

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

The President's Council met on Tuesday, February 28 at 2:00pm in the boardroom/Dogwood building.

Present: Dr. Gossett, Ryan Garrison, Dr. Cross, Joan Weiler, Kelly Giles, Dr. Benton, Dick Mauney, Terri Valentino, Brad Ledbetter, Michael Lavender

President – Dr. Gossett

- Dr. Gossett reviewed the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting. Building and Grounds committee of the Board met last week to discuss the capital portion of the County Budget. The Finance Committee will meet next week to discuss operations portion of the County Budget.
- Dr. Gossett asked Dick Mauney to discuss FTE. Dick had done some research and discovered that we have reported our summer courses last summer as Budget FTE rather than self-supporting. As a result, we look to be up in FTE for the 2017-2018 budget year.
- Our annual Fire, Rescue and EMS College is coming up in a few weeks. Jorge has done a great job of redesigning the volunteer's T-shirts.
- A local company (Sky-Runner) has now expanded internet service to about 90% of the county.
- Dr. Gossett thanked everyone for a good planning cycle. Bo Harmon has just about all departments' plans for the coming year.

Learning & Student Services Report – Dr. Cross

- Landscape Gardening will begin this Fall Semester. We will begin with certificate offerings and grow the program from there. We will need to build a greenhouse. Right now the plan is for the first class to begin by building the greenhouse in the first class.
- Dr. Cross, Dr. Benton, David Toney, and Donnie McCraw visited with representatives from Tom Johnson's Camping World to discuss their employee needs. They indicated that they have a need for 15 employees locally and 70 within the region. We believe there is a potential grow opportunities for us. Just like everyone else, they are looking for work ethic and basic skills and are willing to train for specific skills.

Meeting adjourned – 2:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Gossett
President

Cc: Email – faculty & staff