

**Manatee Technical College
Board of Governors
October 27, 2022**

Minutes

Present: Irmarie Casaine, Linda Chamberlain, Nick Choat, Chad Choate, Todd Fritch, Jenni Gilray, Deborah Hawkes, John Horne, Lisa King, Bill Lloyd, Josh Matlock, Colleen Maynard, Stewart Moon, Charles Murray, Tara Poulton, Laura Roberts, Valerie Viands, John Ziemnicki

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Mr. Matlock. Self-introductions made.

Minutes: *A motion was made to approve the minutes of August 25, 2022, meeting. The motion was seconded. Motion passed.*

Reports:

Grants Update: The Grants Update was emailed to members. Please note there is one correction on this report. The end date for the New ARP Funds added to CARES Act and CRSAA HEER Funds should be 6/30/23, not 6/30/22.

Council on Occupational Education (COE) Plans: Three COE plans were emailed to members for their review prior to the meeting: Standard 3 – Placement and Follow-Up Plan, Standard 5 – Media Services Plan, and Standard 10 – Student Services Plan. Dr. Viands asked for a motion to approve these three plans. *A motion was made and seconded to approve the three plans as submitted.* Discussion: Are any of the school's printers air printers or are they all networked? Answer: All of our printers are networked. There are a few typos in the Standard 5 report noted by Mr. Horne. He will provide the corrections to Dr. Viands and MTC will correct the typos. *The motion was passed to approve the three reports for Standards 3, 5, and 10 with the typos corrected.*

Director's Report: Dr. Viands reported that this was supposed to be our year of self-study for reaccreditation by COE. However, we received notification that the site visit will take place March 20-23, 2023. All standards, documents, plans must be reviewed and updated since the last CIE visit. The visit for review of our reaccreditation begins the day we return from spring break. So, we will need to have everything prepared and in place before leaving for spring break. Committees have been established for each standard and we are already busy reviewing for updates and making sure that information and communications are consistent in print, website, etc.

MTC has a new marketing and events coordinator, Tim Bekkering,

Upcoming events that will be held at MTC:

- November 16 – Education Day for Leadership Manatee will be hosted at MTC for the beginning of and end of day activities.

- Several tours from Manatee County secondary schools are scheduled for November.
- December 2 – School District of Manatee County’s School Choice Fair will be held at MTC Main Campus from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is a good opportunity for parents to be made aware of programs offered at MTC.
- Registration is open now for the Career and Technical Programs for January enrollment.
- Registration is also open for the monthly enrollment for MTC Adult Education programs. Adult Education has start dates each month.

East Campus Update: Dr. Gilray gave an update on MTC East Campus. She provided and reviewed a handout highlighting the great things that are going on in each of the programs. MTC East Campus is a fun place. She invited all to come for a visit and see in person the wonderful things that are taking place. A copy of the handout will be sent out with the minutes.

Dr. Fritch asked if MTC was expecting to the 2022-23 school year to be the year for COE self-study. Dr. Viands responded that, yes, we were planning to complete the self-study 2022 with a visit in the last part of 2023, during the 2023-2024 school year.

Dr. Fritch encouraged all to visit and tour east campus. He did, and it was great. Dr. Gilray acknowledged Dr. Fritch’s role in getting the new sim lab for the MTC nursing department.

Question: Is there any presence at old MTC West Campus. Answer: No, MTC Adult Education had been located there. Those programs have been relocated to the Main Campus. Being located at the Main Campus has helped us to integrate career pathways for the adult ed students into CTE programs. They are using classroom space in our CTE program areas and some of the classrooms on the second floor. We still really need the new three-story building for these programs to have a permanent home. Mr. Horne pointed out that there is still signage on 41 and other streets directing people to MTC on 34th Street. Mr. Matlock asked for an update on the new three-story building. We were ready to go on this project. The cost was between \$8 and \$9 million. The same plan is now going to cost close to \$12 million, leaving us short about \$3 million dollars. So, the District has put the project hold.

Mr. Matlock asked about the new aviation program, how is that coming along? Dr. Viands responded that the land lease has been signed. Issues have been raised on how or where we can put the building on the land. Once again, the drawings are complete. The cost for the hangar and classroom was \$8 or \$9 million and is now at \$13 million. The grant we have for this project is \$5.5 million. Funds from the grant are being used to get the program started. The grant requires matching funds. The District (Superintendent, Doug Wagner, Paul Gansemer) are working with Rick Piccolo to get matching funds for the facility. An advisory board is being established to get things going and to advise on the hiring of a coordinator for the program. We are in the very beginning stages of getting the aviation program started. Ms. Poulton asked if the District will be putting in any new requests for funds. Dr. Viands responded that we are.

Discussion Topics:

Hurricane Ian Recovery Efforts and Updates from Members: Mr. Matlock asked the members to share things they have been involved in.

