The College Council met on Thursday, April 18, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in the ATN Building on the Brewton Campus. Members absent were: Cornelia Miller, Kathleen Hall, David Jones, and Mike Tedder. Members present were: Susan McBride, Latitia McCane, Lee Barrentine, Tonya Nelson, Richard Lynn, Bernie Wall, Loletta Redmon, Beverly Gulley, Al Bennett, Tina McCune, Sherry Martin, Mike Kircharr, Marie Heaton, Sara Stallworth, and Ada Adams.

Dr. Susan McBride presided over the meeting.

She reminded everyone that graduation is scheduled for May 7th at 6:00 p.m. Then, she reviewed the revised College Council Meeting Schedule which was discussed at the previous meeting. Meetings will be held in September, October, January, April, and July.

Dr. McBride praised PTK students and chapter faculty advisors Mike Tedder and Loletta Redmon for the honors the chapter won at the 89th PTK International Convention in Nashville last week. The JDCC chapter was recognized as one of the 100 most Outstanding Chapters in the nation by Phi Theta Kappa International. This is the first time that JD has made it in the top 100. Considering that there are over 1000 chapters internationally, it is a big accomplishment for such a small college. The JDCC chapter also won all of the state level awards except one. Dr. McBride said that these awards were earned due to great student leaders and advisors.

The main focus of the April meeting was to discuss the Facilities Master Plan which is basically a five-year plan of what the college wants or requires for the best operation of the college. Although the state has not provided any funds in the past eight years for these projects, Dr. McBride hopes to receive some assistance this year. She said that completing the Facilities Master Plan and mailing to Postsecondary was necessary because we have to have state board approval before we can proceed with projects. Even if we have funds for purchases, items have to be placed on the Facilities Master Plan for approval. Dr. McBride said it is important to list everything we want or need. She asked Council members to brainstorm for items that they felt needed to be on the list. She stated that projects are put into one of three sections:

- Year 1 (2008-2009)
- Year 2 (2009-2010)
- Years 3-5 (2010-2011 through 2012-2013)

She said that categories within these sections are:
- New Construction/Acquisition Projects
- Renovation/Remodeling Projects
- Major Capital Equipment Projects
- Deferred Maintenance/Facilities Renewal
Currently on the list are a number of projects under new construction which includes more parking lots, new classroom building for Atmore Campus, and a classroom building for Fountain. Items already on the Plan for renovations include: (1) Renovation of Neal Building (external funds). Dr. McBride explained that the Neal Building is being renovated because the family that built the building provided the funds for the renovations. State funds will not be used in this project. Their donation was given for that specific building only; (2) Renovation of Nursing Lab, Biology Lab and Classrooms for Atmore Campus; (3) Library – Brewton; (4) Renovate Existing Buildings (including façades) for Atmore Campus

Major Capital Equipment items are already on the Plan which covers computer/network infrastructures. Many deferred maintenance items are already on the plan such as better campus security lighting, paving sidewalks, etc. on both campuses, building repairs on both campuses, and air conditioning repairs at Atmore.

Dr. McBride said that she received information prior to the meeting from the Atmore SGA with concerns about the Atmore Campus. Some of the items they were concerned about are already addressed in the facilities master plan (building renovations--to include flooring, ceiling tiles, painting, and facades). Some of these renovations can take place as routine maintenance (picnic tables that are broken, etc.). She stated that some of the concerns that are on the master plan can be addressed right away, and they will be.

She then asked members to brainstorm additional projects that they would like to propose for this list. Mr. Bennett said that he noticed two old satellite dishes as he came into the ATN Building that needed discarding. Dean Wall stated that it has already been addressed by the Safety Committee and maintenance has been notified to remove them. Tina McCune stated that the JDCC Website should be updated to reflect current information. She also stated that she has had a lot of trouble logging onto e-mail. Ms. Nelson stated that students should notify student affairs and that she had not received any trouble reports on the problem. Mr. Barrentine said that informing students who to contact with e-mail problems would be added to orientation sessions.

Another concern from the SGA was that the entire Atmore Campus needed renovations and that there was a big drainage problem, as well as large pot holes in parking areas. Dean Wall agreed stating that both campuses had drainage problems after a big rain and that the buildings were in need of repair. He also said that a lot has already been done such as reroofing all the buildings with the exception of the automotive shop. He said that all the buildings are in need of repairs since they were built in the sixties; however, needed repairs have to be prioritized due to availability of funds. Dr. McBride said that she would add the items mentioned to the Master Plan. Mr. Bennett stated that the Atmore Campus needed a facility that would hold from 150 to 200 people. He said that they are turning groups away because they don’t have room for them to meet on campus. Dr. McBride said that she would add that to the list, as well as equipment needed for such a room. She also said that it may be possible to build two divided classrooms that could be opened to hold large group meetings. The Facilities Master Plan is not due to Postsecondary until September. She asked that everyone let her know if they thought of something that should be added to the list before then.
The character trait of the month, cautiousness, was briefly discussed. Dr. McBride brought attention to the back page regarding identity theft and to the “Important Phone Numbers” stating that it is a good idea to check your credit ratings. She said that although identity theft may not be the issue, people having the same names could have a reflection upon the other’s credit, even if they live in different states.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ada Adams