

AGENDA

MOUNTAIN EMPIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, November 14, 2017

4:30 p.m.

Kline Foundation Boardroom

1. Welcome and Call to Order – Mr. David Graham, Chair
2. Approval of September 19, 2017 Minutes
3. Administrative Reports
 - A. Chair – Mr. David Graham
 1. Recognition of Guests
 2. Holiday Luncheon – Friday, December 1st from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 3. College Feature – Power Lineman update – (Jeff Boggs, Program Coordinator/
Instructor and Lee Davis, Recruiter/Grant Administrator)
 - B. President's Report – Dr. Kristen Westover
 - C. Foundation Report – Ms. Bonnie Elosser
 - D. President's Staff Reports
 1. Academic and Student Services – Dr. Vickie Ratliff
 2. Financial and Administrative Services – Mr. Ron Vicars
 3. Institutional Advancement – Ms. Bonnie Elosser
4. Committee Reports
No reports
5. Old/New Business
 - A. College Way Resolution – South Entrance (Ron Vicars)
6. Public Comments/Other
7. Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, January 16, 2018
8. Adjournment (Dinner will be served immediately after Board meeting)



Mountain Empire Community College

ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Room: Kline Foundation Boardroom

Call to Order

The Mountain Empire Community College Advisory Board met on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in the Kline Foundation Boardroom at Mountain Empire Community College. Mr. David Graham, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

SCOTT COUNTY

Rodney Baker - Yes
Keith Wilson - No
Adrienne Hood - Yes
David Kindle - Yes

WISE COUNTY

Alane Lovern - No
Bonnie Elosser - Yes
Mike Abbott - Yes
Teresa Adkins - Yes
Betty Cornett - Yes

LEE COUNTY

Vickie Brown - Yes
Gail Elliott - Yes
Stacy Munsey - No
David Graham - Yes

CITY OF NORTON

Tim Cassell - No

DICKENSON COUNTY

Burl Mooney - Yes

OTHERS ATTENDING

Ms. Lana Kennedy, Association of Classified Employees, Chair
Ms. Sarah Gilliam, Faculty Senate, Chair
Dr. Vickie Ratliff, Vice President of Academic and Student Services
Mr. Ron Vicars, Vice President of Financial and Administrative Services
Mr. Kevin Cooper, President of Student Government Association
Mr. Tommy Clements, Dean of Industrial Tech
Mr. Jeff Boggs, Lineman Program Coordinator/Instructor
Mr. Lee Davis, Line Recruiter/Grant Administrator
Ms. Peggy Gibson, President's Staff
Dr. Kristen Westover, President

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. David Kindle to accept the September 19, 2017 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Betty Cornett and passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Graham reported on the following items:

- MECC Christmas Luncheon – Mr. Graham announced that the annual Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for December 1st from 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. in the Goodloe Center.

- ✚ Mr. Graham shared with Board members that Ms. Bonnie Elosser has agreed to serve as Interim Director for the MECC Foundation and is currently a non-voting member of the MECC Advisory Board.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Kristen Westover

Information Item(s):

✚ Activities Report

Dr. Westover reviewed with Board members her current community involvement and activities report from September 20, 2017 through November 14, 2017 (*See Attachment Number One*) which included meetings with community members and representatives. Dr. Westover mentioned that she had received positive feedback from the “Meet & Greet” sessions held in each of our counties and thanked Board members for supporting the sessions.

Dr. Westover mentioned that she and members of the SACSCOC team will be traveling to Dallas, Texas in December for the 2017 SACSCOC Annual Meeting regarding the ten-year reaffirmation which will be in 2020.

✚ Updates

Dr. Westover also mentioned some upcoming meetings and new ideas for feedback:

- MECC Strategic Planning Meeting scheduled for Friday, November 17
- November Employee Birthday Month Celebration scheduled for November 27
- Build a possible “Secret Shopper” scholarship awarded to high school seniors planning to attend MECC in the fall
- Possible employee and student leadership series

✚ Enrollment Report (*See Attachment Number Two and Three*)

Dr. Westover presented the Fall Semester 2017 Enrollment Report. MECC headcount for fall is 2,680 compared to 2,656 this time last year, a decrease of (5) percent. The College's FTE is 1,590 compared to 1,601 this time last year; down (1) percent.

Dr. Westover also shared and reviewed with the Board the Fall-to-Spring retention and graduation data, which also included those who graduated and did not return. Dr. Westover mentioned that MECC is much more than just enrollment but heavily involved in seeing that our students succeed. She mentioned that this report shows that MECC is holding our own due to the hard work of Dr. Ratliff and her Staff, Mr. Vicars, and others involved in enrollment and student support areas.

PRESIDENT'S STAFF REPORTS

FOUNDATION REPORT / INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT REPORT – Interim Director, Ms. Bonnie Elosser

Ms. Elosser shared the following updates:

- MECC Foundation endowment is the largest within the VCCS system.
- As a result of community investment in the MECC Foundation, 275 unduplicated students received scholarships totaling \$201,685 during this past academic year; totaling \$551,000 in scholarships and other financial assistance awarded in 2016-2017.
- Ms. Elosser mentioned that gains on the endowment investments enabled the Foundation to provide approximately \$700,000 to fund the following programs at MECC:
 - AIMS Scholarships
 - A. Linwood Holton Governor's School
 - Career Coach program
- In addition, Ms. Elosser also shared that a group in Lee County is planning to establish a Lee County MECC Endowed Scholarship which will be headed up by Cynthia Kincer, MECC Foundation Board member. More information will be forthcoming.
- Year-end solicitation (card) will be sent out soon and will feature one of MECC's students.

VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AND STUDENT SERVICES – Dr. Vickie Ratliff

Action Item: (none)

Updates:

- Dr. Ratliff reported that the 2017 MECC Home Craft Days event was a huge success with record attendance.
- MECC's Old Time Music Program will be highlighted at an Appalachian conference in conjunction with the Hire Ed Conference in December.
- Aspen Prize for College Excellence invitation – Dr. Ratliff shared that MECC has been asked to apply as one of the 150 college's eligible to receive the Aspen Prize for College Excellence. Dr. Westover added that this is a testament of MECC's continued diligence in ensuring student success.
- Dr. Ratliff also shared with Board members that MECC is in partnership with the Virginia Student Refurbishment and Training Program (VA STAR) which is a program that allows students to refurbish surplus hardware from state agencies or private companies and earn IT repair certification. Once refurbished, these computers are then donated to families, students, and organizations who need a computer. Students in the VA STAR program can earn IT repair certifications and skill sets that can develop into well-paying jobs. MECC is only the second community college in the state to Virginia to join the program.

VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – Mr. Ron Vicars

Mr. Vicars reported on the following items:

- Local Funds Expenditure Report – Mr. Vicars reviewed with the Board the Local Funds Expenditure Report ending October 31, 2017. *(See Attachment Number Four)*
- Personnel Report – Mr. Vicars reviewed with members of the Board the MECC Personnel Report *(See Attachment Number Five)*.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

No report.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Resolution for State Institutional Route Additions: §33.2-313 (See Attachment Number Six)

Mr. Ron Vicars presented for approval the Resolution for the addition of College Way to the primary system of state highways. Mr. Vicars explained that College Way is the additional entrance/exit to the college and shared that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is requesting Board approval which will allow VDOT to add College Way to their regular maintenance schedule. A motion was made by Ms. Betty Cornett to accept the Resolution for State Institutional Route Additions: §33.2-313. A second was made by Mr. Rodney Baker and passed unanimously.

COLLEGE FEATURE (Mr. Jeff Boggs and Lee Davis)

MECC Lineman Program Overview - (See Attachment Number Six)

Mr. Jeff Boggs and Mr. Lee Davis shared with the Board some updates regarding the Power Lineman program.

Highlights from the presentation are:

- 19 students enrolled in the first cohort
- 15-week program
- First 2 weeks are Worksite Safety Training
- 10 weeks of Power Line Worker 1 Training
- Last 3 weeks are Commercial Driver's License Class A Training

Credentials Earned

NCCER Core, CDL Class A, CPR/First Aid, OSHA Blood borne Pathogens, OSHA 10, Intermediate Work Zone Safety, Forklift Safety, and Chainsaw Safety

Funding Sources

Appalachia Regional Commission Grant (ARC)
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Town of Big Stone Gap

Financial Aid for Non-Credit Training Resulting in Industry Credentials (FANTIC) 1/3
Workforce Credential Grant (WCG) 2/3
POWER Grant from Workforce Development Board

Business Partners

Davis H. Elliott, Powell Valley Electric, American Electric Power, Old Dominion Power
Nichols Construction, Scott County Telephone, Sunset Digital, Town of Big Stone Gap, and
Bright Ridge (Johnson City Power Board)

Suppliers (Local and State)

Duffield Lumber, Virginia Electric Supply, Terry Mullins Breakthrough Construction, Napa Auto
of Wise, Lowes of Wise, and Special Fleet Services

Other Comments:

- The non-credit lineman training will also enable students to earn a number of credentials to prepare them for entry into other industries.
- The power lineman career pathway presents a rare opportunity for former coal miners to retrain for jobs with the potential to replace the high wages formerly offered by the coal industry,

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 16, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

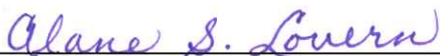
There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

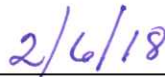


Kristen Westover, President & Secretary to the Board

APPROVED:



