

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

The President's Council met on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 2:00pm in the boardroom, Dogwood building.

**Present:** Dr. Benton, Stacy Buff, Dr. Cross, Madalyn Gaito, Ryan Garrison, Dr. Gossett, Ladelle Harmon, Michael Lavender, Kelly McFarland, Elmer Macopson, Judy Melton, Summer Perkins, Breanna Rose, Teresa Valentino, Dr. Watts

### **President – Dr. Gossett**

- Thanks to everyone who represented the Tech at the Mt. Glory Festival.
- The October meeting of the Board of Trustees went well. Ladelle Harmon presented the trustees with three policies, two new and one revised, for a first reading. These policies will be voted on at the meeting in November.
  - BP 1.7 – Public Announcements and Media Relations (new policy)
  - BP 2.11 – Cancellation of Classes Due to Adverse Weather (revised policy)
  - BP 4.20 – Excused Absence for Military Service (new policy)
- Eight members of MTCC faculty/staff attended the NCCCS conference held Oct. 7-9. Betsy Ruiz and Dr. Gossett presented a session on the role of the Career and College Promise program in the community. Dr. Gossett attended the president's meeting where they discussed management flex, salary comparisons using the Southern Region as a measuring stick, and the effects of Hurricane Florence.
- A Candidate Forum was held on campus Friday, Oct. 12. Ten candidates attended and answered questions. The Forum was sponsored by the Local Food Advisory Committee. Dr. Gossett encouraged everyone to do the research and then go vote.
- The MTCC Foundation has recently received scholarship money from Crane Resistoflex (\$8000) and an anonymous donor who gave through the local NAACP (\$5000). Please let students know that scholarship money is available.
- The legislature just approved \$18.5 million in Hurricane Florence relief funds to community colleges impacted by the hurricane. The package includes:
  - \$5 million in emergency grants to assist students from disaster-affected counties with tuition, fees, and expenses so they can stay enrolled. Comparatively, UNC received \$2 million and the private universities \$1 million.
  - \$5 million for repair and renovation of local community college facilities based on information provided to the System Office by impacted colleges

showing preliminary facility damage estimates of approximately \$4.8 million.

- \$8.5 million in funds to offset an anticipated receipts shortfall due to enrollment declines. Only the community colleges received these funds. This appropriation benefits EVERY college in the system.

Please express thanks to Josh Dobson and Ralph Hise for their efforts to support this bill.

- The Buildings and Grounds Committee presented the BOT with two easement requests. One from the City of Marion and the second from Duke Energy Carolinas. These have to do with needs associated with the development of the land across the road (hwy 226) from our campus. The full board voted to approve these easement requests.

### **Allied Health – Judy Melton**

Congratulations to the most recent PNE students, 25 took the board exams and 25 passed!

### **College & Career Readiness – Terry Valentino**

They have hired two people and are looking to hire an instructor for the prison program.

### **Continuing Education – Stacy Buff**

Currently working on implementing a line workers program to begin fall of 2019.

### **Developmental Studies & Quality Enhancement – Dr. Watts**

- QEP Professional Development meeting is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 19 from 9am until 11:30am. All faculty and staff are asked to attend.
- Students from the MAI will be on campus Friday, Nov. 2 to explore careers.
- Forty-three students volunteered to help in the children's area at the Mt. Glory Festival. This was a great response from the students!
- A Joint Community Forum will be held on Thursday, Nov. 1 at First Baptist Church in Marion.

### **Finance & Administration – Ryan Garrison**

The business office is working with a new company to offer a payment plan option to students. This program is scheduled to begin January 2019.

### **Human Resources – Breanna Rose**

Annual employee evaluations will be sent out soon and should be completed by December.

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

- Encouraged everyone to check out the [FERPA page](#) and the [BIT page](#) on the MTCC website.
- Three banners, advertising MTCC, have been placed around town. They look great and thanks to Julie Padgett for her work with the City of Marion on getting those in place.
- October 25 – Fall Festival
- October 29 – Trunk or Treat at MHS
- November 18 – Christmas Parade. Would love to have lots of faculty/staff participation with the MTCC float.
- November 19 – Pre-registration for Spring 2019
- December 14 – Faculty/Staff Christmas Brunch

## **Technology – Elmer Macopson**

- Planning to install the new Image Now during the week of November 1
- Wanted to give a public, “THANK YOU” to Tab and Sharon who have been doing a great job this semester.

**Meeting Adjourned – 2:55pm**

Respectfully submitted,

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Cc: email – faculty & staff