

McDowell Technical Community College

President's Council Minutes

The President's Council met on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 2:00pm in the boardroom, Dogwood building.

Present: Dr. Cline, Dr. Cross, Madalyn Gaito, Ryan Garrison, Dr. Gossett, Ladelle Harmon, Michael Lavender, Kelly McFarland, Judy Melton, Julie Padgett, Summer Perkins, Breanna Rose, Eddie Shuford, Teresa Valentino, Dr. Watts

President – Dr. Gossett

- Served as a panelist for the Student Life Advisory Board Presidents Panel Discussion at Blue Ridge CC on February 18. One issue that was discussed centered on food insecurity and how many schools were developing methods of food distribution. Was able to highlight our Food Pantry, coordinated by Kim Ledbetter and Julie Padgett and supported by faculty/staff donations.
- Monthly Board of Trustees meeting was held on Feb. 13. Topics discussed: Fire, Rescue & EMS College, Sign Language as a foreign language class, McDowell County broadband needs and workforce housing. Donnie Suttles has approached Dr. Gossett and members of the Board to discuss the possibility of MTCC developing an athletics program, specifically baseball/softball. Dr. Gossett will continue to do research on the impact these programs have on a college and will not pursue anything that would weaken our academic programs.
- A THANK YOU luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 27 from 11:30am until 1pm in W. Harold Smith Bldg. 19 room. This drop in lunch is to say thanks for ALL the hard work everyone has put in to the Acronym projects: RDS, QEP, RISE, LMS and SACSCOC.

College & Career Readiness – Terry Valentino

- Received two new grants – professional development and occupational readiness
- Have hired two new part time employees
- Completed HRD rehire events for Baxter Healthcare and Columbia Forest Products
- Working on Western Region Advanced Manufacturing Partnership: Justice Involved Forum & Job Fair scheduled for April 2, 2020.

Developmental Studies & Quality Enhancement – Dr. Watts

QEP is including current and former students who are providing valuable input.

Distance Education – Summer Perkins

In the process of forming committee to evaluate Open LMS and will be contacting possible committee members.

Enrollment Management – Julie Padgett

- March 17 – Blood Drive
- April 2 – Spring Fling - The community outreach will be collecting items to include in hygiene kits being delivered to people receiving meals through the Senior Center.
- Jane Gouge and Judy Melton are working with SGA to develop a clothing closet to help meet the needs of students.

Faculty – Kelly McFarland

Class schedules for fall 2020 are due to Aprille Bailey by Thursday, Feb. 20

Finance & Administration – Ryan Garrison

- Hannah Berthelson has been hired as part time cashier in the Business Office.
- All audits have been completed
- Departmental budget hearings will begin in March

Institutional Effectiveness – Ladelle Harmon

- SACSCOC decennial review has been turned in to compliance assist.
- Sending out emails to schedule departmental budget hearings.

Learning & Student Services – Dr. Cross

- Working on the academic calendar for 2020-21
- All corrections/updates needed for the catalog should be finalized by Feb. 28. Stop by Dr. Cross' office to check the catalog.
- Working on MOU's with McDowell High School, Montreat College and Mars Hill University.
- New employee in Student Services – Austin Mullis

McDowell Early College – Dr. Billy Cline

Applications have been turned in for high school options for next year. MEC received 130 applications and will select 44. MAI received 30 applications and have the ability to accept 50 students.

Upcoming Events – Madalyn Gaito

- Blue Ridge Bigfoot Conference is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Crane Auditorium with vendors located in the café. For more information and registration contact <http://www.bigfoot-911.com/>
- MAHEC educational event – March 26. For more information contact Drea.mora@mahec.net
- ForestHer NC March 26 9am to 3pm in W. Harold Smith Bldg 19 room 113. New initiative created by conservation organizations in NC to provide women who are forest landowners with tools and training to help them manage their lands and become more engaged in forest stewardship. For more information contact Jamie Harrelson at jamie.harrelson@audubon.org

Meeting adjourned: 2:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

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