

## **McDowell Technical Community College President's Council Minutes**

The President's Council met on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 2:00pm in the boardroom/Dogwood building.

Present: Dr. Gossett, Ryan Garrison, Elmer Macopson, Kelly Giles, Joan Weiler, Dick Mauney, Brad Ledbetter, Michael Lavender, Ladelle Harmon, Judy Melton, Dr. Benton, Eddie Shuford, Madalyn Gaito

### **President – Dr. Gossett**

- Headcount for spring 2017 is in and we are down by 60 students. Encouraged faculty and staff to seek to identify why students are leaving.
- Attended the recent MEDA board meeting where the announcement was made that new industry would be opening in the next several months, adding 250 jobs.
- Will be attending a work session with the Board of Education to discuss the suggested changes to the MCS school calendar.
- Attended the President's Quarterly meeting January 25-27 in Rocky Mount, NC; hosted by Nash Community College. Agenda items:
  - Updates from the System Office, NCACCT and the State Board
  - Changing Perceptions of STEM Occupations through Targeted Marketing and Outreach – presentation from SC Technical College system on their awareness and education campaign designed to promote these occupations as great jobs with great futures, competitive wages and opportunities for advancement.
  - Discussed strategies that could increase the community colleges' influence with the General Assembly; hiring a lobbyist was discussed and the majority of the president's voted against moving forward with the idea at this time.
  - The Future of Economic Development in NC – economy in NC is growing
- Budget planning is scheduled for the month of February. (see attached schedule)
- STEM Early College – The Department of Public Instruction has approved it for funding but still waiting on funding to be allocated. Dr. Gossett will be meeting with Mark Garrett and Chuck Abernathy (MEDA director) on Monday to discuss it.
- Foothills Nursing Consortium – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration to be held on Feb. 17 at Isothermal Community College. Featured speaker will be Dr. Anthony "Tony" Atala, the Director of the Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine, and the W. Boyce Professor and Chair of Urology at Wake Forest University.

### **Finance & Administration Report – VP Garrison**

- Tax information has been sent out and can be found on WebAdvisor
- Mike Sprinkle and his guys have done a great job building the sidewalk in front of building 11 (Cedar)
- The SIM Lab is in the design phase with completion expected in early fall 2017.

### **Continuing Education Report – Brad Ledbetter**

- Registration for the upcoming Fire, Rescue & EMS College, scheduled for March 17-19, is underway. Have received approximately 200 registrations to date.

- Brad expressed his thanks to Jorge Valentino for creating a new design for the folders that will be used in the Fire College.

#### **Institutional Effectiveness – Ladelle Harmon**

- The response to the SACS COC Fifth-Year Report is halfway completed.

#### **Distance Learning – Joan Weiler**

- A scam email has gone out to some of the gomcdowell gmail accounts. If you receive an email with “1098T recipient notification-important tax return document” in the subject line just disregard it. This is a scam email.

#### **Technology Report – Elmer Macopson**

- Thanked his team, Summer, Tab, and Sharon, for all their hard work over the last several weeks.
- They are in the process of dealing with server compliance issues, adding 10 cameras to enhance campus security, upgrading desk top computers.

#### **External Relations Report – Michael Lavender**

- Will be implementing new photo ID badge software
- Looking for volunteers to help with the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair which will be held in early April
- In early planning stage for MTCC 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.
- Scheduling a movie to be shown as part of celebration of Black History Month

#### **Universal – Eddie Shuford**

- Employers are looking for students who are trained in social skills (manners, appropriate dress, cooperation, ability to get along with co-workers). Encouraged faculty to look for ways to include this training/information in classes.

#### **Curriculum – Dr. Benton**

- He and Stacy Buff have met with MHS staff to discuss implementation of an Emergency Management Program at the high school.

#### **Grants – Dick Mauney**

- Currently working on a followup to the SIM lab grant through KP Reynolds. This grant would focus on working to establish mental health support services (Mental Health First Aid)

#### **Announcements - none**

Meeting adjourned – 3:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Cc: Email – faculty & staff