

**Manatee Technical College
Board of Governors
Minutes for October 14, 2016**

Present: Jahna Allen, Tom Athens, Ronnie Barber, Fred Bartholomew, Jay Bush, Omar Edwards, Tim Fanning, Eddie Fontaine, John Horne, Maura Howl, LaMoyne Johnson, Barbra Lasser, Bill Lee, Joshua Matlock, Martha Meyers, Karen Stewart, Bill Stoltz, Erin Sulbaron, Brion Sunseri, Michelle Todoroff, Valerie Viands, Loreen Vickers, Doug Wagner, Ian Womack, John Ziemnicki

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 am by John Ziemnicki.

Mr. Ziemnicki welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Introductions were made.

Minutes of the August 25, 2016 Meeting: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2016, meeting. Motion passed.

Review and Discuss:

Old Business:

Doug Wagner went over the list of programs that are not eligible for industry certifications. Out of 58 programs offered at MTC, only a few are not funded. Programs not eligible for industry certifications were marked on the current MTC Program Guides and distributed. Cosmetology might not ever be considered. Optometric might have a favorable chance from the state. Mr. Wagner recommends waiting to see what comes out this year as far as the language when the legislative session gets underway so we can monitor if any programs can be requested to receive funding for students receiving an industry certification. Mr. Ziemnicki recommends talking to legislators, state representatives to let them know what is needed and move from there.

Grants Update and Enrollment Reports: Mr. Wagner asked if the group had any questions from the grant report that was emailed prior to the meeting. Enrollment reports were reviewed and briefly discussed. Enrollment is up at all MTC campuses. MTC staff is continuing to work hard to keep the numbers up.

2016-17 MTC Budget: Mr. Wagner talked about the roll forward numbers. In the last two (2) years, MTC has a carry forward of almost \$2 million. These funds can be used if the money from Tallahassee isn't received in future years. MTC is well covered. Goal is to continue to put money in the bank for emergencies.

Reports from MTC Administrators:

Dr. Viands talked about SkillsUSA and HOSA results. An update was given on upcoming events for community service RAM, Open House, blood drives, and tours of all campuses.

Council on Occupational Education (COE) update:

Dr. Viands stated that this is MTC's year of accreditation. Staff members have been going through a self-study, creating narratives and collecting exhibits to prepare for our accreditation visit. The accreditation is broken down into ten (10) sections. It is required that plans from the various sections be presented to the MTC Board of Governors for review and approval. The two being presented at this meeting are Work-Based Activity Plan and Strategic Plan. Plans were reviewed

Work-Based Activity Plan: A motion was made and seconded to approve the Work-Based Activities as written. Motion passed.

Strategic Plan: A motion was made and seconded to approve MTC's 2016-2020 Long-Range Plan as stated. Motion passed.

Half-Penny Sales Tax:

John Horne from Anna Maria Oster Bar spoke about the continuation of the half cent sales tax increase. Manatee County is half a cent behind all surrounding counties. John explained how the half cent sales tax would be contributed and put to use. Flyers were available to take.

Other Business (group discussion):

Between all the BOG members, there was a lively discussion on how to better prepare students for the work force.

- Soft skills were really pushed.
- Everyone agreed that middle school should be considered more to introduce career information.
- Members suggested that maybe an internship be added as part of the programs at MTC.
- Get the word out about the benefits of Career and Technical Education and the shortage of qualified employees to meet the changing needs of our local workforce.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Future Meetings

January 26, 2017, 4:00 p.m.

April 13, 2017, 5:30 p.m.