from the forum minutes has been used to develop intervention strategies aimed at improving campus and college climate. Three general themes have emerged from this information, as well as feedback from multiple sources. These are Code of Student Conduct, Human Relations training and Classroom Management. Strategies to address these issues are being developed.

Dr. Gary Pavela, former Director of Judicial Affairs of the University of MD College Park, provided consultant services to CCBC on Monday, November 20th. He held discussion sessions on the following topics: Code of Student Conduct and related disciplinary concerns, Academic Integrity, Honor Code and Civility.

A preliminary meeting with Kim Patton of the Mediation and Dispute Resolution Center of Baltimore County was held on Wednesday, November 22nd. Ms. Patton will schedule a follow up meeting for the week of November 27th in order to provide a more detailed plan of what the Center

might offer to CCBC in terms of conflict resolution and mediation training. Options to employ other consultants are being considered.

The Disciplinary Hearing Board on the Catonsville campus has been re-established. In addition to Student Services membership, at least ten faculty from the Catonsville campus have offered to serve on this Board. In service training for this Hearing Board will take place on December 1st.1

Informal discussion sessions related to the Catonsville Cafeteria disturbance on October 17th have been held. This effort will be followed by a number of focus groups that will take place during the weeks of November 27th and December 3rd. Dr. Barbara Evans, Director of Teacher Education, will work with the Dean of Learning and Student Development, members of the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Student Life in conducting these focus groups. It is expected that this focus group effort will be on that is also taken up during spring 2007; however, the initial focus groups will be conducted with existing student clubs and organizations.

The Office of Student Life, in cooperation with other Student Service offices, will sponsor a Holiday event in the Catonsville Cafeteria. This mix and mingle event with students, will provide an informal opportunity for discussion. The primary purpose in arranging this event is so that we may hear student opinions and concerns in a relaxed atmosphere.

Catonsville Public Safety has increased the frequency of its patrols in problem areas including the Cafeteria, K Building Lobby and the adjacent plaza area.

The role and responsibility of the Campus Ombudsman will be redefined and brought into alignment across the College by the end of the fall semester.

The Catonsville Campus Civility Team is being reconfigured. Dr. Trude Cooke-Turner has agreed to assume leadership for the campus team.”

Following this, brief reports were given from the Senate chair (in absentia), Steve Kabrhel for Academic Standards, John Kozarski from Budget Review, Patricia Rhea from CIC, Carolyn Payton from Evaluation and PAC, Charles Dowling from LESCA, Rob Hess from the Catonsville Student and Community Affairs Committee, and Hannah Shuster from the SGA.

The Catonsville SGA currently has 7 freshmen and 7 sophomores. The major thrust is to become a stronger force to help students on campus with any issues or concerns they may have. The SGA is considering bringing back CAVOC, the Community Against Violence on Campus, to help resolve ongoing civility issues. Several tri-campus SGA events are being planned, including a dinner with the President on November 30.

The Forum passed a motion that its bylaws were no longer needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55pm.