Chair/Vice Chair of the Board



Date

Internal and External Activities Since September 19, 2017

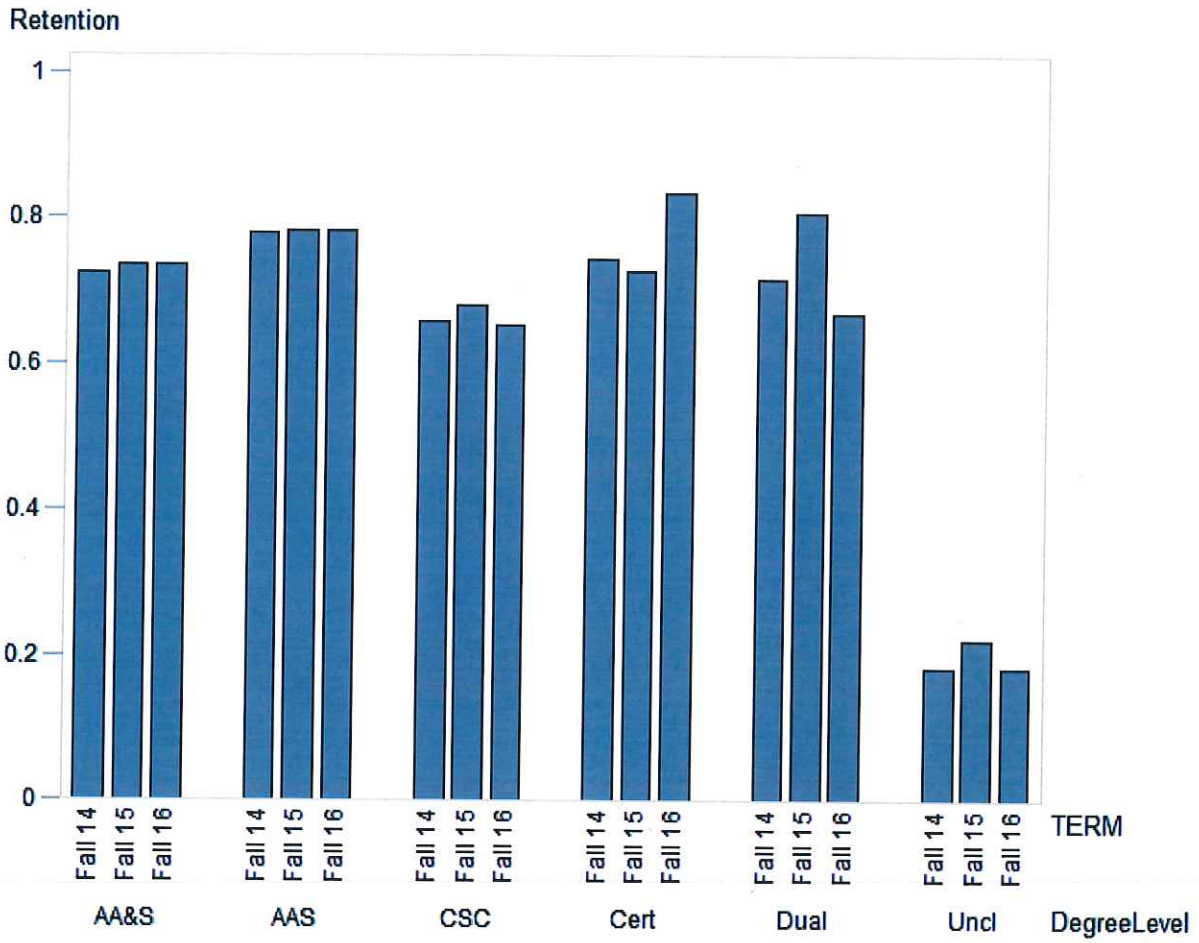
| Date | Internal/External |
|-------------|--|
| Sept. 21 | MECC Foundation - Scott County Event Fundraiser - Gate City, VA |
| Sept. 22 | MECC Nick England Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament |
| Sept. 25 | "Meet & Greet" Session - Pennington Gap, VA |
| Sept. 27 | Meeting with Tobacco Commission, Sara Williams (MECC) |
| | Operation Tomorrow's Workforce Leaders - Abingdon, VA |
| Sept. 29 | Vice President's Strategic Planning Retreat - Coeburn, VA |
| | |
| Oct. 1 | Pro-Art "Symphony of the Mountains |
| Oct. 2 | Cove Ridge Foundation Meeting - Natural Tunnel |
| | Speaking event - Delta Kappa Gamma - BSG |
| Oct. 3 | Meeting with Moses Bratrud (Career Coach roll out meeting) |
| | Conference call with Executive Coach, Kathy Johnson |
| | MECC Town-Hall meeting regarding Hydroelectric Pump Storage |
| Oct. 4 | Meeting with Dale Clark (President, Mtn View Regional and Lonesome Pine Hospital) |
| | Scott County Board of Supervisors Meeting - Gate City, VA |
| | "Welcome" meeting at Eastman Chemical - Kingsport, TN |
| Oct. 8 | Richmond, VA (SWVCC Presidential Selection Committee Meeting) |
| Oct. 9 | Richmond, VA (SWVCC Presidential Selection Committee Meeting) |
| Oct. 10 | Travel to Richmond, VA for ACOP and Chancellor's Retreat |
| Oct. 11 | ACOP and Chancellor's Retreat |
| Oct. 12 | ACOP and Chancellor's Retreat |
| Oct. 14 | "Friends and Family Alumni Event" - MECC Campus |
| Oct. 16 | "Meet & Greet" Session - Scott County, VA |
| Oct. 17 | Meeting with Dr. Clayton Hess, President of Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, TN |
| | "Meet & Greet" Session - J.I. Burton |
| Oct. 18 | Meeting with Rebecca Scott (Director, Regional Adult & Career Education) |
| | "Meet & Greet" Session - Dickenson County |
| Oct. 20 | Faculty Strategic Planning meeting |
| | College Wide Strategic Planning Meeting |
| | Home Craft Days Reception and Concert |
| Oct. 21 | MECC Home Craft Days Event |
| Oct. 22 | MECC Home Craft Days Event |
| Oct. 22 | Council of Presidents meeting - Richmond, VA |
| Oct. 23 | COP (Council of Presidents) Meeting (Richmond) |
| Oct. 24 | Meeting with VCCS Chancellor, Dr. DuBois |
| Oct. 25 | Southwest Virginia Public Education Consortium meeting - Abingdon, VA |
| | Meeting with Dennis Courtney and Keith Wilson, Kingsport, TN |
| Oct. 26 | MECC Foundation Board Meeting |
| Oct. 27 | Kingsport, TN (Meeting) |
| Oct. 29 | Richmond, VA (SWVCC Presidential Interviews) |
| Oct. 30 | Richmond, VA (SWVCC Presidential Interviews) |
| Oct. 31 | Richmond, VA (SWVCC Presidential Interviews) |
| | |
| Nov. 1 | (CCA) Community Colleges of Appalachia Conference, Moorefield, WV |
| Nov. 2 | (CCA) Community Colleges of Appalachia Conference, Moorefield, WV |
| Nov. 3 | (CCA) Community Colleges of Appalachia Conference, Moorefield, WV |
| Nov. 6 | Meeting and Facility Tour of Norton Community Hospital |
| Nov. 7 - 11 | "Moving the Needle Conference" and Aspen Reunion - Seminole Florida |
| Nov. 13 | Forum on Education - UVA-Wise |
| Nov. 14 | LMU Articulation Agreement signing |
| | United Way/Child Care meeting - Norton, VA |
| | |
| | Upcoming Meetings and Events |
| Nov. 15 | Richmond, VA - VCCS State Board Meeting |
| Nov. 16 | Richmond, VA |

**FALL SEMESTER 2017
NOVEMBER ENROLLMENT REPORT**

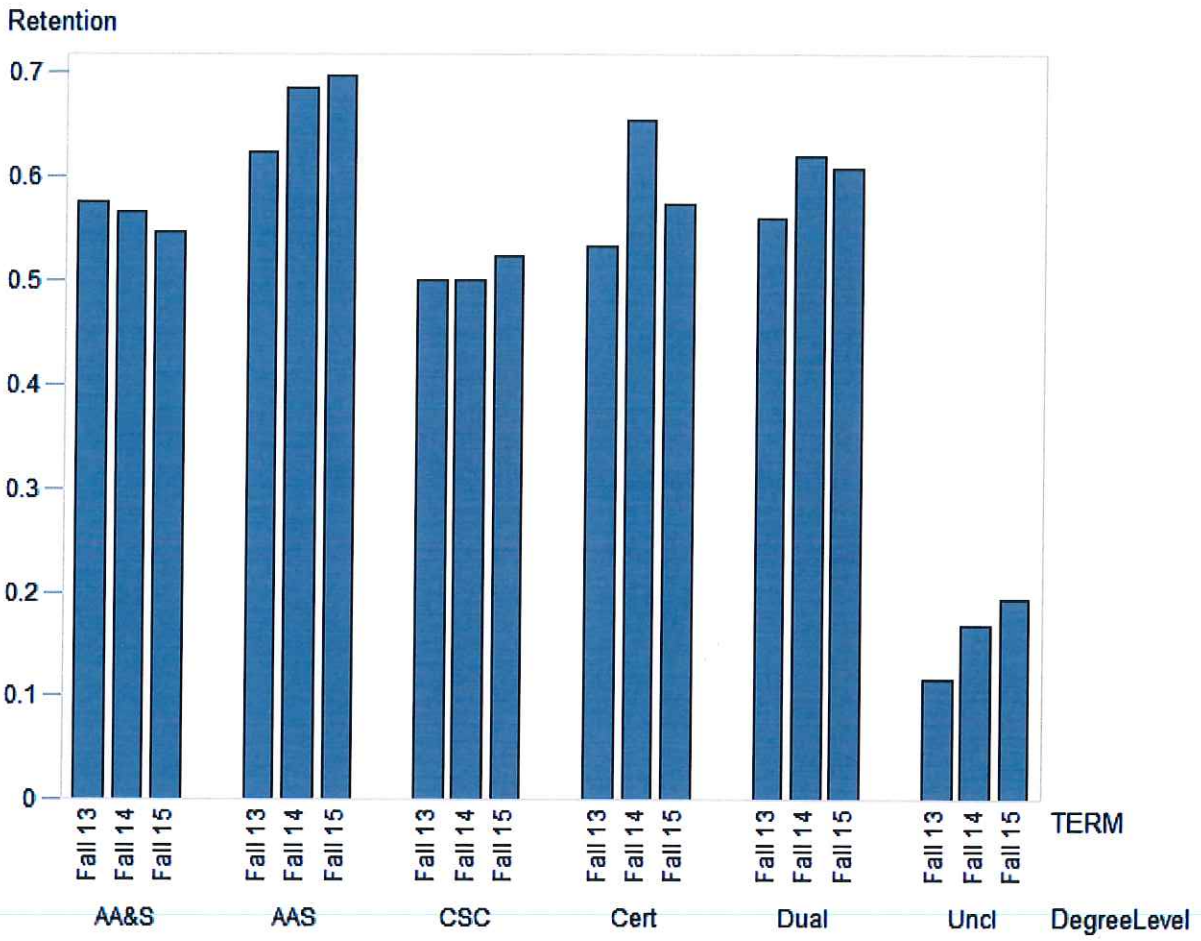
| HEADCOUNT | 11/15/16 | 11/14/17 | % CHANGE |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Full-Time | 1,119 | 1,061 | (5) |
| Part-Time | 1,537 | 1,619 | 5 |
| Male | 1,044 | 1,065 | 2 |
| Female | 1,612 | 1,615 | 0 |
| Total | 2,656 | 2,680 | 1 |

| FTES | 11/15/16 | 11/14/17 | % CHANGE |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 1,601 | 1,590 | (1) |

Fall-to-Spring Retention (Includes those who graduated and did not return)

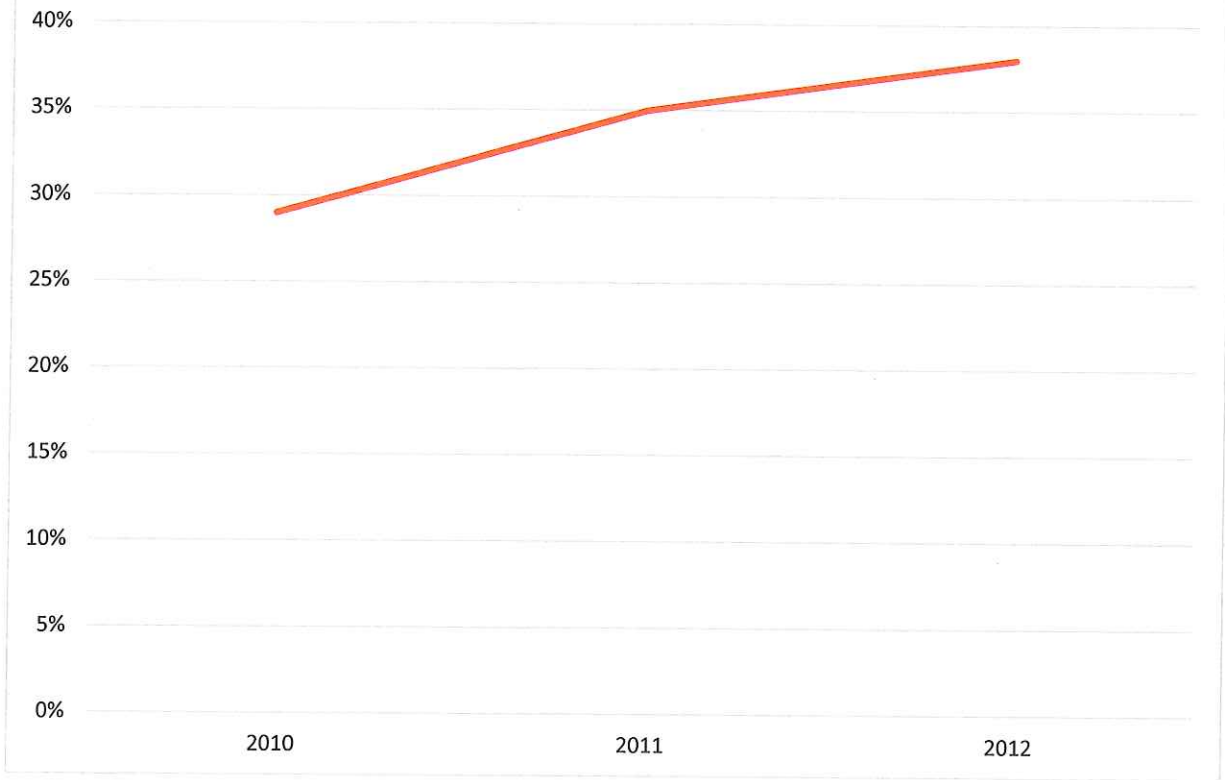


Fall-to-Fall Retention (Includes those who graduated and did not return)



Completion Rates by Cohort (Three-year window for graduation) (from IPEDS)

Graduation Rate

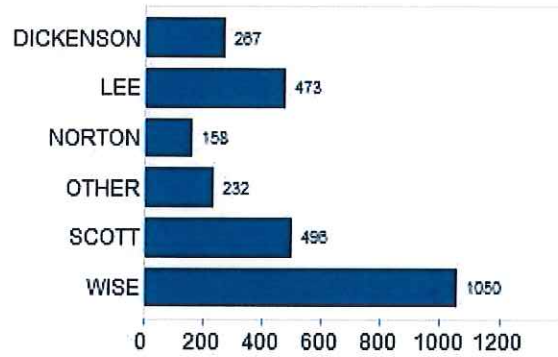


MECC Enrollment Report

Headcount and FTES by Division

| DIVISION | HC | FTES |
|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| ARTS&SCI | 503 | 390.93 |
| BUSINESS | 199 | 146.40 |
| CONTEd | 29 | 16.67 |
| DUAL | 911 | 428.27 |
| HEALTH | 555 | 362.33 |
| INDUSTRIA | 259 | 198.73 |
| UNCLASS | 220 | 46.47 |
| Totals | 2676 | 1589.80 |

Headcount by Jurisdiction

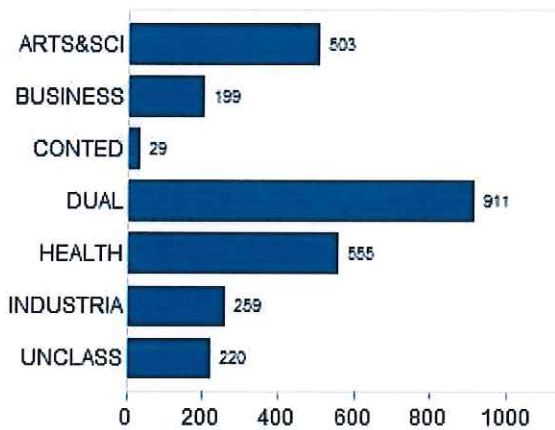


Enrollment as of 11/14/16:

