



President's Brownbag Notes

Dr. Curt Freed, President

October 27, 2022, 12:00 p.m. via WebEx

- 1) Participants: 36
- 2) Today is Bring Your Dog to Work Day (in costume).
- 3) The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) approved MCC's Associate Degree in Nursing program (ADN) for continued accreditation. Congratulations to all who helped make it happen!
- 4) The MCC Tutoring Center received certification from the College Reading & Learning Association (CRLA). Steven Norton described the rigorous certification requirements. He thanked Megan McDonald for being instrumental in obtaining the certification.
- 5) Curt expressed thanks to all who helped with the "GrowHer" event on October 20.
- 6) Feedback on Professional Development Day:
 - a) Dianne Purves noted that it would be nice to have a backgammon set available during game time.
 - b) April Amack said that the presentation on the funding formula was helpful.
 - c) Steven Norton felt that the Narcan training was valuable. Opioid rescue kits with Narcan have been placed by the AEDs in Aspen and Spruce. Kits will be placed in the outlying buildings, as well.
- 7) The current FTE for Fall Semester is 381.55 and is holding steady. Care Forward Colorado funding has boosted enrollment in late-start Nurse Aide courses in Wray and Burlington. The second session of Weekend College has also contributed to FTE stability. Overall, FTE is around 8% up over last year at the same time.
- 8) The Human Resources Department will be sending out updated salary notifications reflecting the 2% mid-year salary adjustment for full-time Faculty and APT staff. The increase takes effect November 1. Classified staff will also receive a 2% increase, but it cannot currently be applied to their base pay because their salaries are part of a bargained union contract through the Governor's Office. MCC will take steps to add this increase to Classified staff members' base pay at the start of the next fiscal year (July).
- 9) Dianne Purves inquired about Weekend College enrollment. Christiane Olivo indicated that enrollment is good, especially in ECE classes. Dianne noted that teaching her courses in the condensed timeframe of Weekend College has been challenging.
- 10) Curt shared that the college is continuing to pursue building a Center for Skilled Trades and Technology, which would house the Electromechanical Technology (ELMT) program. Recently it was learned that the groundwork and utilities infrastructure for the building will cost an additional \$1.6M, so leadership is exploring options to reduce other construction costs. College leadership

plans to request spending authority for the project at the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) meeting in December.

- 11) Curt, Tracy Schneider, Kathy Frisbie, and Robbin Schincke visited two properties in Strasburg to see if they might be suitable for a new Center location in the region. The college is currently recruiting a full-time Coordinator to serve that region, as well.
- 12) Giving Opportunities:
 - a) The Colorado Combined Campaign (with over 400 charities) is open for pledges through December 30. Donations can be given through payroll deductions.
 - b) Colorado Gives Day will occur on December 6. Gifts may be given to the MCC Foundation through this program.
- 13) The deadline for completing the CCCS Climate Survey is Friday, October 28.
- 14) A pumpkin carving contest for staff will be held in Founders Room October 28 from 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Photos of the carved pumpkins will be placed on social media so the community and staff can vote for their favorites.
- 15) CACE events:
 - a) Veteran-themed Art Exhibit, CACE Gallery of Fine Art, October 27 – November 11
 - b) Excellence in Business Series:
 - i) Workshop with Kerrie Lee Brown, November 3, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. in Founders
 - ii) Corporate Wellness presentation with Kerrie Lee Brown, November 3, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. in Founders
- 16) April Amack shared that a virtual live event will be held November 2, 2-3 p.m. with guest author Lisa Napoli. Ms. Napoli will speak about her book on the founding mothers of NPR.
- 17) Curt complimented Jorge Correa and Mitch Garrett on holding an excellent meeting with the Business Advisory Board October 27.

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