

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

The President's Council met on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 2:00pm in the boardroom, Dogwood building.

**Present:** Dr. Benton, Dr. Cross, Madalyn Gaito, Ryan Garrison, Dr. Gossett, Bo Harmon, Brad Ledbetter, Kelly McFarland, Elmer Macopson, Judy Melton, Eddie Shuford, Terry Valentino, Dr. Watts, Joan Weiler

### **President – Dr. Gossett**

- Recently met with a group working with the Community Engagement Project; including representatives from the East Marion and West Marion Community Forums. These groups are doing a great deal to help their communities and the plan is to branch out to Old Fort next. The Unity Statement was discussed. It is the MTCC position that we will serve everyone who comes in the door regardless of race, sex, creed, color, national origin, or preferences of any kind. We will treat everyone with respect....as we always have done. Dr. Watts serves on the Community Forum board and encouraged members of the East Marion and West Marion communities to attend the forums. The East Marion Forum is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the cafeteria at East Middle School. The West Forum is held the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Addie's Chapel United Methodist Church.
- Met with representatives from the Rotary Club who are interested in starting a student club, Rotaract on our campus. **Rotaract** focuses on the development of young adults as leaders in their communities and workplaces. This group will go through the procedures required of groups seeking to become a campus organization.
- Highlighted an email sent out by Blake Madden requesting help with photography students taking photos in classrooms and of various programs on campus. Encouraged everyone to grant access if possible; this helps the photography students and can possibly be used to promote our programs.

### **Continuing Education – Brad Ledbetter**

To date they have processed approximately 470 pre-registrations for the upcoming Fire, Rescue and EMS College. This event is scheduled for March 16-18.

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

Shared information on the McDowell Tech Expo-A Day of Exploration scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2018. This event seeks to provide an opportunity for the exploration of the different programs that McDowell Tech offers through hands-on

experiences. The hope is that this will increase the interest and awareness of the different programs that MTCC offers, thus leading to increased enrollment. We are still looking for instructors so that we can showcase as many programs as possible. This event is “self-supporting” in that the fees would be charged in order to cover faculty/instructor stipends and class supplies. Please contact Beverly if you are interested in teaching a class.

### **Enrollment Management – Julie Padgett**

Spring Fling is scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup> and the theme is, “Pay it Forward”. The idea is to encourage students to seek ways “pay it forward” by reaching out to those in need in our community. Local charities and service organizations are being contacted to share their information with students, food and supply drives are being organized and Julie is working with local animal shelters to host a pet adoption event.

### **Institutional Effectiveness – Ladelle Harmon**

- Budget hearings are almost completed.
- Will be sending out program review updates and dates for IE plans.

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

- Asking everyone to review their section of the 2018-19 Catalog. The working copy of the catalog is in her office. If you need to revise your section, please do so as soon as possible. **The deadline for revisions is March 16.**
- Graduation is scheduled for Friday, May 11. Planning is going well and a speaker has been confirmed.

Meeting adjourned – 2:45pm

Respectfully submitted,  
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