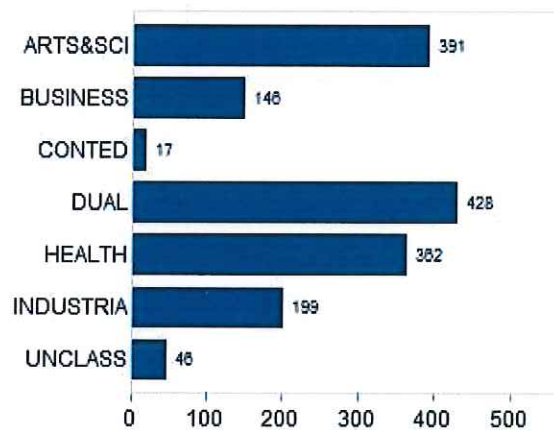
HC 2631 (up 1.7%)

FTES 1596 (down 0.4%)

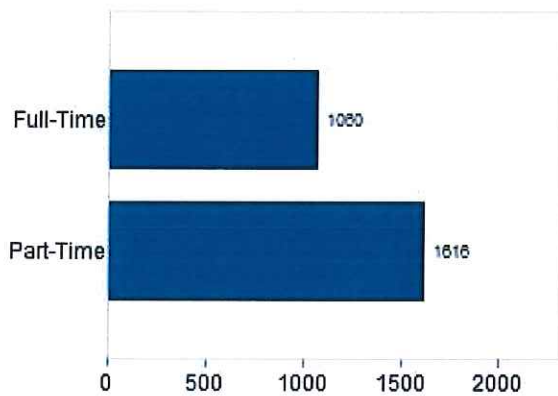
Headcount by Division



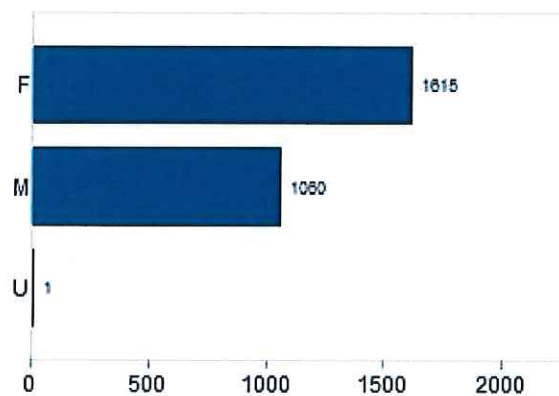
FTES by Division



Full-Time/Part-Time Enrollments

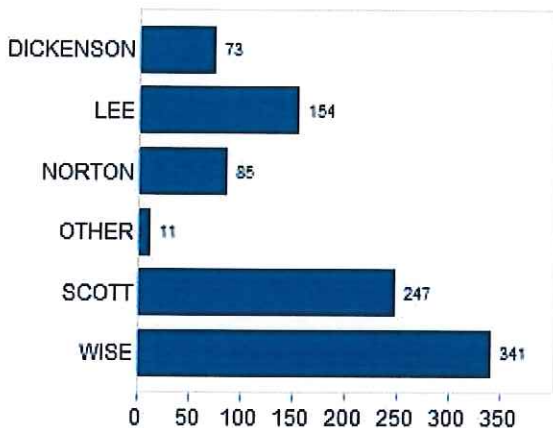


Headcount by Gender

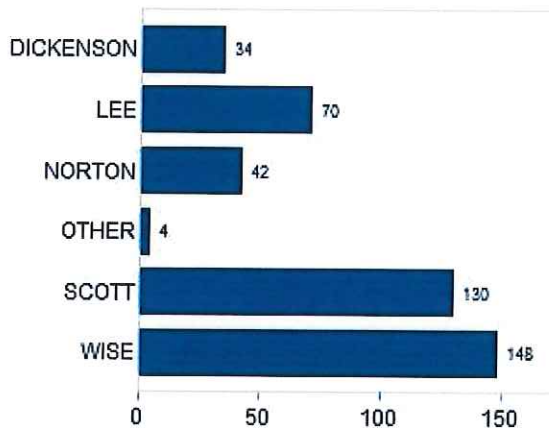


MECC Enrollment Report

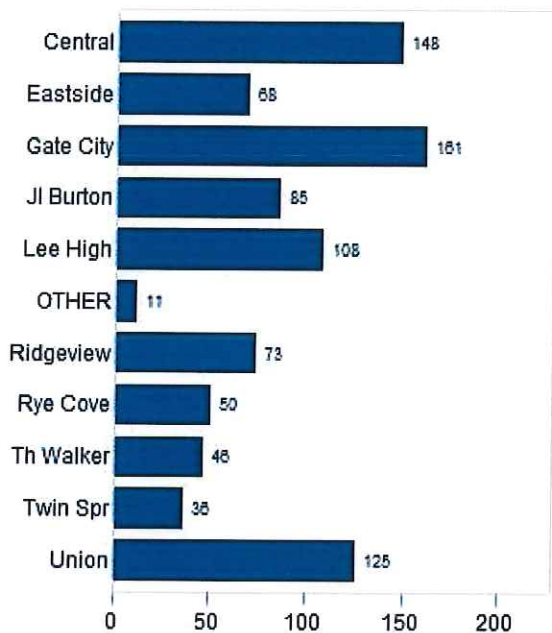
Dual Enrollment Headcount by County



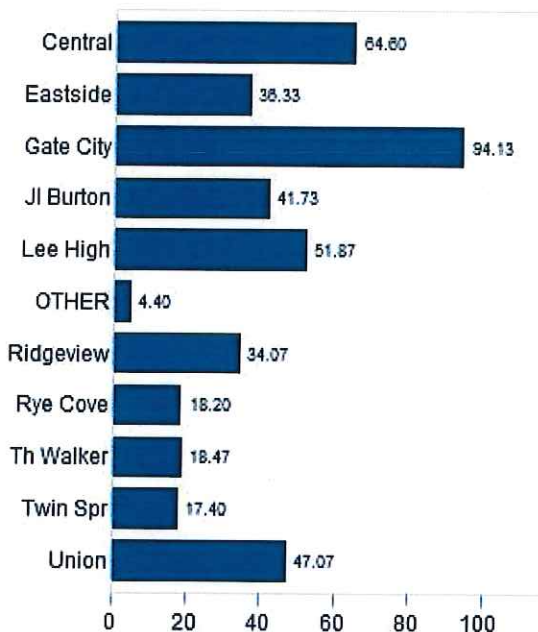
Dual Enrollment FTES by County



Dual Enrollment Headcount by High School



Dual Enrollment FTES by High School



Local Fund Expenditures Ending October 31, 2017

| Category | Budget 2017 - 2018 | Expenditures To Date | Budget Balance |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| I. Contributions of Localities: | | | |
| A. Maintenance & Operation: | | | |
| College Board | \$ 5,000 | \$ 551 | \$ 4,449 |
| President's Office | \$ 23,000 | \$ 10,082 | \$ 12,918 |
| Fiscal Operations | \$ 3,000 | \$ 1,727 | \$ 1,273 |
| Student Aid | \$ 30,000 | \$ 3,293 | \$ 26,707 |
| Home Craft Days | \$ 35,000 | \$ 8,655 | \$ 26,345 |
| Mountain Music School | \$ 26,000 | \$ 26,000 | \$ - |
| Site Development | \$ 3,000 | \$ - | \$ 3,000 |
| Total Maintenance & Operation | \$ 125,000 | \$ 50,308 | \$ 74,692 |
| B. Small Business Center | \$ 30,250 | \$ 7,563 | \$ 22,687 |
| Total Contributions of Localities | \$ 155,250 | \$ 57,871 | \$ 97,379 |
| II. Student Activity Fee & Vending Commissions: | | | |
| A. Student Activities | \$ 80,000 | \$ 36,693 | \$ 43,307 |
| B. Vending Operation Expenses | \$ 10,000 | \$ 396 | \$ 9,604 |
| Total Student Activity Fee & Vending Commissions | \$ 90,000 | \$ 37,089 | \$ 52,911 |
| III. General Auxiliary Fee: | \$ 180,000 | \$ 79,131 | \$ 100,869 |
| IV. Bookstore | | | |
| A. Salaries | \$ 220,000 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 120,000 |
| B. Textbooks and Supplies | \$ 900,000 | \$ 319,143 | \$ 580,857 |
| C. Operating | \$ 50,000 | \$ 12,466 | \$ 37,534 |
| D. Transfer to capital projects - One Stop Center | \$ 300,000 | \$ - | \$ 300,000 |
| Total Bookstore | \$ 1,470,000 | \$ 431,609 | \$ 1,038,391 |
| V. Contingency and Interest Income | | | |
| A. Transfer to capital projects - One Stop Center | \$ 100,000 | \$ 548 | \$ 99,452 |
| Total Contingency and Interest Income | \$ 100,000 | \$ 548 | \$ 99,452 |
| VI. Construction Projects | | | |
| A. Dalton-Cantrell Hall Renovation Site Work | \$ 18,585 | \$ - | \$ 18,585 |
| B. Solar Training Roof | \$ 5,075 | \$ - | \$ 5,075 |
| C. Parking Lot A-B Improvements | \$ 3,371 | \$ - | \$ 3,371 |
