

Minutes – The McDowell Tech President's Council met via zoom on September 28, 2021 beginning at 2:00pm.

Members present: Stacy Buff, Dr. Cline, Dr. Cross, Madalyn Gaito, Ryan Garrison, Ladelle Harmon, Abigail Ledford, Elmer Macopson, Judy Melton, Dr. Merritt, Andy Morgan, Julie Padgett, Rachel Pearson, Dr. Watts, Breanna Wilson

Discussion Items

1. NCACCT & NCACCP Meeting Updates

- a. Dr. Merritt updated the Council on the President's meeting held last week.
 - The Presidents Association passed a 2021-22 Legislative Strategy which is a coordinated effort to share the NCCCS agenda/needs with the NC General Assembly. They are developing a 3-year funding request for the 2022 Short Session which they hope will be applied to the 2023-25 Biennium. Working on needs over the next 10 months.
- b. Presidents have been asked to invite their local senator and representative for a campus visit this fall, "58 Colleges in 58 Days". We will arrange a time for Senator Hise and Representative Greene to come to campus sometime in October or November.
- c. Spring 2022: "58 Colleges in 58 Days" -- Same plan as above for February and March.

2. Sharing and Departmental Updates

- a. Dr. Merritt shared that MTCC has been awarded the U.S. Department of Ed's Title III Strengthening Institutions Program for a grant in the amount of \$2,045,597.00. This could be transformational for us.
- b. **WORC Grant** – awarded from Dept. of Labor - \$1,498,614 – in partnership with ICC, CULA, Region C – focused on workforce development
- c. **Construction Trade Program** - \$175,000 awarded from Dogwood Health Trust. This will cover costs for an instructor, van, trailer and construction equipment to start the program.
- d. **Grants in progress** - Brooke Waycaster is working on application to Canon Foundation for \$100,000 - simulator
- e. **Strategic Plan Benchmark updates** –Dr. Cross and Dr. Watts have received the needed information and will be working to set benchmarks, hopefully by Oct. 8.
- f. **Curriculum Committee Updates** – met last Wednesday
 - The Spring schedule has been sent out to Deans for approval. Registration begins Nov. 1
 - Making plans to promote Adult Studies – identifying programs for adults
 - FFNC process is being implemented. Student Services staff is contacting students who are completers and non-completers.

Working to encourage students to move forward with the graduation process.

- Developmental courses/RISE under review – RISE is not being implemented statewide. Will continue to use GPA as placement for developmental classes.

g. Marketing & Enrollment Team updates

- New billboard should be up in a few weeks on the Five Lane.
- October 12 Transfer fair-13 schools represented 8:45 to 10:30am encouraging all classes to take a break and attend.
- FAFSA Day- scheduled by CFNC for late October.
- Free College Application Week October 18-22-Promoting that at MTCC the application is always free. Creating a handout with this information for the Transfer Fair, Website, Social media
- Breast Cancer Awareness-Month of October-Health Committee will take the lead, will be identifying days in the month to encourage everyone to wear pink
- Text students who have applied and have completed FAFSA-reminder to register for 8 second weeks – this has been effective
- SGA preparing mid-term packets for students
- The format for the Fall Festival has been changed.

h. Dr. Penny Cross – VP Student Services & Learning

● **AVISO Implementation**

Kickoff call 9/8, Phase II: Implementation, call every other Wednesday. Introductory, college-wide Aviso demonstration is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 20, 2021. More details to come. 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)

i. Breanna Wilson – Human Resources

Breanna Wilson reported on the changes being made to faculty/staff performance evaluations. The Deans approved changes to bring Strategic Plan into the evaluations. Timeline: late January/early February to be submitted by early April.

j. Ryan Garrison – VP Finance and Administration

- Will be meeting with Chuck Hamrick to identify where the new, electronic sign will be placed near the campus entrance.
- New HVAC system will be installed in Bldg 4 the weekend of Oct. 1-3.



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- Meeting with DOT to see if drainage can be improved and once that is done a DOT landscaper will develop a drawing for that area and the plan will be implemented in spring or fall 2022.
- k. **Elmer Macopson – Technology**
 - Requested that you contact his office if you would like to have a virtual student set up in your classroom.
 - Laptops have been ordered but are on backorder
 - Job Link network has been updated

Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm