

McDowell Technical Community College President's Council Minutes

The President's Council met for a special called meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 2:00pm in the boardroom, Dogwood building.

Present: Dr. Benton, Stacy Buff, Dr. Cross, Madalyn Gaito, Ryan Garrison, Dr. Gossett, Ladelle Harmon, Elmer Macopson, Judy Melton, Summer Perkins, Breanna Rose, Eddie Shuford, Dr. Watts

Guest: Dr. Denise York Young, Vice-President, SACSCOC

Dr. Gossett introduced Dr. Young who will be leading the MTCC SACSCOC visit and review September 21-24, 2020. Dr. Young provided an overview of SACSCOC, a timeline for the accreditation process and answered specific questions about the upcoming visit to MTCC.

Overview:

- The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges is the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states. It serves as the common denominator of shared values and practices among the diverse institutions in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Latin America and other international sites approved by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees that award associate, baccalaureate, master's, or doctoral degrees.
- Accreditation by SACSCOC signifies that the institution
 - Has a mission appropriate to higher education.
 - Has resources, programs, and services sufficient to accomplish and sustain that mission.
 - Maintains clearly specified educational objectives that are consistent with its mission and appropriate to the degrees it offers, and that indicate whether it is successful in achieving its stated objective
- SACSCOC Core Values:
 - Integrity
 - Continuous Quality Improvement
 - Peer Review/Self-regulation
 - Accountability,
 - Student Learning, Transparency

MTCC Reaffirmation Timeline:

- March 1, 2020 – Compliance certification submitted
 - Document completed by the institution that demonstrates its judgement of the extent of its compliance with each of the Core Requirements and Standards.
- April 1, 2020 – Submit nomination for QEP Lead Evaluator
- August 10, 2020 – Quality Enhancement Plan and Focused Report due
 - a topic identified through ongoing, comprehensive and evaluation processes, has a broad-based support of institutional constituencies, focuses on improving specific student learning outcomes and/or student successes, commits resources to initiate, implement and complete the QEP and includes a plan to assess achievement.
- Off-Site Reaffirmation Review
 - Composed of a chair and normally eight to ten peer evaluators. Meets in Atlanta, GA and reviews Compliance Certifications to determine whether institution is in compliance with all Core Requirements and Standards. A report is prepared, recording and explaining its preliminary findings about compliance. Report is forwarded to the institution's On-Site Reaffirmation Committee
- September 21-24, 2020 – On-Site Reaffirmation Visit
 - Composed of a chair and normally eight to ten peer evaluators and an observer
 - Conducts focused evaluation at the campus to finalize issues of compliance with the Core Requirements and Standards, evaluation the QEP, and provide consultation regarding the issues addressed in the QEP
 - Will meet with students, faculty, staff, administration, Board of Trustees
 - Ladelle Harmon will coordinate meetings for September 23.
- February 21, 2021 – Response to any recommendations
- June 2021 – Review by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees
 - Reviews reports prepared by evaluation committees and the institutional responses to those reports.
 - A C&R Committee's recommendation regarding an institution's reaffirmation of accreditation is forwarded to the Executive Council for review.
 - The Executive Council recommends action to the full Board of Trustees, which makes the final decision of reaffirmation and any monitoring activities that it may require of an institution.

Contact Ladelle Harmon with any questions you may have concerning the Reaffirmation Timeline and visit. Dr. Beverly Watts is coordinating the Quality Enhancement Plan.

Meeting Adjourned – 3:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

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