

## **McDowell Technical Community College President's Council Minutes**

The President's Council met on January 30, 2018 at 2:00pm in the boardroom, Dogwood building.

Present: Dr. Benton, Dr. Cline, Dr. Cross, Madalyn Gaito, Ryan Garrison, Dr. Gossett, Bo Harmon, Brad Ledbetter, Kelly McFarland, Elmer Macopson, Dick Mauney, Judy Melton, Terry Valentino, Dr. Watts, Joan Weiler

### **President – Dr. Gossett**

- NCCCS has mandated a reversion. MTCC will be sending back approximately \$50,000.00 to the state. This is not the desired scenario but it is manageable.
- Budget meetings are scheduled for Feb. 12-15. Please be planning for needs in your areas.
- College counseling services now available. Amy Cochran, Counseling Practicum Student, will be on our campus every Wednesday this semester. Amy is pursuing a graduate degree from NC State in College Counseling. See the attached flyer for more information or contact Kim Ledbetter at x602.
- Holiday Leave – State Auditor, Beth Wood, conducted an audit of holiday leave taken by full time employees at NC Community Colleges. The audit found that more than half of the community colleges in North Carolina give their workers more paid time off for holidays than other state employees are allowed to take. Holiday leave is voted on by each Board of Trustees at the local level due to the fact that community colleges are not part of the State Personnel Act. A new policy has been drafted by Jennifer Haygood, Acting President of NCCS. This will be discussed at the NCACCP meeting being held this week in Raleigh. Dr. Gossett will attend this meeting.
- RDS was discussed by the Trustees during their meeting in January. Due to continued concerns about the negative impact RDS is having on student enrollment the board asked Dr. Gossett to draft a resolution which will be sent to the NC Community College State Board. This resolution will be presented to the Trustees on February 8, 2018.

### **Allied Health – Judy Melton**

The SIM Lab is open! The event on January 25 was a wonderful success. Dean Melton thanked all who have been involved in getting the lab up and running. WLOS ran a good piece on the opening. The video can be found here:

<http://wlos.com/news/local/mcdowell-technical-community-college-unveils-its-newest-laboratory>

### **College & Career Readiness – Terry Valentino**

- Currently working on RFP; due March 1.
- Is seeking to explore education options to partner with McDowell County Jail system.

### **Continuing Education – Brad Ledbetter**

- The occupation side of Continuing Ed worked with HRD to provide a weeklong onboarding class for over 45 new employees with Columbia Forest Products. This was a great collaboration; one they hope to replicate for other companies in the future.
- Pre-registration is going well for the upcoming McDowell Fire, Rescue and EMS College. The college will take place March 16-18, 2018.

### **Curriculum – Dr. Benton**

- Caterpillar recently donated a CNC machine that will be used by Machining and Industrial Systems.

### **Developmental Studies & Quality Enhancement – Dr. Watts**

- The high school remediation program, CCRG, has 3 classes underway.
- Camp Opportunity is scheduled for June 25-28, 2018 and is looking for instructors and volunteers. Camp attendance has averaged 125 students each year with the potential to serve 150 students.
- Recovery Rally is seeking a representative from MTCC to serve on their planning committee. This event is a time for McDowell residents who are struggling with substance abuse to celebrate their recovery and encourage others like them to overcome their addictions. Please contact Dr. Watts if you are interested in serving on the committee.

### **Distance Education – Joan Weiler**

### **Enrollment Management – Julie Padgett**

- SGA is conducting a student survey. The link closes Jan. 31 so please encourage your students to complete it if possible. SGA will meet next week to discuss the survey results and make plans for the future.
- Currently evaluating graduation applications. If you have students planning to graduate in the spring/summer they need to get those applications in ASAP to ensure there are no problems.
- The recent Blood Drive was a success. Thanks to everyone who participated.

## **External Relations – Michael Lavender**

## **Faculty – Kelly McFarland**

## **Finance & Administration – Ryan Garrison**

- Tax documents have been sent out.
- Recently met with the Building and Grounds committee of the Board of Trustees. They will be presenting a proposal to the Board, on Feb. 8, to remove and upgrade the area around the former MTCC entrance; affectionately known as the “Road to Nowhere”.

## **Grants – Dick Mauney**

A \$100,000.00 grant has been received from the Appalachian Regional Commission. This money will be used to purchase equipment for the Machining and Industrial Systems programs.

## **Institutional Effectiveness – Ladelle Harmon**

## **Learning & Student Services – Dr. Cross**

## **McDowell Early College – Dr. Cline**

- MEC Prospective Student Information event is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 1 beginning at 6:30pm in the Crane Resistoflex Auditorium. Please encourage rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders and their families to attend this event.
- MEC is currently working with McDowell County schools to finalize the next 2 year calendar for the school system.

## **Technology – Elmer Macopson**

Working on proposal for the purchase of ImageNow software.

## **Universal – Eddie Shuford**

Meeting adjourned – 3:00pm

Respectfully submitted,  
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Cc: email – faculty & staff