

McDowell Technical Community College President's Council Minutes

The President's Council met on March 3, 2020 at 2:00pm in the boardroom, Dogwood building.

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

President – Dr. Gossett

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) – currently working with Foothills Health and the Emergency Management Department to keep up to date on information. (see attached) Please share accurate information with students.
- Attended a Western President's meeting on Friday, Feb. 28. Was able to attend a discussion/update on Foundation information compiled from NC Community Colleges by Doug Hartjes with COR Consulting.
- Working with several groups, including Gateway Foundation, to identify possible solutions to the housing crisis in the county. No housing is planned for land owned by McDowell Tech.
- Encouraged everyone to check out the library improvements.

College & Career Readiness – Terry Valentino

- Met with students in the CARP class (8th grade students) to discuss resume writing and career opportunities.
- Working with Columbia Forest Products to host a job fair next week.

Continuing Education – Stacy Buff

- Susan Grindstaff has been hired to work part time as the receptionist at Universal and with the Con Ed staff.
- McDowell Fire, Rescue & EMS College is scheduled for March 19-22, 2020. Appreciate all who will be able to volunteer. Please plan to attend one training meeting times next week on Monday March 9th, 10 am in Room 107 or Tuesday March 10, 2 pm in Room 107
- Have updated MTCC website pages for vocational departments
- Working on apprenticeships and work based learning options for our students.

Customized Training – Eddie Shuford

- Attended a workshop on apprenticeships
- Wants to get the word out that there are lots of jobs available in the county

Developmental Studies & Quality Enhancement – Dr. Watts

- QEP is progressing well. The group has studied advising and registration and will be looking at orientation this week.
- Camp Opportunity is scheduled for June 22-25, 2020. Open to McDowell County public school students rising 6th-8th grades. Registration will open mid-April, <https://www.mcdowelltech.edu/apps/pages/CampOpportunity> See attached for list of sessions with descriptions.
- Working to submit grant to Crane Resistoflex to support Camp Opportunity and STEM Camp.

Enrollment Management – Julie Padgett

- March 17 – Blood Drive
- April 2 – Spring Fling – Community outreach will be collecting items to include in hygiene kits for delivery through McDowell County home-delivered meals.

Faculty – Kelly McFarland

Faculty Council Meeting has been scheduled to discuss a couple of issues which have been brought up by several faculty members--including the Faculty Load Policy and Open LMS. Thursday, March 5 at 2:30pm in the Early Childhood Education Room (Bldg. 4 Room 19)

Grants – Madalyn Gaito

MTCC has received two grant awards this month:

- To employ a second Career Coach
- Funds to increase campus WiFi capability

Finance & Administration – Ryan Garrison

The Cosmetic Arts Building is on schedule to receive Certificate of Occupancy by early August.

Learning & Student Services – Dr. Cross

- Will be submitting the Catalog to Michael Lavender by the end of the week. Please have all corrections turned in before Friday.

- Curriculum Committee will review the 2020-21 Academic Calendar on March 11 and then will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for final approval.
- Eleanor Woods has been hired as the PT support tech for Learning and Student Services.
- Currently advertising for the following positions:
 - **Adjunct Instructors (PT)**. One position in Physics and one in Spanish. Required (both positions): Master's degree with 18 hours in subject area. Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work with students, faculty and staff. Preferred: Teaching experience.
 - **ASL (American Sign Language) Instructor (PT)**. Bachelor's Degree in Interpreter Education or a related field. Five years of interpreting experience. Current NC Interpreter and Transliterate License and/or national interpreting certification

Early College – Dr. Billy Cline

MEC accepted 52 students to enter the 9th grade this fall

Technology – Elmer Macopson

- Working on updating the wireless system
- The System Office is initiating to move academic systems to the iCloud. This means we will be phasing out Groupwise in the near future.

Meeting adjourned: 2:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

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