

Present: Dr. Merritt, Dr. Cline, Dr. Cross, Madalyn Gaito, Ryan Garrison, Michael Lavender, Elmer Macopson, Judy Melton, Dr. Watts, Andy Morgan, Rachel Pearson

Absent: Ladelle Harmon, Julie Padgett, Breanna Wilson

Discussion Items

- **Special Presentation** – Dr. Merritt recognized Nicole Smith for her dedication and work with Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Nicole received the 5 year PTK recognition pin for her role as advisor. Congratulations to Nicole!
- **CCP/CIHS Updates** – Dr. Watts reported on CCP:
 1. We will have two virtual information sessions for interested parents and students: Monday, March 22 at 6 PM for MHS and on Thursday, March 25 at 6 PM for Private and HomeSchool students.
 2. The links/information is posted on our website. MHS will also send out the information. We will send it to New Manna. Any help in contacting homeschoolers would be appreciated.
 3. Michael said that he would try to submit the info to the newspaper for an ad in Sunday's paper. Facebook is possible.
 4. The MHS fall class schedule will not be ready until the end of May so we will not be able to register MHS CCP students until after the MHS schedule is published
 5. 9th grade academy has been approved with approximately 90 students (combined MEC & MAI).
 6. Virtual school for MCS has been approved for next year.
- **BOT Meeting Update**
 - Transition to Virtual Bookstore – BOT was fine with transition to virtual bookstore. Dr. Cross is getting an updated contract and hope to start a pilot program this summer
 - Naming Policy – BP 1.27 Naming Honors was presented for a first reading to the BOT on 3.11.21. The policy outlines how the College may elect to memorialize individuals, groups, or entities, through the naming of campus buildings, rooms, spaces, or exhibits. A second reading and vote will take place at the meeting in April. After a policy is approved we will proceed with naming academic resource center and food pantry
 - Mascot Discussion - Trustees were presented with options for using BigFoot as a college mascot. Concerns were expressed about the longevity of naming the mascot BigFoot but wanted administration and staff to explore other names that were complementary and

aligned with local efforts. It was suggested that a small committee be formed to take a look at establishing a mascot. Let Dr. Merritt know if you are interested in serving on this committee.

- **Title III Grant Update**
 - Dr. Merritt reported he has received the draft from the grant writer and will forward it to the group for review.
 - Implementation meeting/discussion to follow to fill in details to the narrative
- **Review and Discussion of [Data-Driven Action Ideas](#)**
 - Have started weekly marketing meetings. Abigail Ledford is the new social media specialist. Combined meetings with QEP marketing group
 - Will place boosted ads on FB to advertise HS zoom meeting and will try to place ad in newspaper for the homeschool and private school meeting for March 25
 - A budget planning folder has been established to help keep track of needs. [Budget planning folder- helpful to access as we look at grants and needs.](#)
- **Strategic Plan Discussion**
 - *Internal Focus Group dates -- please send your meeting schedule to B. Merritt. He would like to briefly join the meetings to thank everyone for their input and participation.*
 - Review [community survey results](#)
 - *Would like to schedule time to meet with groups in the community (forums, school system, rotary, etc...)*
 - **Save the Date:** *Planning meeting with the Belk Center for Community College Leadership & Research is scheduled for Monday, April 26 from 1:30-5pm. We will meet in the large conference room at Universal. The Belk Center group will come in to set the stage to help us know what to do with the data received from the survey.*
- **Sharing and Departmental Updates**
 - **Faculty** - Andy Morgan reported they are watching House Bill 126 and [Senate Bill 121](#) - Community College Salary Increases.
 - **Finance & Administration** - Ryan Garrison reported that we have 2nd reversion due back at the end of March. This reversion, added to the one in January comes to a total reversion of \$150,000 for this year.



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- **Learning & Student Services** - Dr. Cross reported that three of the 2nd 8 week college transfer classes are taking place. Moving forward the plan is to have a sequence of 2nd 8 week courses starting in the fall. This will help Pell recipients as they must register for both 8 week courses at the beginning of the semester in order to receive financial aid. They are reviewing options for 14 week classes.
- **Technology** - Elmer Macopson reported they are finishing up details in the library; making sure all technology is working for the upcoming Fire & Rescue College; MCNC will be on campus on March 26 to work on upgrades (wireless and virtual network); Summer Perkins will be leaving MTCC this month to take another position. Thanks to Summer for many years of service and a job well done! Joan Weiler will fill in as interim.

Action Items & Ideas

- *Schedule internal focus groups and invite B. Merritt*
- *Continue providing referrals for success stories to Michael!*
- *Review this [COVID Relief Funding Article](#)*
- *Joyce Milling from ApprenticeshipNC is interested in helping establish a Trail Construction pre-apprenticeship*
- *Construction Trades Academy -- Meeting with Gateway on March 18, 2021*

Meeting Adjourned 3:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

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