



## Counselor Advisory Committee Meeting May 9, 2022, 8:30 AM Via Zoom

Present: **MACS** – Suzanne Kendryna, Michelle Cognetti; **MVCC** – Tamekia Smith, Panos Hadjimitsos, Emmanuel Esperanza, Tiffany Davis, Peggy Heenan, Andy Sarata; Chauntai Mack, Theresa Rivers **High Schools: 217** – Brian Schutz, **218** – Shirley Bennett, Mary Kate Farnan; Lindsey Mikols, Frank LaMantia; **220** – Lindsay O'Donnell; **230** – John Tadla, Jim Malec, Sarah Schultz, Matt O'Neill, Matt Long; **231** – Eileen Durkin

### Meeting Minutes

#### 1. MACS Updates –

Suzanne Kendryna reviewed the FY24 career exploration events. Additional details will be shared in the fall.

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| First Responder/Fire Safety Career Day     | Monday, October 2, 2023                     |
| Manufacturing Day                          | Wednesday, October 4, 2023 (date tentative) |
| Health Care Career Fair                    | Friday, October 13, 2023                    |
| Mechanical Technologies/Trades Career Fair | Friday, November 17, 2023                   |
| Job Shadow Day                             | Thursday, March 21, 2024                    |

Suzanne reminded the group about the fall dual enrollment due dates –

- Monday, August 14th - All changes to your fall dual enrollment student list are due (using the shared document).
- Monday, September 18th - All changes to your spring dual enrollment student list are due (using the shared document).
- Tuesday, October 17th - Spring dual enrollment course (WLD, HVAC, ASL, CIS/OFT, BNAT, EMT, CRJ) applications due to MVCC.

#### 2. MVCC Updates –

Career Connections/WIOA - Theresa Rivers and Chauntai Mack encouraged the counselors to share information with their graduating seniors about the Career Connections Youth Program. They highlighted the services offered to students and discussed that participants may be eligible to receive up to \$8,000 towards tuition and fees, which can be applied toward several MVCC certificate and degree programs. Informational flyers and brochures were shared via email with the CAC.

Student Success - Emmanuel Esperanza shared that all dual enrollment information sessions and dual credit articulation meetings will be held in-person beginning in the fall. There was discussion among the group asking that the “next steps” provided in the dual enrollment information slide presentations be uniform among the programs to include “complete MVCC application”.



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Career Programs – Tamekia Smith shared that their Pathways grant will be renewed through next year and updates will be provided in the fall about which dual enrollment programs will be eligible to utilize those funds.

Science, Business, and Computer Technology – Panos Hadjimitsos provided the following updates -

 [PUNW GUIDES rev C.pdf](#)

### **ICCB Trades Grant Application**

Expecting to hear back by the second half of May. Award will provide for tuition, fees, and books for one or more courses that are part of the [Manufacturing Intern certificate](#), all the way to completion while still in high school. If not completed by graduation, participants can use other supports, e.g., grants, One Workforce, etc., to complete the certificate. A stipend for each completed course is included. Soft skills and OSHA-10 training are included. And Forklift training for those 18 years of age. Best effort for some WBL will be provided.

### **Associate in Engineering Science, AES (curriculum code 2400)**

On track to start about 200 freshmen in August. One hundred of them Calculus I ready. Have had healthy enrollments in all [engineering courses](#), which ensures students will transfer as juniors not only with 60+ credit hours but ready to take junior level courses to a number of schools, including  [Purdue University NW](#), The Grainger (Engineering Pathways at UIUC), UIC, NIU, and IIT. Seeing increased participation by private schools.

Admissions – Andy Sarata thanked the group for all that they do throughout the year to help transition students to MVCC. Admissions will be sending a survey to the counselors to ask how they can improve, assist the counselors, etc. Andy stated that MVCC will be hosting the IACAC regional career fair on April 6, 2024.

3. Next Meeting – In person on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM.
4. Meeting adjourned at 9:24AM.