



**Coffee with the President Notes**  
**President Curt Freed**  
**8:00 a.m. November 2, 2023, via WebEx**

- 1) There were 39 participants during this Coffee with the President gathering.
- 2) Curt expressed thanks to everyone who participated in the Trick or Treat Trail on Halloween. The last Trick or Treat Trail at MCC was held in 2018.
- 3) Curt welcomed new employees ShiLyn Provencio (Director of HR), Vanessa Pursley (Instructional Coordinator), and Sheila Roth (College Store Assistant).
- 4) The Collision Repair program received a \$20K+ grant from the Collision Repair Education Foundation. It will be used to purchase calibration equipment.
- 5) The employee health fair is November 3 from 7-10 a.m. in Founders Room. Those who signed up for blood draw health screenings or a flu shot were asked to be on time for their appointments. Walk-ins will be worked in, if possible. Jane Fries will send out an email with further details.
- 6) The CCCS Foundation Board & CCCS Chancellor Garcia will be visiting MCC the afternoon of November 3. The CCCS Foundation is visiting all the System colleges to learn about college priorities and needs and to make connections with local college Foundations.
- 7) MCC is under contract to purchase a property for a new Wray Center. It is a former gas station/mini mart at the intersection of Hwy 385 and Hwy 34 in a very visible location. The tentative closing date is December 19. An environmental inspection and building inspections will be conducted. This purchase demonstrates MCC's commitment to the community.
- 8) MCC staff will visit a potential property for a Bennett Center on November 6. The Town of Bennett administration has expressed their desire for MCC to have a Center in Bennett again. Curt noted that the area's population continues to expand, and a physical location in the region is important for the college's ability to serve that growth.
- 9) MCC staff will be hosting a meeting in Limon to make connections with community stakeholders on November 9. Troy McCue with Lincoln County Economic Development has been a key partner in instigating the meeting.
- 10) A dedication for the new MCC Veterans Plaza is scheduled for Friday, November 10 at 10:00 a.m. with light refreshments to follow in Founders Room. The local VFW helped fund the project.

- 11) Groundbreaking is scheduled for December on the Dahms-Talton Center for Skilled Trades & Technology. Some parking spaces will be unavailable during construction.
- 12) Chloe Hirschfeld reported that an engineer is under contract for the safety and security controlled maintenance project, and the design phase will begin soon. The project will include installing a new security system and cameras, rekeying doors, and reworking the fire alarm panel. An HVAC controlled maintenance project to replace additional HVAC units is scheduled for spring break 2024. Curt noted that the air noise in Founders Room has increased significantly since the HVAC unit was upgraded in that area and wondered if this could be addressed in the upcoming HVAC project. Chloe stated that she will mention it to Gene Kind.
- 13) Curt noted that the bathrooms on the east sign of Founders and the Founders kitchen sink are currently offline due to a sewer pipe that needs repairing. The repair will involve floor and concrete disruption. Curt noted that there are several events scheduled in Founders room prior to the holiday break and it would be good to have the bathrooms and sink operational sooner than later.
- 14) A Thanksgiving meal for employees is scheduled for November 21 from 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. in Founders Room. The meal will be partly catered and partly potluck. Jane Fries will send out an email with a signup sheet to fill food and volunteer slots.
- 15) The day after Thanksgiving (November 24) has been declared a Governor’s Holiday. Employees who have already had annual leave approved for that date should submit negative leave requests (-8 hours).
- 16) CACE events
  - a) Online Author Talks:
    - i. *Get Good with Money and Reach Your Financial Goals* with Tiffany “The Budgetnista” Aliche, Thursday, November 9 at 12:00 p.m.
    - ii. *Why She Writes - An Afternoon Chat with Joy Harjo*, Internationally Renowned Performer, Writer and Poet of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, November 16 at 2:00 p.m.
    - iii. *Power of Women in Science Fiction: Naomi Alderman on Writing Dystopian Worlds*, Thursday, November 30 at 1:00 p.m.
  - b) Author & Film Critic Walter Chaw, November 9, 6-7:30 p.m., Bloedorn Lecture Hall
  - c) Juried Holiday Art Show & Sale, November 13-December 21, CACE Gallery of Fine Art
  - d) Third Thursday Artwalk, November 16, 4-7 p.m.
- 17) Robbin Schincke will be directing a dinner theatre play being offered in conjunction with the Town of Bennett’s Art Council on November 18. It will be a 1950’s melodrama titled “Rebel Without a Clue.”
- 18) Christiane Olivo shared that MCC has been awarded a grant through the CCCS Teaching Excellence program. This will be MCC’s second year partnering with PPSC on providing training for faculty about high impact practices. MCC has been funded for ten training slots.

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19) Deb Coates shared that MCC received grant funding to provide DEI training in partnership with NJC.

20) Jane Fries noted that forty MCC employees are signed up for the NISOD Workshop at MCC on November 17. The training is being funded through the Title V grant.

Notes by Jane Fries, Assistant to the President