

McDowell Technical Community College President's Council Minutes

The President's Council met on Tuesday, January 17 at 2:00pm in the boardroom/Dogwood building.

Present: Dr. Gossett, Ryan Garrison, Dr. Cross, Judy Melton, Joan Weiler, Dr. Benton, Ladelle Harmon, Brad Ledbetter, Dr. Watts, Teresa Valentino, Eddie Shuford, Madalyn Gaito

President – Dr. Gossett

- Foundation update - Dr. Gossett reported that Bud and Thurlene Hogan would like to give \$100,000.00 to the Allied Health program in memory of their daughter, Vickie. Board member, Nancy Hunter and her husband Robert met with Dr. Gossett, Dr. Cross and Judy Melton to discuss options for use of the money and will be working to finalize plans in the near future.
- The monthly Board of Trustees meeting was held January 12. It was mostly informational with no items being presented that required action.
- Recently met with a representative from Baxter. The company is interested in partnering with MTCC for customized training. Dr. Gossett and Eddie Shuford will visit GE Aviation in West Jefferson on Jan. 18.
- We received the Fifth-Year Interim Report from SACS COC. No further actions are needed for the QEP! Dr. Gossett expressed thanks to Dr. Watts and her operational team and to Ladelle Harmon who did an outstanding job writing, editing and improving the Report.
- The McDowell County School system is considering a "Four Seasons" academic calendar. The school system is conducting information meetings and surveying the public to gauge opinions on the calendar options. MTCC will not take a stand, either way, as an institution but will work with the school system to meet the educational needs of the students.
- The NCCCS is looking into replacing Colleague with a more effective system. The consensus was that MTCC will volunteer to serve as a pilot program when that change is made.
- Dr. Gossett will be attending the NCACCP Winter Meeting at Nash Community College in Rocky Mount January 25-27. Entitled NC Community Colleges: Economic Catalysts and Education Advocates, the meeting will focus on economic development and education advocacy.

Finance & Administration Report – VP Garrison

- January is a busy month for the business office. They are working to send out tax documents and documenting financial receipts pertaining to student registration.
- This will be an audit year; taking place in November or December.

Learning & Student Services – VP Cross

- As a result of school cancellation due to snow, Drop/Add for classes was extended to Friday, January 13.

- The Financial Aid team and the Registrar have done an outstanding job meeting the needs of the students.
- We are still looking for a Physics teacher; needed to fulfill requirements of the Associate degree in Engineering.
- Reported on the recent meeting of the Advanced Manufacturing Pipeline Committee. They received a report from the middle and high schools detailing three initiatives
 - Pre-apprenticeship program
 - Adding Advanced Manufacturing 1 & 2; taught by Keith Scoles
 - CARP – Career Awareness Readiness Program – focusing on middle school students
- The STEM high school is planned to open Fall 2017 – funding will not be finalized until this summer

Quality Enhancement & Development Studies – Dr. Watts

- The schedule for ARC has been distributed.
- ACA instructors are encouraged to inform students that volunteering to help with the upcoming Fire, Rescue and EMS College is considered a service opportunity.
- Acknowledged the QEP report results from SACS COC. Stated that it was a great team effort.

Continuing Education Report – Brad Ledbetter

- Distributed catalogs for the upcoming Fire, Rescue & EMS College, scheduled for March 17-19. Printed 4000 and mailed out 3800.
- Highlighted the addition of new classes, including a 1 day Basic Self Defense class and High Impact Weather 101.
- Joni Hughes has joined the Continuing Ed team and is doing a great job!

Allied Health – Dean Judy Melton

- Classes are going well.
- Two part time instructors have been hired: Kristi Stewart and Catherine Douylliez
- Moving forward with hiring Health Liaison/Practical Nurse Instructor (full-time).
Proposed Hiring Date: March 1, 2017
Application Deadline: February 8, 2017

Institutional Effectiveness – Ladelle Harmon

- Addressed the results of the SACS COC Fifth-Year Report. MTCC has been asked to submit a referral report addressing CS 3.11. (Physical facilities) and FR 4.4 (Program length). Bo reported these areas of concern are easily addressed.

Universal – Eddie Shuford

- The US Forest Service leased the Universal building last month as they coordinated efforts to fight the area wildfires. They did an outstanding job cleaning the building; leaving it better than they found it.

Announcements

- Howard Jamison has been hired as interim full-time instructor in the Evening Cosmetology program.
- SGA sponsored Blood Drive, January 26 from 10am to 2pm
- 1st annual Citizens' Police Academy is being hosted by the Marion Police Department. It's an eight week program, meeting every Thursday night starting March 2nd and runs through April 20th. There are a wide range of topics covered in the program including: Patrol Operations, Crime Prevention/Community watch, 911 Communications, Traffic Enforcement, Criminal Investigations, Narcotics, Defensive Driving and Firearms. For more information contact the Marion Police Department.

Meeting adjourned – 3:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Cc: Email – faculty & staff