

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

Discussion Items

- **GoldenLEAF** – Dr. Merritt reported that MTCC received an \$800,000.00 grant from the Golden Leaf Foundation through its Community-Based Grants Initiative. See article [here](#).
Next Steps: Attending reporting meeting with GL and meeting with Old Fort Town Aldermen to discuss renovation timeline.
 - **Caldwell CC Grant** – Caldwell CC received a Golden Leaf Grant to create a Regional Partnership to develop a mobile diesel mechanics program. They plan to partner with MTCC as well as CVCC, WPCC and Mayland to provide students with certifications or condensed classes. This will not take the place of our automotive program; it will offer additional credentials to MTCC students.
 - **Data-Driven Action Ideas** – ideas discussed centered around ways to increase enrollment
 - Billboards – increase the number of billboards and choose strategic locations such as near the entrance to the high school
 - HEERF funds to assist students with child care costs while they are in school.
 - Open House Day – discussed having an open house event for programs possibly during the second week in August
 - Invite employers to attend; giving participants the chance to register for classes or apply for jobs.
 - showcase our labs/classes and include employers who talk about the benefit of the program. Faculty would be available to share program information.
 - Provides time for the public to come through and see what is going on at MTCC.
 - Consider – partnering with Workforce Pipeline, Chamber of Commerce...
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- Discussed other on-site and off-site registration events. Idea: allow potential students to register at local festivals
Julie Padgett will compile a list of events coming up between now and August and evaluate our ability to participate.
 - CCR vouchers (60-70 graduates per year - includes prison - vouchers for a free CU class) Idea: provide a voucher for one free 3 hour credit/curriculum class.
- Dr. Merritt reminded members to continue to review the [Budget planning folder](#) and add needs.

- **NCCCS Legislative Updates** : legislation under consideration by the General Assembly
 - **Senate Bill 706**: Carolina's Guarantee Scholarship Program. Establishes the Community College Promise Scholarship Program for four semesters for students in curriculum programs.
 - **Senate Bill 684**: Modify Teaching Fellows/CC Requirement. Prioritizes applicants to the program who have community college associate degrees with a concentration in teacher education and prioritizes certain participants, including community college students, for loan forgiveness.
 - **HB 491** Virtual Training/Real World Law Enforcement – Appropriates \$2.5M to the System Office and \$500,000 to the NC Justice Academy for simulators for virtual training (basic and in-service) of police officers. Bill sponsored by Rep. Dudley Greene
- **BOT Updates & Next Steps:**
 - [President's Report](#) - New report submitted monthly to the BOT.
 - BOT approved BP1.27 Naming Policy and the BOT Executive Committee will meet on April 22 to review the policy approval process.
 - BOT approved the following:
 - **Smith Academic Resource Center**. This name honors Sharon Smith who served as the Director of the Library and the William Harold Smith Foundation who provided funds for the renovation. A ribbon cutting event is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 11am.
 - **Kim Ledbetter Food Pantry**. A dedication event is scheduled for Thursday, May 6 at 2 pm
Don Ford, former MTCC employee, made a donation to establish a scholarship in memory of Kim. The goal is to distribute the funds each semester. Please contact Madalyn Gaito if you would like to contribute to the Foundation for this scholarship.
- **Curriculum Committee update**
 - *2022 Calendar & Holiday Discussion*
The 2022 Calendar was presented to the trustees during their meeting on April 8, 2021. This calendar was tabled and will be presented to the BOT at the May 2021 meeting after the President's Council reviews, discusses, and approves. An electronic copy of the calendar will be distributed prior to the next President's Council meeting; scheduled for April 27,
- **Grants in Development:**
 - *Due April 19:* *ARC grant -- Mechatronics/Applied Engineering equipment*
 - *Due ASAP:* *EDA grant -- Old Fort equipment, parking*
 - *Due April 28:* *Higher Education Emergency Relief, SAIHE Student Aid*
- **Strategic Plan**
 - Mission/Vision/Goals work groups prior to the larger Planning Team meeting:
 - **Mission/Vision Committee: Elmer Macopson, Madalyn Gaito, Ladelle Harmon, Ryan Garrison**



President's Council

April 13, 2021

2:00pm

- **Goals Committee: Dr. Cross, Michael Lavender, Stacy Buff, Judy Melton, Dr. Watts**
- ***Planning Team Meeting is April 26, 1:30pm to 5:00pm with the Belk Center:***
Meeting will be held in the Conference Room at the Universal Advanced Manufacturing Center. Review [*planned draft agenda*](#)

Action Items & Ideas

- *Thank you....Social Media [Program Information Forms](#)*
- *Continue providing referrals for success stories to Michael!*

Announcements – April 23 at Noon – Virtual Awards Day; Broadcast on FB Live

Meeting Adjourned: 3:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

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