

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

The President's Council met on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 2:00pm in the boardroom/Dogwood building.

Present: Dr. Gossett, Ryan Garrison, Dr. Cross, Dick Mauney, Dr. Benton, Kelly Giles, Michael Lavender, Elmer Macopson, Ladelles Harmon, Teresa Valentino, Eddie Shuford, Dr. Watts, Joan Weiler, Madalyn Gaito

### **President – Dr. Gossett**

- Provided an update on the Performance Measures presentation to the Board of Trustees. The Board members were very pleased and discussed ways to get the message out to the community. Dr. Cross and her staff are discussing ways to increase student retention and completion.
- Encouraged everyone to watch the video [Made in McDowell](#). This video provides good insight on what students value in work and education. Search YouTube for the title and it should pop up.
- Shared information discussed at the Western Presidents meeting that was held on September 23.
  - Attendance reports from most schools was either flat or up slightly. Three schools reported headcount decreases.
  - Considering hiring an attorney to review Title IX policies from all schools.
  - Discussed need for a community colleges to be represented with a stronger “voice” in media and in the Legislature.
- Shared results of a meeting with Claudia Ward-Eller, faculty member in Communications and Drama. Discussed ways to share the stories of McDowell Tech based on a class assignment in which Ms. Ward-Eller asked students to create an oral communication event based on answering the question: *How does an education at McDowell Tech change lives?* Ms. Ward-Eller will be reaching out to faculty/staff to collaborate on ways to share the positive message of MTCC.

### **Learning & Student Services Report – VP Dr. Cross**

The Telemedicine machine is not operable and has been sent back to the manufacturer for needed repairs. We will be notified when it is back and running.

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

- A work day is scheduled for Friday, September 30. He would like everyone to meet at 9:00am in the courtyard to receive work assignments. This will be a great time to spruce up the campus; mostly yard work and some light painting. Please bring tools, gloves or other equipment necessary to work with.

### **Developmental Studies & Quality Enhancement - Dr. Beverly Watts**

- ACA 115 classes are currently working on a service project to clean up the area around the tennis courts. The old cars will be removed and Dick Mauney has submitted a grant request to the USTA for help in refurbishing the tennis courts.

- ARC & Library Hours – please make sure the suggested hours are effectively meeting the needs of our evening students.

**Faculty Report – Kelly Giles**

Announced that Andy White, Instructor of Physics and Astronomy at WPCC, will be teaching Physics at MTCC this spring. This allows us to be fully compliant with SACSCOC requirements for the Associate Degree in Engineering.

**Announcements:**

- The Mountain Glory Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 8. Several MTCC departments will be represented. Contact Chip Cross at [ccross@mcdowelltech.edu](mailto:ccross@mcdowelltech.edu) for volunteer opportunities.

Meeting adjourned – 3:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

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