

MINUTES OF THE MTCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The McDowell Technical Community College Board of Trustees met in formal session on Thursday, September 12, 2019 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

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: Don Ramsey

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 August 8, 2019. Ray McKesson made a motion to approve the minutes. Robert Ayers seconded and the minutes were approved.

Financial Report – VP of Administration and Finance

- VP Garrison presented the county detail budget for the month ended August 30, 2019. (handout) Randy Hollifield made a motion to accept the financial report. Kay Medford seconded it and the motion passed.
- VP Garrison reported they had received a paving quote from Johnson Paving Co. to pave the parking lot around the BLET building.
- Reported that the System Office will be taking a status quo budget to the State Board for approval in light of the fact that the budget has not been passed by the General Assembly and approved by the Governor.

Building and Grounds Committee Report – Chair Ramsey

Mr. Ramsey asked Dr. Gossett to report on the status of the Cosmetic Arts Building. Dr. Gossett informed the Board that foundation work has begun on the building and monthly update meetings with the construction company begins the week of September 16.

Personnel Committee Report – Chairperson

No report

Foundation Report – Chair Hunter

- Mrs. Hunter shared the MTCC Foundation Pledge card with trustees and explained that any financial amount is appreciated. She explained the importance of 100% participation in giving from board members as well as employees.
- The Foundation Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, September 20 at Linville Falls Golf Course. Eighteen teams are registered to play in the tournament.

President's Report – Dr. Gossett

1. Fall Enrollment (handout) – Dr. Cross shared fall enrollment data comparing 2016, 2017, 2017 and 2019 by program. Overall enrollment is up; currently at 1178.
2. Board Policy 1.25 Board Self-Evaluation (1st reading) – Ladelle Harmon explained the policy was in response to a new standard issued by SACS COC, requiring the governing body to self-evaluate on an annual basis. MTCC Board of Trustees has been conducting self-evaluations since May 2005. The second reading and a vote will take place at the October meeting of the Trustees.
3. Performance Measures (handout) – Dr. Gossett provided background on the 2019 Performance Measures for Student Success. All NC community colleges are evaluated on seven different measures. The methodology has changed this year; resulting in scores that are somewhat different from the past results. MTCC is currently ranked 10th out of 58 on overall scores; 3rd for credit math success and 5th in English.
4. Campus Update
 - a. BigFoot Festival – Just completed a promotional video featuring BigFoot and MTCC. This will be sent on via social media, local TV stations, and shown before the Friday night movie during the Festival. MTCC will serve as a satellite parking site for the Festival; running two shuttle buses from campus to Main Street.
 - b. Dr. Gossett reported on his meeting with the Western CC Presidents in Charlotte. One of the main topics of discussion was the MyFutureNC initiative set forth by Governor Cooper. Dr. Gossett will give a presentation of this initiative at the Board meeting in October.
 - c. Partnering with new businesses to create customized training programs.

SGA Report

No report.

Chairman's Report – Chairperson

The committee assignments have been made. Please contact Chair Stroud if you need to make a change in your committee assignment.

Other

A question was asked concerning representation from the Student Government Association. Dr. Gossett informed the group that Julie Padgett, who serves as SGA advisor, was trying to generate interest; asking students to run for SGA offices. The SGA elections will be held on Oct. 17.

Announcements

Western NCACCT Seminar - September 30, 2019 in Lake Junaluska. Registration will open by the end of August. This will be for new trustees, reappointed trustees and Ethics Training.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Don Ramsey moved the meeting be adjourned. Randy Hollifield seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

The next regular meeting of the MTCC Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, October 10th, 2019 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