| D. Utility Survey | \$ 50,000 | \$ - | \$ 50,000 |
| E. Revised Campus Master Plan | \$ 100,000 | \$ - | \$ 100,000 |
| Total Construction Projects | \$ 177,031 | \$ - | \$ 177,031 |
| TOTAL ALL | \$ 2,172,281 | \$ 606,248 | \$ 1,566,033 |

MOUNTAIN EMPIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PERSONNEL UPDATE

November 2017

| <u>EMPLOYEE</u> | <u>POSITION</u> |
|---|--|
| <p><u>NEW HIRES</u></p> <p>Cindy Mosier Big Stone Gap, VA</p> <p>Alyssa Boone Coeburn, VA</p> <p>Tara Hulse Wise, VA</p> <p>Rachel Hubbard Duffield, VA</p> | <p>Accepted wage Switchboard operator effective 10/4/17</p> <p>Accepted wage Switchboard operator effective 10/4/17</p> <p>Accepted the Bookstore Clerk and Social Media Coordinator effective 10/13/17</p> <p>Accepted the Bookstore Clerk/Accounts Payable Clerk effective 10/23/17</p> |
| <p><u>OPEN POSITIONS</u></p> | <p>Library Specialist I replacing Brook Leonard (Wage) – Interviews have been conducted</p> <p>Director of Institutional Advancement replacing Donna Stanley (Offer was declined – re advertised)</p> <p>Trades Tech III - Screening committee reviewing applications</p> <p>Retention/Transfer Counselor – (TRIO) replacing Jessica Ketron – Interviews have been scheduled</p> <p>Education Support Specialist II – Perkins grant funded– wage - new position – Screening committee reviewing applications</p> |

RESOLUTION FOR STATE INSTITUTIONAL ROUTE ADDITIONS: §33.2-313

The Mountain Empire Community College Board in a meeting on the 14TH day of November 2017 adopted the following:

RESOLUTION FOR THE ADDITION OF COLLEGE WAY TO THE PRIMARY SYSTEM OF STATE HIGHWAYS

WHEREAS, Mountain Empire Community College has established College Way, a road situated within the grounds of its property; and

WHEREAS, College Way has been established and constructed to the standards set forth by the Virginia Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the roadway that has been constructed is and will remain open to the public and will provide a public service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mountain Empire Community College Board, per §33.2-313 Code of Virginia, requests the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner to assume maintenance of College Way, including but not limited to mowing, snow removal, and signage where appropriate of the section of road from Route 23 (Orby Cantrell Highway) to Route 387-INS 1 (Mountain Empire Road), a total distance of 0.24 mile, as shown on the attached addition sketch, fully incorporated herein by reference.

Recorded Vote:

Yeas: 11

Nays:

