# McDowell Technical Community College President's Council Minutes

The President's Council met on Tuesday, July11, 2017 at 2:00pm in the boardroom/Dogwood building.

Present: Dr. Gossett, Elmer Macopson, Julie Padgett, Dr. Benton, Bo Harmon, Dr. Watts, Teresa Valentino, Eddie Shuford, Brad Ledbetter, Dr. Cross

### President - Dr. Gossett

- Dr. Gossett expressed great thanks to Ryan Garrison for spearheading recent improvements on campus: lobby and café painting, extensive landscaping and paving of parking lots. Bridge inmates spent 3 days on campus last week. They completed landscape projects including mulching the bank and adding rock to several areas in the middle of campus.
- The Board of Trustees met on June 8<sup>th</sup>. At the meeting thirteen students were recognized as recipients of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges; Lena Effler was recognized as the recipient of the Academic Excellence Award; twenty-four faculty/staff members were recognized for Employee Service Awards. (see attachment) Appreciation was expressed to board members Haskell Davis, Eugene Holland and Jim Washburn for their service to the board. New board members have been appointed by the Board of Education (Mrs. Kay Medford) and the McDowell County Commissioners (Mr. Jim Washburn). We are waiting to receive the official appointment letter for the Governor's appointee.
- Contracts have been signed with the architectural firm of Holland and Hamrick for the new Cosmetic Arts Building. Dr. Gossett and Ryan Garrison will be meeting with Chuck Hamrick on July 12 to begin discussions on possible locations for the building.
- Dr. Gossett will attend a luncheon on July 12 on the future site of the Western NC School for Science and Math; on the eastern ridge of the North Carolina School for the Deaf
- Plans are moving forward for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Please contact Michael Lavender for more information on how to get involved.
- The preliminary budget has been received from the state. We anticipate being down approximately \$200,000.00 from this past year. We have not received the federal budget. Plans are to hold equipment budget money for the time being and all open positions will be carefully reviewed.
- Introduced our new Director of Enrollment Management Julie Padgett

# **Technology Report – Elmer Macopson**

- Currently installing UI46 which is a new interface for those using Datatel. The old one will be removed next week.
- Will be transitioning from WebAdvisor to Self Service in the coming weeks. Users should not notice any significant changes.
- Has received some new computers and will begin to replace those that are the oldest.

• Would like everyone to be vigilant in keeping computers bug and hacker-free. Do not open files/emails that appear suspicious. If you do open something and realize it is beginning to do harm to your computer pull the plug immediately – do not worry about shutting down the machine. Remember to update and maintain backups.

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

- PNE Class of 2018 is full.
- Good progress is being made on the Simulation Lab.
- MTCC will host the next MDC meeting. MDC partners with community colleges to improve the well-being of people on campus and engage with their community's health efforts.

#### Universal – Eddie Shuford

Hosting hiring events for Westrock and Baxters. NC Works is coordinating these events.

#### Institutional Effectiveness - Ladelle Harmon

The SACSCOC Board of Trustees reviewed the institution's Referral Report submitted following review of our Fifth-Year Interim Report in December 2016. No additional reports were requested.

## Developmental Studies & Quality Enhancement - Dr. Watts

- Camp Opportunity was a success with 145 students registering to attend classes at both MTCC and MHS. Lots of thanks to our teachers and volunteers!
- Professional Development is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15. We will begin at 10:30am for all faculty and staff, concluding by 2pm; lunch will be provided. A detailed schedule will be sent out by early August.

## **Announcements**

Professional Development for all faculty and staff – Tuesday, August 15 in room 113
 WHS building; 10:30am – 2:00pm. Lunch provided.

Meeting adjourned – 3:15pm

Respectfully submitted,
Madalyn Gaito
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