

McDowell Technical Community College President's Council Minutes

The President's Council met on March 20, 2018 at 2:00pm in the boardroom, Dogwood building.

Present: Dr. Benton, Dr. Cross, Madalyn Gaito, Ryan Garrison, Dr. Gossett, Bo Harmon, Michael Lavender, Kelly McFarland, Julie Padgett, Breanna Rose, Eddie Shuford, Terry Valentino, Dr. Watts, Joan Weiler

President – Dr. Gossett

- Spring Fling was a huge success! Thanks to Julie Padgett and SGA for coordinating the event.
- Attended the Manufacturing Pipeline Committee meeting today at Baxter. This included a tour of the plant. Baxter currently has a 30% turnover rate in employment but they are working towards changing that. They are preparing to invest up to 250 million dollars into the plant, moving towards more automation but there are still many jobs that are “hands on”. Mark Garrett presented information on the McDowell Academy of Innovation. This school will be housed in the current AEC location and is scheduled to begin August 2018. We will partner with MAI by sending instructors to their location as well as bringing their students to our campus.
- Participated in the NCACCP President's call in meeting last week. There was a lot of discussion about FTE numbers. See attached handout showing the estimated FTE per school. This is based on system office data. MTCC shows the biggest drop in NC. While we are not sure what these numbers will mean for our future budgets it is important to know that these numbers indicate a need for us to begin to do things differently. Each person is being asked to look at what you do and identify areas that can be addressed. We need to be willing to do whatever we can to make a difference. No ideas are off the table so please contact Dr. Gossett with any ideas that will move us toward the goal of long term growth. Julie Padgett has begun to visit schools that have higher percentages and will be compiling results from those visits.
- At the April Board meeting Trustees will be presented the 2018-19 Legislative Priorities from the NC Community College System. (see attached) The goal is to ask for full funding from the Legislature, seeking to end Management Flex. Trustees will be given contact information for Rep. Dobson, Senator Hise and the names of members of House Standing Committee for Education and the Senate Standing Committee for Higher Education. (see attached) Employees of MTCC are encouraged to contact government representatives to raise awareness of and needs for their areas/departments. To avoid breaking state lobbying laws

please contact them outside of work hours and do not use college resources such as phones or letterhead.

College & Career Readiness – Terry Valentino

- Dealing with the change in the funding formula for Basic Skills
- Met with Baxter to discuss hiring events.
- Continuing to work toward providing classes in the jail

Curriculum – Dr. Benton

Currently looking at three new programs: Applied Engineering Technology, Automation Engineering Technology and Mission Critical Operations

Developmental Studies & Quality Enhancement – Dr. Watts

- The McDowell Tech Expo is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2018 with 20 sessions on the schedule. The web site page is up and participants can register online or by completing an application included in the brochures. Please spread the word about this event.
- Camp Opportunity is scheduled for June 25-28, 2018 and we have 35 sessions on the schedule.

Distance Education – Joan Weiler

Is working on uploading summer courses to the VLC as soon as possible. Having our courses on the Virtual Learning Community site increases the number of students taking our online courses.

Enrollment Management – Julie Padgett

- Spring Fling was a great success. Thanks to everyone who donated items:
 - 22 packs of diapers
 - 49 packs of wipes
 - 45 bags of dog/cat food
 - Canned food, blankets, toys, and a donated dog crate
- Blood Drive – Thursday, March 22

Human Resources – Breanna Rose

Currently working on updating job descriptions for the upcoming SACS COC visit and will be updating the employee handbook.

Institutional Effectiveness – Ladelle Harmon

Course Instructor Evaluations will be distributed after Spring Break.

Learning & Student Services – Dr. Cross

- Congratulations to Julie and SGA on a great job with Spring Fling.
- Change is coming in Developmental and in Placement Testing but is not finalized.
- Registration for summer and fall 2018 classes will begin April 16.

Announcements

- **Please submit Print Shop requests in a timely fashion to ensure the staff has enough time to complete each job. They are good but not magicians!**
- **April 6 – EASE event at Universal with approximately 100 students from East Middle School**
- **April 20 – Makeup day for STREAM event**
- **April 30 – MTCC Foundation Golf Tournament**

Meeting adjourned - 3:00PM

Respectfully submitted,
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