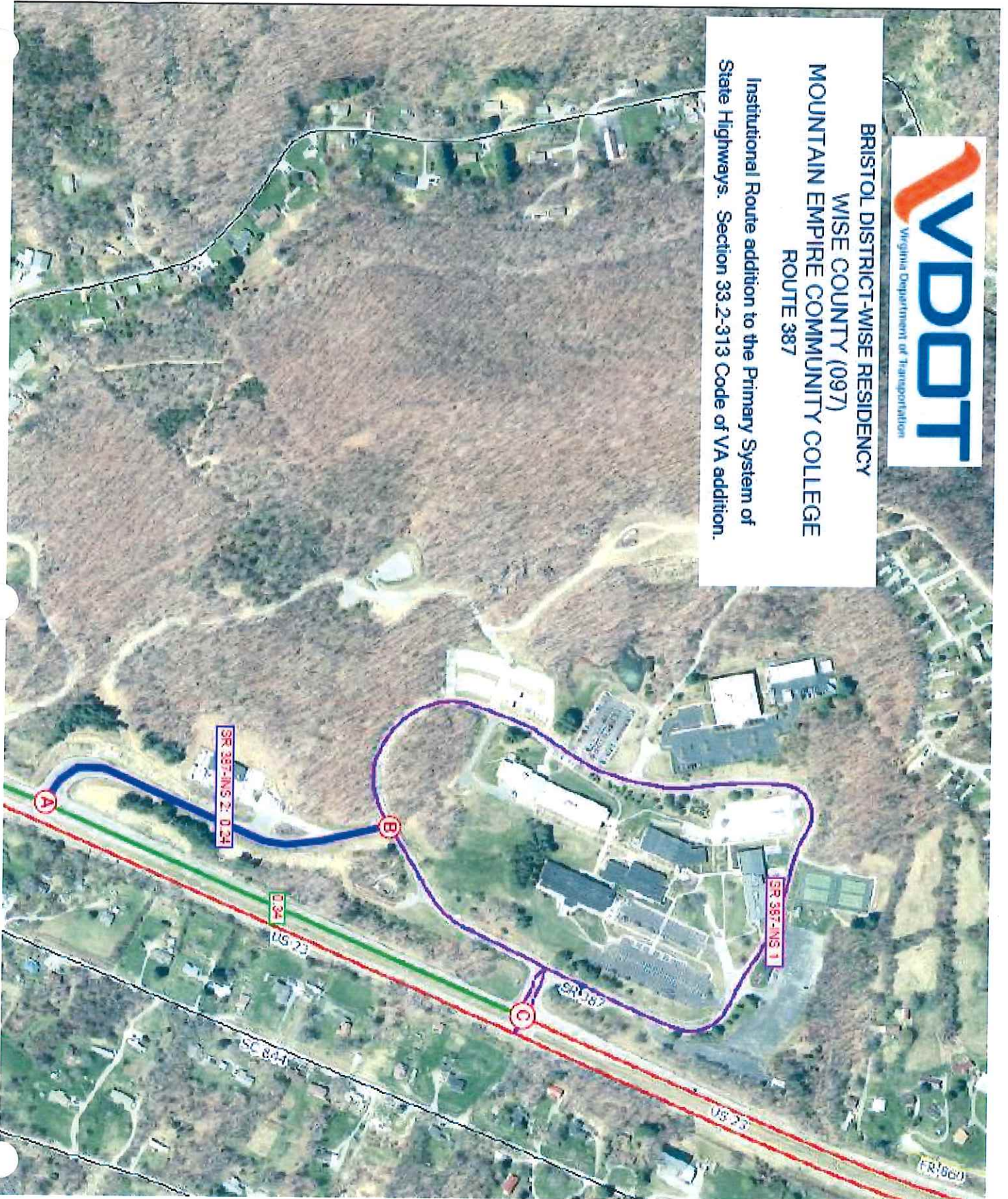


David Graham, Chairman
Mountain Empire Community College
Advisory Board

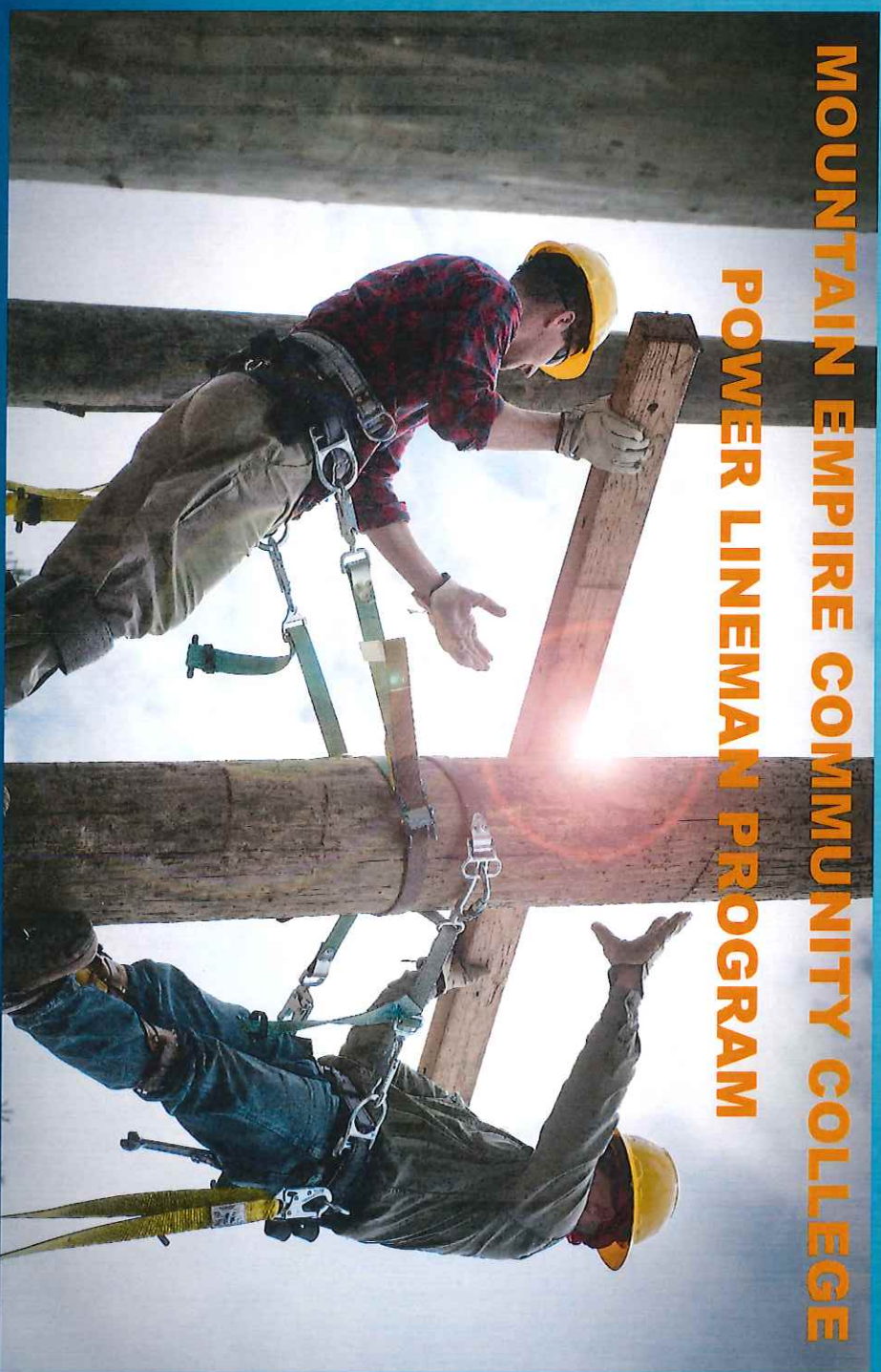


**BRISTOL DISTRICT-WISE RESIDENCY
WISE COUNTY (097)
MOUNTAIN EMPIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ROUTE 387**

Institutional Route addition to the Primary System of State Highways. Section 33.2-313 Code of VA addition.



