

McDowell Technical Community College President's Council Minutes

The President's Council met on August 18, 2020 at 2:00pm via Zoom.

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

Interim President – Ryan Garrison

- The Board of Trustees met on Thursday, August 13.
 - Installed one new trustee, Mark Garrett, appointed by the McDowell County Commissioners; and two re-appointed trustees, Gwen Conley, re-appointed by the McDowell Board of Education and Ray McKesson, re-appointed by the Governor of NC.
 - Trustees elected Gary Stroud as the Chairperson and Nancy Hunter as the Vice-Chairperson for the 2020-21 year.
 - Gateway Housing Initiative – Trustees heard a presentation by Neil Gurney, Executive Dir. of the Gateway Wellness Foundation, describing a partnership between McDowell County, the City of Marion, Gateway and the Housing Assistance Corporation to build approximately 160 workforce housing units on 12-14 acres of land north east of College Drive, between the MTCC main campus and Universal. The identified land is mostly county-owned, with four acres belonging to MTCC. Trustees will work with the County to move forward with a possible land swap between MTCC and the County.
 - Presidential Search - Dr. Mike Taylor and Dr. Myra Johnson reported to the Trustees that 37 applications for the position of president have been received as of August 13. The application deadline is August 27. Search firm partners will review all applications and provide Trustees with 8 to 12 applicant packets for their review. The Board of Trustees will identify three, possibly four, candidates to bring on campus for day-long interviews. These interviews will take place October 12, 13 and 14 and will involve faculty/staff/student forums. The Board will vote on a candidate on October 15, submit the name to the NC Community College State Board for their approval at their November Board meeting. The goal is to have a new president in place by early January.
- Cosmetic Arts Building – there was a delay with receiving the Certificate of Occupancy. The flooring did not pass inspection and it should take about a month to rectify the situation and complete the inspection process.

College & Career Readiness – Terry Valentino

- Looking to fill one staff position by early September
- Currently offering orientation for classes. Some students have experienced problems with being fully online so some classes are switching to a hybrid model.
- Working on curriculum development for HRD classes to meet the current workforce needs.

Dean of Arts and Sciences – Judy Melton

- Nurse Aide I - 46 currently enrolled. PNE 44 - Full class enrolled.
- HIT has enrolled 5-10 new students.
- Continuing education Phlebotomy was capped at 10. There are 11 students on a waitlist. May offer an afternoon second session.
- College Transfer off to a busy start.
- Business Technology off to good start.

Dean of Career Technical Education Programs– Stacy Buff

- Vocational classes have started and are in good shape
- Evening machining classes have been cancelled and students moved to the day or online program
- BLET day class started on Monday, August 17 and the evening class will begin in September.
- Money is available for continuing education/workforce development scholarships

Developmental Studies & Quality Enhancement – Dr. Watts

- The QEP document was given to the trustees and Dr. Watts will attend the trustees meeting on September 10 to answer questions and discuss the Plan.
- The ARC has been temporarily moved to the Dogwood Building #17 during the Library renovation. Now that they are up and running they realize they need a printer for students using the ARC.

Distance Education – Summer Perkins

There are 277 classes on Open LMS.

Enrollment Management – Julie Padgett

Thank you to everyone again for graduation. I was so proud of our employees. Rain or shine we said we would do it and students seemed happy! We hope to do some new things with student engagement and SGA. Be on the lookout for ideas from our SGA president. Also, I am revamping the graduation application. Students will need to attach

a degree audit with their application. I will be sending out instructions when the new one is posted on the web page and available to students for the 2020-21 year.

External Relations – Michael Lavender

- Additional advertising is being put out through the newspapers
- In the process of making updates to the Catalog

Faculty – Kelly McFarland

Currently working to deal with the class scheduling challenges that are developing as a result of the high school schedule. Thanks to all the faculty for working hard to help our students!

Grants/Development – Madalyn Gaito

- A survey has been sent out to community leaders asking for input on education/skills/ characteristics they think are important for the next MTCC president.
- Sending surveys to the Old Fort community members and small business owners to gather information on what type of educational programs they need in that community.

Finance & Administration – Ryan Garrison

The 2020-21 budgets have been sent out to the community colleges. Spending restrictions, imposed by the Systems Office, have not been lifted.

Human Resources – Breanna Rose

New hires to date:

Rick Watts: Full-Time Faculty Mechatronics/Applied Engineering

Scott Wilson: Full-Time Faculty Air Conditioning/Heating/Refrigeration

Clay Dowdle: Full-Time Faculty Welding

Penny Wacaster: Full-Time Student Success Advisor

Emilee Crowder: Full-Time NC Career Coach

Aprille Bailey: Full-Time Registrar

Tony Forshey: Interim Coordinator of Maintenance

Eleanor Woods: Full-Time Support Technician for Learning and Student Services

Institutional Effectiveness – Ladelle Harmon

- A SACS COC update was provided to the Trustees on Thursday, August 13. Three Trustees were selected to meet with the visiting committee in September; this will be a virtual visit.

- Will be working to schedule faculty/staff interviews with SACS COC committee
- The 2020 Performance Measures have been released (see attached). MTCC did well with the English and Math departments ranking #1 in the state!
Congratulations!

Learning & Student Services – Dr. Cross

- Student headcount as of 8/18/2020 is 1075.
- Thank you to Betsy Ruiz and Emilee Crowder who are working hard to register CCP students.
- A contract has been signed with Tutor.com to provide virtual tutoring.
- Money is being received for student assistance programs. The System Office is seeking to provide as much support to students as possible to enable them to succeed.
- Karen Buchanan, Nicole Smith and Darian Buchanan will be serving as MEC liaisons, assisting high school students. Dr. Cline will be phasing out of that role.

McDowell Early College – Dr. Billy Cline

Working to make sure all schedules for MEC students are in place; especially the 9th grade students, some of which are completely online. Please contact Dr. Cline if you have any concerns with MEC students.

Technology – Elmer Macopson

- Working to solve some wireless internet issues. Please contact him if you have any trouble with wireless internet on campus.
- ASW project is moving forward; Colleague and its support systems will be moved to the Cloud.

Meeting adjourned: 2:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

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