

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

The President's Council met on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 2:00pm in the boardroom/Dogwood building.

Present: Dr. Gossett, Ryan Garrison, Elmer Macopson, Dr. Cross, Brad Ledbetter, Michael Lavender, Dr. Watts, Teresa Valentino, Dr. Benton, Ladelle Harmon, Joan Weiler, Judy Melton, Madalyn Gaito

### **President – Dr. Gossett**

- Dr. Gossett reminded everyone that the correct name for the NC Works building is the Ford Miller Building. In all publications and references please use this name rather than calling it the Baldwin Avenue building.
- Announced the resignation of Dr. Jimmie Williamson as president of the NC Community College system; effective September 30. Dr. Jennifer Haygood will be serving as the interim president until a new president is named. Dr. Gossett believes there is great strength in key leadership positions serving at NCCCS and feels the transition will be a smooth one. Dr. Williamson is still scheduled as our speaker for the August 4<sup>th</sup> graduation ceremony.
- The McDowell Academy of Innovation will not be opening this fall. It should be ready to open fall of 2018.
- Attended the President's Meeting, at Surry CC, July 26-28.
- Dr. Gossett and Ryan Garrison are scheduled to pick up the 2017-18 budget in Raleigh on August 18. They anticipate it will be reduced somewhat from last year but do not know exact numbers at this time.

### **Finance & Administrative Report – Ryan Garrison**

- We have contracted with a new paper product vendor. As a result of the new contract the vendor has installed new paper towel and toilet paper dispensers throughout campus.
- Updated the group on the recent campus improvements: extensive landscaping, paving, painting and new lobby furniture.
- Custodial issues – the new custodial team is very receptive to addressing issues of concern. Please let us know if there are areas that need improvement. Our goal is for everyone to be proud of our campus. (Dr. Gossett encouraged everyone to look at their areas and fix problems, if possible, or let us know what needs to be addressed)
- Plans are underway for a hot bar and a salad bar to be installed in the café.

### **Technology Report – Elmer Macopson**

- The PC's have arrived and his team is working hard to get those ready for distribution.
- UI46 should be on all machines at this time.

### **Learning & Student Services Report – VP Cross**

- Ryan, Elmer, Bo and Dr. Cross participated in a 3 ½ hour skype meeting on the Enterprise Resource Planning.
- Student Services is busy with registration but all appears to be going well.
- Personnel changes – Dean Kanipe retired on July 31 as the Director of Small Business & Industry Development Center. Dean has served MTCC for 27 years. Dr. Billy Cline has assumed the duties of the College Liaison, along with his current duties at MEC.

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

- A new publication, Tech Talk, will be mailed out to the community tomorrow.
- Ads are running in the McDowell News, Facebook and WBRM.
- MTCC pennants have been ordered for distribution to local schools and to display for various publicity opportunities. Contact Michael if you have a need for pennants.
- Contact Michael prior to ordering promotional material/supplies. He has multiple sources for these items and can usually find very competitive rates.
- The official kickoff for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will take place at graduation; Aug. 4. Other plans include a presentation at the Professional Development meeting, August 15 and a Chamber After Hours event scheduled for November 2 at Universal.
- Students are required to present their student ID # when they get their student ID.

### **Institutional Effectiveness – Ladelle Harmon**

Asked that faculty and staff be prepared to submit IE plan data in the near future.

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

- The phone system has been updated. Asked that all faculty and staff have updated personal voice mail messages on their office phones.
- On October 13 MTCC will serve as the host school for a MDC meeting. Representatives from seven colleges will be on campus for this event.

### **Distance Learning – Joan Weiler**

- The BlackBoard upgrade seems to be working well. The Blackboard Production server upgrade is scheduled to start on August 5th at 5:30 PM Eastern Time. It should be complete on or before 9:30 AM Eastern Time the next day.
- An oracle upgrade will occur after, 9:30 to 1:00 pm
- Please note, you will be UNABLE to access and work on your Bb courses after 5:30pm August 5th (Saturday) until 1:00pm August 6th (Sunday).
- Google calendar has been updated on the website

### **Allied Health – Judy Melton**

- Practical Nurse Pinning ceremony schedule for Aug. 3 at 6pm
- Surg Tech pinning took place last week
- The Simulation Lab is nearing completion.

## **Announcements**

- **Practical Nurse Pinning Ceremony-Thursday, August 3 East McDowell Middle School 6:00 pm**
- **Graduation-Friday, August 4 East McDowell Middle School 6:00 pm.**  
**\*\*\*\*Faculty\*\*\*\***  
Please be present and in line no later than 5:30. If you do not want to walk a half mile come at 5:00 so you can park relatively close to the school. Please remember your gown.
- **Manufacturing Class Graduation-Friday, August 4 at 9:00 am Ford Miller Building**
- **Professional Development Day-Tuesday, August 15, 10:30-2:00 W. Harold Smith Rm 113**  
All full time faculty and staff are expected to be present -For lunch planning purposes all adjunct instructors please RSVP to Dr. Benton or Ms. Judy Melton.

Meeting adjourned – 3:15pm

Respectfully submitted,  
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Cc: Email – faculty & staff