

**Minutes – The McDowell Tech President's Council met via zoom on October 12, 2021 beginning at 2:00pm.**

**Members present:** Stacy Buff, Dr. Cline, Dr. Cross, Madalyn Gaito, Ryan Garrison, Ladelles Harmon, Abigail Ledford, Elmer Macopson, Dr. Merritt, Andy Morgan, Rachel Pearson, and Dr. Watts

**Members Absent:** Michael Lavender, Judy Melton, Julie Padgett, Breanna Wilson

### Discussion Items

- Dr. Merritt reported that the BOT Finance Committee met to discuss a proposal to increase the campus per semester parking and security fee from \$5 to \$20, effective Spring 2022. This money could help fund a potential full-time College Resource Officer on campus. The goal is to fund this position by July 1, 2022. Discussions are in place for the person to potentially be hired by the Marion Police Department and be a full-time presence for college security. The regular MTCC security team will not be replaced by the CRO. The BOT Finance Committee will present their recommendation to the full Board for a vote on Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021.
- The Council discussed the downward trend of COVID numbers in the county and how that might affect the campus-wide mask requirement. As of October 12, MTCC only has 1 employee reported as positive and 1 in quarantine.

### Sharing and Departmental Updates

#### a. Dr. Penny Cross – VP Student Services & Learning

- Curriculum Committee is scheduled to meet on 10.13.21
- Gen Ed competencies are being reviewed. More information to follow.
- Jane Gouge has been hired as part-time Health Liaison to assist with COVID reporting and other areas.
- The Board of Nursing consultant will be on campus Friday, Oct. 15.
- The packets for the Staff Member of the Year (Lorrie Truett) and Faculty Member of the Year (Chuck Bowling) will be submitted to the NC Community College System Office by Oct. 15
- AVISO Implementation  
Phase II: Implementation, call every other Wednesday.  
Introductory, college-wide Aviso demonstration is scheduled for Oct. 20, 2021. Aviso will meet with departments and individuals to gain more information on campus needs and provide us with information on their company.  
Full implementation by mid-January (if not before)



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**b. Ryan Garrison – VP Finance and Administration**

- The placement of the electronic sign is being discussed with the City and Dept. of Transportation.
- Has met with the architect to discuss renovations to Student Services/Business Office/Old Cosmetology Center.

**c. Elmer Macopson – Technology**

- Working on Self-Service and AVISO implementation.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25pm