

**MOUNTWEST COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
INSTITUTIONAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MINUTES**

Thursday, March 21, 2024 @ 8:00 a.m.
Mountwest Community & Technical College – G07

PRESENT: Jeff Blatt, Jeff Goad, Josh Jett, Stacy Carroll, David Earl, Tom Gibson, Melanie Hall, Dinah Ledbetter, Mel Miller, Mark Morgan, Erin Rich

ABSENT: Cathy Burns

1. **Call to Order, Determination of Quorum: Mr. Jeff Blatt**

Mr. Jeff Blatt led the meeting for chairman David Earl, who was on zoom. The meeting was called to order at 8:00am and a quorum was established.

2. **Consent Agenda: Mr. David Earl, Chairman**

Approval of Minutes – February 15th, 2024- Tom Gibson made a motion to accept the minutes and Dina Ledbetter seconded the motion.

3. **Finance Committee Report: Mr. Mark Morgan & Kristi Williams, CFO**

Revenue was strong, expenses are under budget, cash position is still strong (see attached finance report for details). Tom asked for legislative updates. Baker informed the board that the raises passed but the funding formula is still being discussed. We are still waiting to see how that turns out.

2024-2025 Academic Year Tuition and Fees Approval- Kristi presented the attached tuition and fees schedule, and described the parameters the board must follow regarding an increase in fees and tuition and shared that the finance committee is endorsing a proposed 2.5 increase in tuition for in-state students, out-of-state students, and metro students. This increase would help the college to cover the cost of inflation and the PEIA increase. In addition to the tuition increase, there were some small changes to some program fees (see attached). Erin Rich, the faculty representative, abstained from voting. A motion to rates tuition and fees as proposed was made by Mark Morgan and seconded by Jeff Goad and approved.

4. **President's Report: Dr. Joshua Baker, President**

- Dr Baker talked about summer and fall enrollment looking good, but it is still early.
- There is still a lot of concern regarding the new FASFA. This is a national wide concern.
- The parking lot we owned behind the Marshall stadium was sold for \$185,000 and the money will be put in an account for student success.
- We had 216 students come visit the campus during the Advantage Valley recruiting day
- We had several student activities during March and April including Chalk the Walk, Hot Chocolate Bar, Root Beer Float Station, Student Appreciation Day, Trivia Competition against Bridge Valley, Stress Less Week and Countdown to Graduation.
- Our food pantry has just been restocked.
- Workforce development Highlights included a Tech Center signing party. There are 11 students that will be coming to Mountwest. This was covered by local news.
- Work on the Cyber Center has begun on the second floor
- Construction on the old café has begun.
- The learning commons bid will be going out this week.
- CJ Hughes program has been reviewed now that we have had it a year. It is a benefit to their employees and allows them to accelerate their earning potential quicker.
- Gradation is scheduled for May 3rd at Christ Temple

5. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Tom Gibson and seconded by Jeff Goad. Adjourned at 8:40am