

McDowell Technical Community College President's Council Minutes

The President's Council met on Tuesday, May 2 at 2:00pm in the boardroom/Dogwood building. Present: Dr. Gossett, Ryan Garrison, Elmer Macopson, Dr. Cross, Dick Mauney, Michael Lavender, Eddie Shuford, Teresa Valentino, Dr. Watts, Ladelle Harmon, Brad Ledbetter, Joan Weiler, Madalyn Gaito

President – Dr. Gossett

- Dr. Gossett provided an update on the April meeting of the Board of Trustees.
 - The Board approved Holland and Hamrick as the design firm for the Cosmetic Arts building. Construction bids were opened April 25 and the lowest bid will be presented to the Board during the May meeting.
 - Brooke Waycaster was introduced to the Board as the Health Liaison/Practical Nurse Instructor.
 - PTK students, Mackenzie Silver and Raymond Oykere-Forson, shared the Commit to Completion program the group has implemented over the past academic year. This program encourages students to complete their classes, programs and degrees. Nicole Smith, PTK advisor, shared statistics on the increase in students who have completed classes since the program began last year.
 - Dr. Beverly Watts showed the Board one example of the tree identification signs that will be placed on the local greenway. These signs are beautiful and were designed and created by students in the machining and welding programs.
- Dr. Gossett met with the group of Western Presidents on April 28. Major topic of discussion was current legislation moving through the NC General Assembly. Proposed bills deal with allowing concealed carry of weapons on college campuses, expanding ability shared leave options for state employees, flexible scheduling for school systems and budget. More information on legislation can be found at: <http://www.ncleg.net>. The General Assembly has appropriated money to build a second NC School of Science and Math; to be located in Morganton. NCSSM will open its second campus in 2021 with an initial enrollment of 300 students. The school is seeking to partner with local community colleges and industries as they develop curriculum.
- Events: National Technical Honor Society Inductions – May 2, MTCC Foundation Golf Tournament – May 5, BLET Graduation & Paramedic Graduation – May 6

Finance & Administration Report – VP Garrison

The A/C unit, covering buildings 5,4 and 14, has died. Funds to replace the unit were requested in the most recent budget request sent to the County. He and Dr. Gossett will be attending the next meeting of the McDowell County Commissioners to request the money be expedited in order to replace the unit as soon as possible.

Learning & Student Services Report – VP Cross

Encouraged faculty and staff to continue to participate in community events when possible.

Institutional Effectiveness – Ladelle Harmon

Completing course instructor evaluations

Developmental Studies & Quality Enhancement – Dr. Watts

Camp Opportunity applications are coming in. Deadline to submit an application is June 2.

Universal – Eddie Shuford

The NIMS audit went well. One suggestion they made was to use a guest registration system at the front desk. The purpose of this would be in case of emergency evacuation of the building.

Grants – Dick Mauney

Continuing to work with the local Health Coalition to develop a mental health partnership; plan to conduct four healthcare forums to identify and address health issues/needs in the community.

External Relations – Michael Lavender

- If your area creates a Facebook page please make sure to assign an administrator position to Michael.
- Will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of MTCC with events taking place this September. The committee had an initial meeting on Thursday, May 4 and will conduct a second meeting on Tuesday, May 9 at 3:00pm.
- Please contact Michael if you have not had your photo taken for the website.

College & Career Readiness – Terry Valentino

Pleased to announce that six adults have completed requirements for their HS graduation.

Continuing Education-Brad Ledbetter

- Compliance review is coming to an end and all has gone well so far.
- Update on Fire School – participation showed the first increase since 2008; up 4% from last year. Testing rates continue to be excellent with a 93% pass rate.

Announcements

Meeting adjourned – 3:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
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