



President's Council Minutes

The President's Council met on January 12, 2021 at 2:00pm in WHS room 113.

Present: Dr. Merritt, Stacy Buff, Dr. Cline, Dr. Cross, Madalyn Gaito, Ryan Garrison, Ladelle Harmon, Michael Lavender, Elmer Macopson, Judy Melton, Julie Padgett, Breanna Rose, Dr. Watts, Andy Morgan

Absent: Rachel Pearson

President – Dr. Merritt

Dr. Merritt presented the following items for discussion:

- Spring 2021 Enrollment Update – Dr. Cross reported that current enrollment is 912. Enrollment was 1047 this time last year.
- 2021-2026 Strategic Plan Timeline & Process
Will be conducting an all faculty/staff Zoom meeting at 2:30pm on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 to discuss the Strategic Plan Timeline and Process. Bo Harmon is developing a tool to survey the MTCC community as well as groups in the community. Focus groups will then be established to discuss survey results. The process will be collaborative and inclusive.
- State Board of Community Colleges meets on January 15. The following MTCC-related items are scheduled for approval:
 - The Associate in Science in Teacher Preparation (A1040T) and Associate in Arts in Teacher Preparation (A1010T) programs
 - \$25,000.00 Digital Literacy Training Allocation – MTCC is one of ten Integrated Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE) providers funded.

Moving into the legislative session, the following at the system-wide priorities:

[CC Budget Priorities](#) and the [CC Salary One-Pager](#).

- Goal: At least one news story monthly in 2021 highlighting a student success story.
Examples:
 - Graduate who gained significant earning potential
 - Early college student who graduated and transferred to his/her institution of choice.
 - Incumbent worker who got a promotion due to a certification

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Arts & Sciences – Judy Melton

- We are pleased to announce Diane Wright has joined the Business Technology Department as the new lead accounting faculty following the retirement of Michelle Burleson. In addition, Amanda Gouge and Alison Byers have joined the accounting department as adjunct faculty.
- Clinical sites are beginning to deny students access due to the increase in COVID cases. Our Vickie A Hogan simulation lab is a blessing to provide cutting edge clinical

simulation to keep our health science students moving forward with their clinical education.

- Valerie Dobson was elected to serve as a member of the Health Information Management Council. This is the council which meets to determine if a Health Information Technology program will receive the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) accreditation.
- Jane Gouge, our current Nurse Aide Program Coordinator, will be retiring January 31st. A celebration for her dedication to MTCC and the Nurse Aide program is in the works for January 28th stay tuned for details. We are pleased to announce Sarah Jornigan has been hired as our new Nurse Aide program coordinator.
- Dr. Lora Bartlett is officially the PNE Educator representative on the North Carolina Board of Nursing (NCBON). She represents all NC Practical Nurse education programs across the state. She will bring NCBON information back to the North Carolina Council of Practical Nurse Educators, be a voice for our programs as well as a voice for patient safety.

Enrollment Management – Julie Padgett

- Blood Drive scheduled for January 19 in WHS 113. Register online or contact Julie Padgett or Susan Long.
- Graduation – Advisors please remind students to apply for graduation as soon as possible.
- SGA purchased new seating for the café; scheduled to be delivered this semester.

External Relations – Michael Lavender

- Making plans to update photos for faculty and staff members.
- Website training - Will be scheduling one-on-one training times for department chairs and others who will be working on departmental pages on the website.

Human Resources – Breanna Rose

- Employee evaluations are due at this time.
- Interviews on Thursday, January 14th Assistant Teacher Classroom - Child Development Center
- New Hires: Full-Time
Sarah Jornigan - Nurse Aide Coordinator
Diane Wright - Accounting Instructor
- Retired:
Michele Burleson 12/31/20 - elected to not have a party due to covid
Jane Gouge 1/31/20 - Ice Cream Social scheduled for her retirement on 1/28/21 at 1:00pm

Institutional Effectiveness – Ladelle Harmon

- Budget hearing forms are ready and meeting format is still to be determined.
- 2020-21 IE plans – midyear reviews will be emailed out in February

Learning & Student Services – Dr. Penny Cross

- Will be offering a Professional Development session on Google Suite on January 29. This will be a Zoom meeting. More details and time to follow.
- Taking nominations for the 2021 Academic Excellence Award.

Technology – Elmer Macopson

- Thanks to the Technology Dept (Tab Adcock, Summer Perkins, Sharon Silver and Joan Weiler) for all their hard work.

- Have increased wireless access points to 125 on campus; throughout offices and buildings as well as parking lots and other common areas. These will be turned on in the very near future and will greatly increase internet capability.
- Open LMS has been upgraded to 3.9.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Madalyn Gaito