

Miles Community College
Board of Trustees
Minutes
February 26, 2024

The Board of Trustees of Miles Community College met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., February 26, 2024, in room 106. The following Trustees were present: Jamie Ogolin, Ryan Jones, Jenna Janshen, and Jeff Okerman. The following Trustees were excused: Garret McFarland, Debbie Morford, and Tara Andrews. Also present were President Ron Slinger, Candy Laney, Kylene Phipps, Rita Kratky, Erin Niedege, Jerry Olson, Sam Giordanengo, Dirk Schmidt, Christina Poland, the Softball team, and Coach O'Connell.

Chair Ogolin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sam Giordanengo reported on National History Day, held for the first time in Eastern Montana and on the MCC campus. Forty students attended. The Foundation did give funds to pay for the breakfast and lunch. The winners go on to Bozeman to participate for State.

IMPORTANT DATES: President Slinger highlighted the following: the second and third week of March President Slinger will be out of town for meetings in Helena and the ACCT Leadership Congress.

REPORTS:

- A. Enrollment Services:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Vice President of Enrollment and Educational Support Services Erin Niedege reported on the following: VP Niedege gave an update on the new FAFSA regulations. Students are able to submit the FAFSA but there are some access issues. We will not be able to issue the awards until middle of March. HiSET graduation is scheduled for April 24.
- B. Student Engagement:** In Vice President of Student Engagement Richard DeShields absence, no additional report was given.
- B. a. Athletics:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Athletic Director Olson reported on the following: Our last basketball game was played on Sunday. The women played Dawson and won. They will play them again on Wednesday. Our men's basketball team will host Lake Region on Wednesday. Baseball started two weeks ago. Baseball player Lance Bratlien was named Player of the Week by the conference. Both the softball and baseball teams will leave Friday to travel to Arizona. The Buckaroo Bash made a little over \$83,000, which is a record. Rodeo starts April 11 at Bozeman with our Rodeo the following weekend. We just finished with the Reverse Raffle, in which we made over \$25,000. As of last Friday, the Athletic Director's fundraising total was \$127,000.
- C. Administrative Services and HR:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, VP Kylene Phipps reported on the following: With no updates, there were no questions.
- D. Academic Affairs:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, VP Kratky reported on the following: VP Kratky said our concurrent enrollment headcount is 247 and 100 FTE. CDL instructors Tyler Niedege and John Pawlak had the CDL testing auditor shadowing them. The auditor was very impressed with our program. We had two schools attend National History Day.
- E. President's Report:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, President Ron Slinger reported on the following: Next month President Slinger has asked VP DeShields to give us an update on the Athletic Strategic plan. President Slinger will be attending the ACCT Governance Leadership Conference in Long Beach, CA in March. He said he will be able to bring back training options for the Trustees from this conference. Custer County District High School will be coming on board with the Opportunity Realized Program this fall with their Pathways class. We have also discussed other ways we can partner with each other. They will be our 31st school district partner with our Opportunity Realized program.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee Jones moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Trustee Okerman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Introduction of New Employees:** President Slinger introduced Christina Poland as the new Dining Services Assistant.
- B. Introduction of Softball Team:** The women's softball team was introduced to the Trustees by Coach O'Connell.
- C. Spring Enrollment Update:** VP Niedege said that these numbers are still subject to change. Current FTE is 473.5 total which is down 1.17% and Residence FTE is 409.6

which is down .1% from last year. The total Headcount is 965, up 15.43 % from last year and the resident headcount is 891 which is 17.5% over last year. Annualized headcount is 1343 and annualized FTE is 465.92%. The overall retention rate is 82.972%.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- A. **Chair Report:** Trustee Janshen said that everything is on track for the year. We have a proposed resolution for repairing the semi-engine, which they are asking for a waiver of second reading.
- B. **Old Business:** None
- C. **New Business:**
 - a. **Resolution to Rebuild the Semi Engine:**

Trustee Janshen made a motion to waive the second reading. Trustee Okerman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Trustee Janshen moved to approve the resolution as written. Trustee Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE:

- A. **Chair Report:** Trustee Janshen said they were updated on staffing, Pioneer Profiles, digital compliance, and enterprise resources.
- B. **Old Business:** None
- C. **New Business:**

QUALITY AND ADVOCACY:

- A. **Chair Report:** Trustee Okerman said they discussed capital investment planning, operating system and Banner replacement. Lobbying challenges that may be coming up.

ACADEMIC CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. VP Kratky discussed the proposed changes.

Trustee Okerman moved to approve the Academic Consent Agenda as presented. Trustee Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Athletic Department Strategic Plan

Adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

The next regular Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in room 106.

Chair

Secretary