Dr. Hawkes reported that CAN Community Health hosted three CAN Cares Days following Hurricane Ian. The first was held in Ft. Myers. They gave clothing, water, household items and goods to those in need. It was a very emotional week. People were in a tough way, very emotional event. The following Wednesday they were in North Port and over 1,900 people were served. Hard to believe, but North Port people were in worse shape than they had seen the week before in Ft. Myers. People were living out of box trucks. They needed tarps to put over back of trucks. CAN gave out about 350 tarps. CAN was in Arcadia the third week. Very sad, they discovered that there were no services being provided there. In Ft. Myers and North Port there were services from many organizations, FEMA, etc. Nothing in arcadia. The time spent in Arcadia and seeing the lack of services has inspired CAN to look into opening a clinic there. They are dealing with tough times right now. Good work, but very humbling,

Ms. Poulton discussed Manatee County business recovery. Help for businesses will be provided at the Chamber's Lakewood Ranch office through Saturday and beginning on Monday at SCF's Center for Innovation on the 26th Street campus. Assistance will be provided to anyone who needs assistance with submitting small business loans.

Mr. Matlock stated that there are disaster recovery centers around the state. The one closest to here is in North Port. Career Source has a presence there. They have \$2 mill from the Department of Labor to assist with recovery humanitarian relief. They are working with people who have lost their jobs due to the hurricane. If you know anyone who has lost their job, please direct them to the CareerSource Suncoast website to apply for assistance.

Mr. Horne has spent time in North Port after the storm. People don't realize the difference 50 miles can make. The difference between here and the devastation in North Port is mind-boggling. They were feeding people in North Port. He witnessed the gratefulness of the people they were helping. Dr. Hawkes talked about how many tarps were handed, out around 6000. Tarps help to keep people in their homes. Mr. Matlock stated we don't want people to leave the area and not come back. Tallahassee has moved the control center to Sarasota County.

Dr. Fritch said that the SCF Venice Campus had some building damage, lost roofs and lost water service. They have gone fully remote on college credit side to accommodate 9th and 10th graders. The Florida college association came together. They held three events at the Venice Campus to help faculty, staff and students with donations. People are incredible. Over 100 trees were lost on the Venice Campus. People came together and they were able to open the campus within two weeks. Don't know what the return to normal will look like. Hoping to return to somewhat near normal in January – again supply chain issue with materials for repairing roofs, etc. The community has been great.

Mr. Moon reported that at a recent Trane Conference he saw for the first time ever that their top three priorities dealt with getting technicians in industry for every job. There will be 1.8 million vacancies in technician jobs. Large manufacturers are waking up to this and partnering with tech schools. Why not partner with tech schools that are already set up to train? Air and Energy has constant job postings up. As far as Hurricane Ian, Air and Energy provides electrical services and watched live as systems went down and came up through the storm. Meters, breakers, panel

boards were impossible to find already – even worse since the storm. There is no availability in the US. What does a large commercial facility do? Mr. Moon talked about the changes FPL is making to deal with these shortages.

Ms. Roberts reported for the high schools. High school CTE programs are required to have two advisory council meetings per year. All councils are looking for members. Many high schools will have career fairs in the spring. We would like to have you there. The participants will be students who are juniors and seniors looking for a career. They are happy to have the Big Bank Theory program back. Big Bank Theory is a financial literacy program for seniors. Industry certifications leads to skilled workers; this is the focus right now. Working with seniors to get their FAFSAs completed.

Mr. Horne commented that he just attended the MTC hospitality advisory committee meeting. There are six students in the culinary program. The program no longer accepts dual enrollment high school students because we don't get paid for these students. Dr. Viands said that this is a FL DOE issue. To allow dual enrolled students into a program, the program must have a certification on the master credential list and be considered a high-skill, high-wage career. Career Source helps us get certifications on the list. This year we added Yamaha to list for the marine service technology program. The state is paring down programs that have traditionally been allowed on the list. Can no longer use ServSafe for the culinary program. What is the industry certification for hospitality? Answer: There isn't one. If students take the culinary program at their home high school, they can continue/complete the program at MTC. SCF's hospitality program is back. There was a time we had a 2-2-2 articulation agreement with MTC, SCF, USF – need to get that reinstituted.

Ms. Poulton spoke about the Big Bank Theory financial literacy program. All high school seniors, including the collegiate program at SCF are participating. Need volunteers for this program. At a minimum we need 60 volunteers each day. Morning, afternoon shifts are available. Students are loving it. It is a game. They are no longer teenagers; they are adults with a given scenario playing the game of life and living on a budget. They are given a budget and need to cover housing, utilities, food, car, etc. Going great. Students and volunteers really love the program. Anyone interested let Ms. Poulton know.

Mr. Choat – Sports Clips is heavily involved in the veteran community and is veteran-owned. The goal system wide is to raise \$1.7 million for their Help A Hero initiative. A local special event – Dream Flights takes World War II veterans up in the air. They are opening this up to Korean War veterans now. This will take place the week of Veterans Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m

Meetings for the 2022-23 School Year

Thursday, August 25, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 27, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 26, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 27, 2023, 4:00 p.m.