

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

Absent: none

Discussion Items

Dr. Merritt presented the following items for discussion

- **NCCCS updates**

- legislative call last week.**

- Budget Reversion – Due to lower-than-expected tuition receipts, the NCCCS is implementing a budget reversion statewide. This is the second reversion this year. MTCC sent \$91,000.00 back in January and will now send back approximately \$48,000.00.
 - **Updated budget priorities document**
 - Bills have been presented in the NC House and the NC Senate calling for 7% raises for community college employees
 - The Fund Budget Stabilization – MTCC will likely have to utilize all its CARES funds to backfill budget losses but desperately needs stabilization dollars in the coming fiscal years. We are exploring all options for the coming years.

- **CARES student persistence grants**

Financial Aid notified students of their eligibility to receive emergency funds to help avoid stop outs. Lisa Byrd will send out another notification to students as well as to faculty/staff so they will share the information with students.

- **5-Year Capital Plan Review:** Dr. Merritt and Ryan will be meeting with Trustee representatives, County Manager, County Commissioner Chair and Vice-Chair to discuss financial needs. Review the plan here: [5-Year Capital Plan](#)

- **Curriculum Committee Updates:**

- Awards Day Virtual Ceremony April 23, 2021. The student's recognized will be President's List, Dean's List, NTHS nominees, PTK nominees, and other department awards. Dr. Watts will head up the coordination of the event.
 - Will be increasing the 2nd 8 week course offerings beginning fall 2021
 - Proposed 2022-2023 Academic Calendar will be presented to the Trustees at the April Board meeting.
 - MTCC Graduation scheduled for Friday, May 14. This will be a drive-thru event at Universal Advanced Manufacturing Center.

- **Review and Discussion of [Data-Driven Action Ideas](#)**

- Dr. Cross, Michael Lavender and Julie Padgett meet weekly to discuss marketing. Please contact Dr. Cross if you would like to meet with the group to discuss marketing for your area.

- Stacy Buff will conduct a meeting with faculty to explain the work based learning process.
- **Strategic Plan Discussion**
 - Reviewed [student survey results](#)
 - Internal Focus Groups will be developed based on MTCC departments.
- **BOT Agenda Preview – meeting scheduled for March 11, 2021**
 - *BP 1.27 Naming Honors* - [BP 1.27](#) will be voted on by the trustees
 - *Workforce Housing update* – meeting was held last week to update partners on the project. HUD approval has been received and they tentatively plan to break ground in fall 2021. Identifying an architect, surveying and environmental scans.
 - *Transition to Virtual Bookstore*
 - *Library name* – Will present Smith Academic Resource Center as possible name
 - *Mascot Proposal* – Trustees will receive a proposal for a possible MTCC mascot; thanks to Jorge Valentino for working on this design project.

Departmental Updates & Sharing

Continuing Education & Workforce Development – Stacy Buff

- McDowell Fire and Rescue College is scheduled for March 18-21, 2021 on the MTCC campus. Contact Tabitha Buff to volunteer.

Enrollment Management – Julie Padgett

- Spring Fling is scheduled for Thursday, April 15, 2021. It will have a wellness focus and students will be able to drive through and receive information and giveaways from the wellness tent. Will conduct a food drive for the food pantry and students, faculty and staff will be encouraged to spend time exercising during the day.

Announcements

McDowell Madness - Employee Appreciation Week is scheduled for the week of March 8-12. See AllMcDowell Emails for more details.

Meeting adjourned at 3:36pm

Respectfully submitted,

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