

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

The President's Council met on November 7, 2017 at 2:00pm in the boardroom, Dogwood building.

Present: Dr. Jim Benton, Dr. Billy Cline, Madalyn Gaito, Dr. Gossett, Bo Harmon, Michael Lavender, Brad Ledbetter, Kelly McFarland, Elmer Macopson, Dick Mauney, Judy Melton, Julie Padgett, Eddie Shuford, Terry Valentino, Dr. Bev Watts, Joan Weiler

### **President – Dr. Gossett**

- Provided an update on the NCACCP meeting held on Oct. 25-27. The main topics of discussion were:
  - Discussions about statewide ad campaign targeting policy makers
  - Opioid epidemic – are we seeing an increase of students being affected by this? Let's be aware that this is a nationwide issue. John will talk with Chief Lawrence of the Marion PD to discuss what we need to do if we see evidence from our students.
  - RISE – Reinforced Instruction for Student Excellence. RISE is a new action plan for developmental students to get to and through college level Math and English by taking co-requisite support classes.
  - System Office – developing strategic plan; work being done to increase transfer rates to 4 year universities
  - RDS – we were told that RDS was “meant to create consistency among institutions to establish residency”. There was considerable discussion as to how this is working on campuses.
  - Basic Skills funding – seeking to develop plan that has the least negative impact on the highest number of institutions. 70% - FTE, 10% Performance, 20% Formula
  - Legislative Priorities – Short term work force training, capping tuition at 12 credit hours, ERP software up and running, seeking to increase equipment dollars, multi-campus funding, increase in professional development and CCR dollars
- MTCC Employee Self-Evaluation and Faculty Peer to Peer Observation was discussed. Dr. Gossett challenged Breanna Rose to develop an evaluation process based in Continuous Improvement that could be used across all departments of the College. She gathered a team of faculty and staff who have presented a draft instrument. We will pilot test the evaluation process in the spring, review lessons learned in the summer and hopefully move forward next fall.

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

- Publicly thanked Dick Mauney for his help with a grant for a workforce development training program; CPT – certified production technician. Plans are to run this in the spring semester and they hope to have 30 participate.

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

- The EASE (Effective Authentic Science Education) event was a great success. We hosted around 125 eighth graders, faculty, and staff from West Middle, Foothills Academy and AEC. The event offered through the NC Bionetwork. Will be hosting students from East Middle for the same type event on April 6. They were very grateful for help from MEC students.
- Hosting 6<sup>th</sup> grade students for STREAM event Dec. 1 and Dec. 8 at Universal. They are in need of volunteers; contact Dr. Watts for more information.
- A recycling program will be implemented in 2018. Be on the lookout for more blue recycling bins to show up on campus.

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

- SGA is sponsoring the Angel Tree for Christmas. Contact Julie if you have a student who might qualify to be a recipient.
- SGA Blood Drive is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 8. All appointments have been filled at this time.

### **External Relations – Michael Lavender**

- Currently working on advertising the Manufacturing Awareness Month events being held at Universal
- Working on billboard designs

### **Grants – Dick Mauney**

- Has been notified that MTCC will receive \$100,000.00 in grant money to be used for equipment for advanced manufacturing labs.

### **Technology – Elmer Macopson**

- Expressed great thanks to his staff, Tab, Summer and Sharon, for all their work while he was out for paternity leave. They did an outstanding job!
- Moving forward with computers for Job Link
- Working on amateur radio program; working on developing an Amateur Radio Club.

Meeting adjourned – 3pm

Respectfully submitted,  
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