



President's Council

April 27, 2021

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

Discussion Items

- **DRAFT 2022 Calendar & Holiday Discussion**

- [2022 N.C. State Approved Holidays](#)
- [McDowell County Schools](#)

The Council reviewed the proposed 2022 Holiday Calendar, identifying the 12 holiday/leave days. After discussion a recommendation was made to take May 30th, Memorial Day, as a holiday in place of January 3, 2022. A vote was taken and the recommendation was approved. The [2022 Holiday Calendar](#) will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval on May 13, 2021. Contact Dr. Merritt with any questions concerning the calendar.

There are three "*Campus Closed Mandatory Annual Leave*" days (December 28-30), which equates to 24 hours of mandatory leave per employee. In relation to the calendar discussion and moving into doing business post-pandemic, Ladelle Harmon was assigned work to develop an appropriate Alternate Work Schedule/Telework Policy that would allow supervisors to work with employees on a documented way to telework or alternate their work schedule in accordance with state regulations.

- **Fall 2021 Convocation & Professional Development**

The Professional Development event is scheduled for the morning of Tuesday, August 10, 2021. The focus will be the implementation of the new Strategic Plan, *Vision 2025*. Sessions will be designed to correlate with the four Plan goals.

- **NCCCS Legislative Updates**

- Continue to see bills to provide funding for individual capital projects from community colleges across the state.
- Bill to allow 15-year olds to enroll in fire training.
- "Be Pro Be Proud" bill to create better awareness of CTE/workforce development programs.

- **CCP/CIHS Updates**

Dr. Watts reported that the High School Advisory Committee met on Thursday, April 22. All of MAI and MEC will be on the MTCC campus starting fall 2021. The 9th Grade Academy will be located Building 4 and other classroom space has been identified on campus and at Universal. Per semester 35 to 40% of curriculum FTE is from dual enrollment. CCP registration is scheduled for May 18-20.

- **Virtual Bookstore Update**

Ryan Garrison reported that the virtual bookstore will go online July 19th. The bookstore will not be virtual for 2021 Summer School classes. After a meeting with the virtual bookstore vendor on April 29, a timeline will be sent to AllMcDowell to communicate



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expectations about how the virtual bookstore will work and change our processes.

- **Enrollment & Marketing Committee Update**
New information has been placed on the billboard on Rutherford Road, beside Spencer's Hardware and a second billboard is scheduled for the Five Lane in June.
- **MTCC Foundation Update**
 - Network for Good
Madalyn Gaito reported that we have contracted with Network for Good which provides fundraising software and tools to assist in all aspects of donor solicitation and record keeping. The MTCC Foundation will receive a report on this during their Annual Meeting scheduled for May 18th.
 - Grants in Development:
 - Submitted: \$100,000.00, ARC grant pre-application for Mechatronics/Applied Engineering equipment & WBL expansion
 - Submitted on April 28: Up to \$1,000,000.00, Higher Education Emergency Relief, Student Aid - U.S. Department of Education FIPSE Program
- **Sharing and Departmental Updates**
 - Dr. Watts thanked everyone involved in the Virtual Awards Day.
 - Dr. Watts reported that the NC BioNetwork team is working with 7th and 8th graders highlighting health sciences programs. Plans are underway to increase the work the BioNetwork is doing with middle school students to help them explore STEM careers
 - Elmer Macopson reported that the following technology has been put in place: BLET and Maintenance are 100% connected. Library technology is fully functional.

Calendar & Future Items

- Strategic Planning Work Groups -- Objectives due by May 5.
- 2021 Graduate Success Stories - Dr. Merritt asked that stories be submitted prior to as well as following graduation.
- May 6, 11am, Kim Ledbetter Food Pantry Dedication, Cedar Building
- May 18, 11am, Smith Academic Resource Center Ribbon Cutting & Dedication
- The President's Council will not meet on May 11

Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

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