

MINUTES OF THE MTCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The McDowell Technical Community College Board of Trustees met in formal session on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6:00p.m in the Universal Advanced Manufacturing Bldg. conference room. Meal was provided at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Robert Ayers, Bill Bach, Greg Barksdale, Gwen Conley, Susan English, Nany Hunter, Ray McKesson, Kay Medford, Gary Stroud, Jim Washburn, Gabe Allen

Members Absent: Randy Hollifield, Donald Ramsey

Others present: Administrators/Staff: Dr. John Gossett, Dr. Penny Cross, Madalyn Gaito, Ryan Garrison, Ladelle Harmon, Michael Lavender.

Media: None.

Call to Order – Chairperson

Chairperson Stroud welcomed the board members and called the meeting to order.

Prayer: Kay Medford

Ethics Statement: Chairperson

Chair Stroud read the Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest statement. No conflicts noted.

Approval of Minutes – Chairperson

Chair Stroud called for approval of the board minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on November 14, 2019. Greg Barksdale made a motion to approve the minutes. Bill Bach seconded and the minutes were approved.

Financial Report – VP of Administration and Finance

- VP Garrison presented the county detail budget and the State appropriation budget for the month ended December 31, 2019. (handout) Kay Medford made a motion to accept the financial report. Ray McKesson seconded it and the motion passed.
- VP Garrison distributed the 2019-2020 Budget Resolution. Ray McKesson made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Budget Resolution. Robert Ayers seconded the motion, a vote was taken and the motion passed.
- VP Garrison reported that the 2019 MTCC Financial Audit has been received and there were no findings. The report will be distributed to the trustees at the February Board meeting.

Building and Grounds Committee Report – Dr. Gossett

Dr. Gossett reported that the Cosmetic Arts building is on schedule with a target date of completion the end of July. The Cosmetic Arts faculty is making interior design decisions.

Personnel Committee Report – Chairperson

No report

Foundation Report – Nancy Hunter

The Foundation is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

SGA Report – President Gabe Allen

- Pres. Allen reported that Fall 2019 was a busy one for MTCC Student Government Association
 - Blood Drive – have collected 94 units and are considering adding a date in the future to allow for more students to participate
 - Pajama Collection in conjunction with Fall Fest was a big success with 160 pairs of pajamas collected for the women's shelter.
 - SGA was able to purchase a student work/study table positioned outside the library. They are considering charging stations to be added in various locations on campus.
 - The Christmas Angel Tree received between 70 and 74 requests. These were all fulfilled and each family also received two bags of groceries from the MTCC Food Pantry.
 - Planning is underway for Spring Fling; scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2020.
 - Considering volunteer options (YMCA Splash Program) and a community event/forum.

President's Report – Dr. Gossett

SACSCOC Update – Director of Institutional Effectiveness

Mr. Ladelle Harmon provided an update on the progress of the SACSCOC report which is due March 1. The report, addressing 85 standards is over 85% complete. The SACSCOC team visit is scheduled for September 21-24, 2020.

Campus Update – Dr. Gossett

- Dr. Denise York Young, SACSCOC Vice-President was on campus in November. She will be leading the visit in September and was very positive concerning our efforts to date.
- Met with a representative from Montreat College to discuss transfer options for our Early Childhood Development students seeking to transfer for a four-year degree.
- Have met with leadership from the Dogwood HealthTrust and will seek ways to work with them moving forward.
- Faculty/Staff received letters of intent this week in place of contracts. Waiting on the NC General Assembly to make decision on pay for fiscal year 2019-2020.
- Working with Foothills Community Theater to meet their need for a location for their productions. They would like to use Crane Auditorium and it would be a good way to welcome the community to our campus.

- Have met with the presidents of Isothermal CC and Cleveland CC to discuss the effectiveness of the Foothills Nursing Consortium. Seeking to make the best decision for our students.
- Spring 2020 Student headcount – we are up 40 or 50 from last spring.
- Dr. Gossett will be out of the office January 23-24 due to hip replacement surgery for his mother.

Chairman's Report – Chairperson

Other

Greg Barksdale asked a question concerning offering Sign Language as an option for foreign language requirements. Dr. Cross will look at options and report back to the Board.

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Announcements

NCACCT Legislative/Law Seminar is scheduled for March 18-20, 2020 in Raleigh.

Closed Session - δ143-318.11 (a) (1) (6)

Adjournment

There being no further business, Robert Ayers moved the meeting be adjourned. Greg Barksdale seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

The next regular meeting of the MTCC Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Universal Advanced Manufacturing Bldg. Meal will be provided at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Gossett
Secretary to the Board