

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

The President's Council met on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 2:00pm in the boardroom/Dogwood building.

Present: Dr. Gossett, Ryan Garrison, Elmer Macopson, Dick Mauney, Dr. Benton, Kelly Giles, Ladelle Harmon, Michael Lavender, Brad Ledbetter, Dr. Watts, Teresa Valentino, Madalyn Gaito

### **President – Dr. Gossett**

- Update on wildfires - The rain we received Tuesday night - Wednesday morning has helped tremendously. Tennessee had very high winds that started and spread the devastating fires in and around Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge. Thankfully we did not get the same winds and it appears that the US and NC Forest Services are gaining an upper hand on the fires in our area. Brad said the coordination and cooperation between all agencies has been the best he has ever seen. Ryan said the Forest Service folks are planning to leave the Universal Building this Sunday and will clean the floors before they leave. Because fire protection is such a big part of who we are at MTCC, we will always be a partner under similar circumstances and offer our services and buildings when needed.
- We have received approval from the State Board to move forward with plans for the Simulation Lab. Paperwork for the new building has been submitted and will be on the State Board agenda for their January meeting.
- We have two programs in process –
  - Landscape Gardening – the paperwork has been sent to SACSCOC.
  - Barber School – in the beginning/exploration phase, a dinner & discussion is scheduled for December 7 with local barbers
- Will be attending the SACSCOC annual meeting in Atlanta, next week, along with Dr. Cross and Bo Harmon. At this meeting we will find out if our QEP passed or not.
- The McDowell County School system is considering a “Four Seasons” academic calendar. A copy of the proposed calendar is attached. The School System will be having information meetings this spring. We will be in the discussion as it relates to MTCC.
- The Christmas Brunch is scheduled for Friday, December 16 at 10am in WHS room 113. This is a good chance to celebrate a great semester and to kick off a “fun, old-fashioned family Christmas”, so please plan to join us!

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

- Scott Wilson has been named the Interim Director of Maintenance. Any requests can be made through the Maintenance Helpdesk on your desktop. This software comes from SchoolDude.com so Scott will be called The School Dude from now on. He and his team have been very responsive to maintenance requests. As a reminder, the Maintenance Direct Requester Guide is attached.

### **College and Career Readiness – Teresa Valentino**

- Wanted to publically thank Mike Sprinkle for building picnic tables that helped create a break area for NC Works.

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

- Would like for everyone to be aware of time constraints in the Print Shop when submitting requests. Please plan ahead. While Jorge is a great designer, he is no miracle worker and needs a bit of time to create his masterpieces.

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

- New student orientation is scheduled for Thursday, January 5. Sessions are scheduled for 9:00-10:30am and 5:30-7:00pm
- Currently working on a new video for New Student Orientation.

### **Announcements**

- The McDowell United Way campaign is underway. The goal for MTCC staff/faculty is \$4000 and the student goal is \$300. To date the students have crushed it by reaching their goal. Faculty and staff are just a bit behind at 72.3%. The deadline has been extended to Friday, December 9 so let's work to make it to 100%! Contact Sharon Smith at [sharons@mcdowelltech.edu](mailto:sharons@mcdowelltech.edu) for more information. Your contributions are appreciated!
- Christmas Brunch RSVP to Ryan Garrison at [ryang@mcdowelltech.edu](mailto:ryang@mcdowelltech.edu).
- Professional Development for Faculty and Staff is scheduled for Thursday, January 5 at 10:30am in WHS 113. **All faculty and staff members are cordially required to attend this meeting.**

Meeting adjourned – 3:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Cc: Email – faculty & staff