

## MINUTES OF THE MTCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The McDowell Technical Community College Board of Trustees met in formal session on Thursday, March 12, 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, Randy Hollifield, Nancy Hunter, Ray McKesson, Kay Medford, Donald Ramsey, Gary Stroud, Jim Washburn, Gabriel Allen

**Members Absent:** none

**Others present:** Administrators/Staff: Dr. John Gossett, Dr. Penny Cross, Madalyn Gaito, Ryan Garrison, Ladelle Harmon, Stacy Buff

**Media:** None.

**Call to Order – Chairperson**

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

**Prayer:** Don Ramsey

**Ethics Statement:** Chairperson

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

**Approval of Minutes** – Chairperson

Chair Stroud called for approval of the board minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on February 13, 2020. Robert Ayers made a motion to approve the minutes. Nancy Hunter seconded the motion, a vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Chair Stroud called for approval of the board minutes from the closed session meeting held on February 13, 2020. Dr. Cross requested a word change in one sentence. This change was made and is reflected in the updated minutes on file. Don Ramsey moved to accept the minutes with the word change. Kay Medford seconded the motion, a vote was taken 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 February 29, 2020. (handout) Ray McKesson made a motion to accept the financial report. Robert Ayers seconded it and the motion passed.
- VP Garrison distributed the 2020-2021 County Budget Request. Trustees discussed the importance of conveying budget needs to the County Commissioners. They requested that Dr. Gossett and Ryan Garrison invite the Commissioners to meet on campus to review the budget request. Ray McKesson made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 County Budget Request. Jim Washburn seconded the motion; a vote was taken and the Request was approved.

- VP Garrison presented a proposal to provide a one-time bonus (\$500) to full time faculty and staff members with a pro-rated bonus to qualified part time staff. This bonus will be distributed in the March paychecks. Kay Medford made a motion to approve the one-time bonus. Robert Ayers seconded the motion; a vote was taken and the motion passed.

**Building and Grounds Committee Report** – Dr. Gossett

Dr. Gossett reported that the Cosmetic Arts building is on schedule to receive Certificate of Occupancy by August. It is anticipated that classes will begin in the new building January 2021. Possible building names will be discussed in the future.

**Personnel Committee Report** – Chairperson

No report

**Foundation Report** – Nancy Hunter

No report

**President’s Report** – Dr. Gossett

**SGA Report-** President Gabriel Allen

- Blood Drive – 35 pints of blood were collected on January 21, 2020. Comparing the 2018-2019 YTD (155) with the 2019-2020 (129), we are under a total of 26 units of blood donated. The next Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2020.
- Spring Fling is scheduled for April 2. The theme is “Follow Your Yellow Brick Road” from The Wizard of Oz. They will be collecting food and hygiene products to be distributed through the McDowell County Home Delivered Meals program. There will be a competition between departments to see who can collect the most items.
- SGA is looking to install more water bottle filling stations; hoping to have one in at least every building on campus.

**myFuture NC Resolution**

Dr. Gossett referred the trustees to the resolution they received in their board packets. myFutureNC is a statewide nonprofit organization focused on educational attainment and is the result of cross-sector collaboration between North Carolina leaders in education, business, and government. This has been discussed previously and the NC CC System Office has asked all community colleges to pass this resolution.

Randy Hollifield moved to approve the myFuture NC Resolution as presented. Ray McKesson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

**Campus Update – Dr. Gossett**

- Dr. Gossett and his administrative team attended a meeting in Charlotte, sponsored by NCSU. The purpose of the symposium was to identify gaps in education completion for students in NC. The identified need was for community

colleges to increase efforts to reach students during their junior and senior years in high school

- WorkForce Housing – McDowell Economic Development Association and Gateway Wellness Foundation are still working together to develop plans for housing in the county.
- Library updates – the staff is meeting with an architect to develop the most effective and cost efficient plans to meet the needs of our students and community.
- COVID-19 – Dr. Gossett has been in communication with faculty/staff to provide information as this situation continues to develop. We will be making decisions as information comes in. At this time we are discussing alternative plans for Spring Fling. A school trip to Ecuador has been cancelled and the National Technical Honor Society inductions have been cancelled.

### **Chairman's Report** – Chairperson

### **Other**

### **Announcements**

- NCACCT Legislative/Law Seminar scheduled for March 18-20, 2020 in Raleigh has been cancelled.
- Each trustee must submit a Statement of Economic Interest to the State Ethics Commission no later than April 15, 2020.

### **Closed Session** - §143-318.11 (a) (1) (6)

Dr. Gossett asked that the meeting go in to Closed Session. Robert Ayers moved to go in to Closed Session. Gwen Conley seconded the motion, a vote was taken and the meeting moved in to Closed Session

Randy Hollifield moved to go back in to Open Session. Robert Ayers seconded the motion, a vote was taken and the meeting moved back in to Open Session.

No action was taken.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Bill Bach moved the meeting be adjourned. Kay Medford seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

**The next regular meeting of the MTCC Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 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