

MINUTES OF THE MTCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The McDowell Technical Community College Board of Trustees met in formal session on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 6:00p.m in the Universal Advanced Manufacturing Bldg. conference room. Meal was provided at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Bill Bach, Greg Barksdale, Gwen Conley, Susan English, Randy Hollifield, Nancy Hunter, Kay Medford, Donald Ramsey, Jim Washburn

Others present: Administrators/Staff: Dr. John Gossett, Dr. Penny Cross, Madalyn Gaito, Ryan Garrison, Michael Lavender, and Dr. Beverly Watts

Media: None.

Call to Order – Chairperson

Vice-Chairperson Hunter welcomed the board members and called the meeting to order.

Prayer: Don Ramsey

Ethics Statement: Chairperson

Vice-Chair Hunter read the Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest statement. No conflicts noted.

Approval of Minutes – Chairperson

Vice-Chair Hunter called for approval of the board minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on October 10, 2019. Randy Hollifield made a motion to approve the minutes. Don Ramsey seconded and the minutes were approved.

Vice-Chair Hunter called for approval of the board minutes from the closed session meeting held on October 10, 2019. Gwen Conley made a motion to approve the minutes. Greg Barksdale 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 for the month ended October 31, 2019. (handout) Jim Washburn made a motion to accept the financial report. Kay Medford seconded it and the motion passed.
- VP Garrison updated the board on the state budget. Still no budget; the legislature will reconvene in January.

Building and Grounds Committee Report – Chair Ramsey

Work is progressing on the Cosmetic Arts Building. The foundation is in place.

Personnel Committee Report – Chairperson

No report

Foundation Report – Chair Hunter

- Mrs. Hunter informed the board that Chip Cross, Executive Director of the Foundation has resigned, effective December 31, 2019.
- Mrs. Hunter reminded the trustees to submit their Foundation contribution.

President's Report – Dr. Gossett

1. Quality Enhancement Plan – Dr. Beverly Watts updated the board on the progress of the QEP. (handout)
2. Campus Update – Dr. Gossett
 - a. The student body elected Gabriel Allen as the Student Government President for academic year 2019-2020.
 - b. The Foundation Board Chair, Executive Director and Dr. Gossett have met with a consultant to discuss the Foundation. This was made possible by the Belk Endowment.
 - c. Dr. Gossett has scheduled meetings with representatives from UNC-A and Montreat College to discuss strengthening articulation agreements for MTCC students seeking to transfer to these two schools.
 - d. Annual Advisory Committee meetings were held last week for several departments. These meetings provide good input for our programs.
 - e. Dr. Gossett expressed gratitude to the local chapter of the NAACP for their recent donation of \$2000. This money was from proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast held in October.
 - f. Dr. Gossett will be meeting with individuals interested in pursuing baseball/softball teams at MTCC. Please share with those who may ask about athletic programs at MTCC – State money will not/cannot be used for athletic programs.
 - g. Recently attended graduation program for the Growing Entrepreneurs Marion program. This program has created over 80 business plans for individuals/groups seeking to develop businesses in Marion.
 - h. The photography department display is at MACA in downtown Marion through November 24, 2019.
 - i. Experiential learning will be a topic of discussion with businesses looking for work experience to be translated in to college credit.

SGA Report

No report.

Chairman's Report – Chairperson

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Other

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Announcements

Trustees are invited to attend the MTCC Faculty/Staff Christmas Brunch on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 10am in W. Harold Smith Building Room 113.

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

Don Ramsey moved to go in to Closed Session. Randy Hollifield seconded the motion and the meeting went in to Closed Session pursuant to § 143-318.11 (a)(1)6)

Don Ramsey moved to go back in to Open Session. Jim Washburn seconded the motion and the meeting went back in to Open Session.

No official action was taken.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Don Ramsey moved the meeting be adjourned. Kay Medford seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

The next regular meeting of the MTCC Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, January 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