**MOUNTAIN EMPIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
POWER LINEMAN PROGRAM**



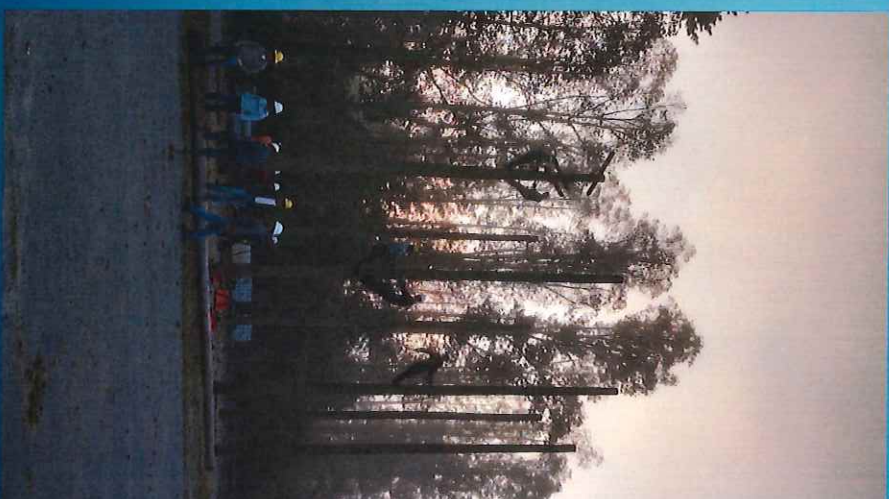
PROGRAM LAYOUT

- Jeff Boggs Instructor
- 15 Weeks
- First 2 Weeks are Worksite Safety Training
- Next 10 Weeks are Power Line Worker 1 Training
- Last 3 Weeks are Commercial Drivers License Class A Training



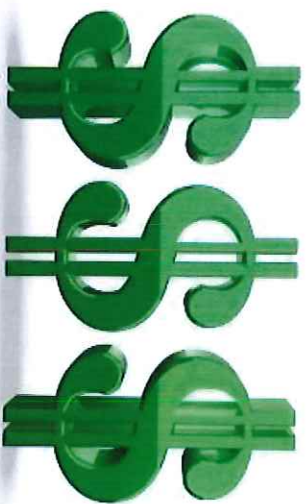
CREDENTIALS EARNED

- NCCER Core
- NCCER Power Line Worker 1
- CDL Class A
- CPR/First Aid
- OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens
- OSHA 10
- Intermediate Work Zone Safety
- Forklift Safety
- Chainsaw Safety



FUNDING SOURCES

- Appalachia Regional Commission Grant (ARC)
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Town of Big Stone Gap
- Financial Aid for Non-Credit Training Resulting in Industry Credentials (FANTIC) 1/3
- Workforce Credential Grant (WCG) Now Fast Forward 2/3
- POWER GRANT from Workforce Development Board



BUSINESS PARTNERS

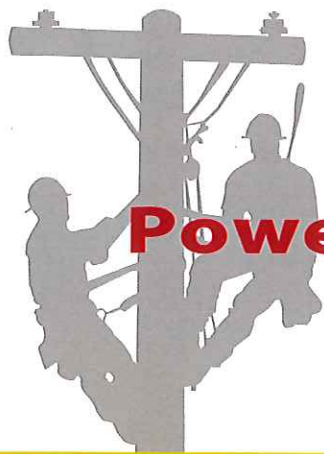
- Elliott
- Powell Valley Electric
- American Electric Power
- Old Dominion Power
- Nichols Construction
- Scott County Telephone
- Sunset Digital
- Town of Big Stone Gap
- BrightRidge (Johnson City Power Board)



SUPPLIERS (LOCAL & STATE)

- Duffield Lumber
- Virginia Electric Supply
- Terry Mullins Breakthrough Construction
- Napa Auto of Wise
- Lowes of Wise
- Special Fleet Services





Power Up with the Power Lineman Program



**Mountain Empire
Community College**

**The Power Lineman Program is a
15 week program made
up of 3 sections.**

- 2 weeks **Worksite Safety**
- 10 weeks **Power Lineman**
- 3 weeks **Commercial Driver's License Class A**

**Non-Credit Class
Tuition Assistance Available**

**When:
8:00am-6:00pm
Monday-Friday**

**Where:
Mountain Empire
Community College
& Big Stone Gap Armory**



Requirements

**270 lb. Weight Limit
Good Physical Condition
Pass DOT Physical/Drug Test
Valid Driver's License**

**Students should be aware that this is a
physically demanding training program
requiring heavy lifting, climbing and
outdoor activities in all weather conditions.**



Contact:

**Lee Davis 276-523-2400 ext. 211
leedavis@mecc.edu**

Administrative Specialist, Power Lineman Program

Peggy Gibson

From: Peggy Gibson
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 8:40 PM
To: Peggy Gibson
Subject: Mountain Empire Community College and The Town of B

Mountain Empire Community College and The Town of Big Stone Gap formally invite you to attend the “kick-off” ceremony for a new program in partnership with the Virginia Student Refurbishment and Training Program (VA Star). The VA STAR program allows students to refurbish surplus hardware from state agencies or private companies and earn IT repair certification. Once refurbished, these computers are donated to families, students, and organizations who need a computer. Students in the VA STAR program can earn IT repair certifications and skill sets that can develop into well-paying jobs. The program is administered through Prince William County Public Schools and the SPARK Education Foundation. MECC is the second community college in the state of Virginia to join the program.

- Foundation Endowment – 25 million – largest endowment in the VCCS. Thanks to the hard work done by donna Stanley and a very dedicated staff
- As a result of community investment in the MECC Foundation – 275 unduplicated students received scholarships totaling \$201,685.61 during the 2016-17 academic year. \$551,⁰⁰⁰scholarships and other financial assistance awarded in 2016-17.
- Gains on the endowment investments enabled the Foundation to provide funding for: Ames Scholarships: Governor's School Career Coaches and additional Scholarships *\$700,000 - Coming year!*
- The Ames Scholarship support is critical because this is an exceptional program and a great recruiting tool. The loss of these scholarships would be a significant loss.
- Lee County MECC Endowed Scholarship Committee headed by Cynthia Kincer.
- Year End solicitations – we are working hard to get these out for year-end giving. These have traditionally gone out very late and we are trying to get them out earlier – to compete with other regional institutions. So.... If you are looking for a place to make a very worthwhile investment by the end of the year.....