

Miles Community College
Board of Trustees
Minutes
January 22, 2024

The Board of Trustees of Miles Community College met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., January 22, 2024, in room 106. The following Trustees were present: Jamie Ogolin, Ryan Jones, Garret McFarland, Debbie Morford, Jenna Janshen, and Tara Andrews. The following Trustee was excused: Jeff Okerman. Also present were President Ron Slinger, Candy Laney, Kylene Phipps, Richard DeShields, Rita Kratky, Erin Niedge, Jerry Olson, Sam Giordanengo, Michael Preller, Carrie Preller, Brent (Woody) Smith, Danielle Dinges, Jay Wiebers, the MCC Rodeo team and Coach La Cross.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

IMPORTANT DATES: President Slinger highlighted the following: Discussed the upcoming events.

REPORTS:

- A. Enrollment Services:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Vice President of Enrollment and Educational Support Services Erin Niedge reported on the following: We had our annual visit from our SEVP field rep. All is well with the international students.
- B. Student Engagement:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Vice President of Student Engagement Richard DeShields reported on the following: Housing program is up from the last meeting. The average is well over the budgeted numbers. In the process of hiring dining services personnel. Martin Luther King's celebration has been moved to January 26.
- B. a. Athletics:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Athletic Director Olson reported on the following: Basketball will be home Wednesday and Thursday. Softball opens their season on February 10 & 11 in Minot. Baseball opens the week after that in Colorado, weather permitting. Volleyball Coach Cusimano has been recruiting. Coach Tait has scheduled the Cowtown Classic on March 16 & 17. Coach Bolstad had her camp last Saturday with 60 kids attending. The Reverse Raffle will be held on February 25 after the basketball games. This will also be livestreamed.
- C. Administrative Services and HR:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, VP Kylene Phipps reported on the following: VP Phipps highlighted the Pioneer Profiles for this month. This has been a great addition for our faculty and staff to get to know each other. The RFP is out for proposals for our student information system.
- D. Academic Affairs:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, VP Kratky reported on the following: With it being the first week of classes we are very focused on faculty and students. We are monitoring the class waitlists to make sure we get students moved into classes as other students drop. We now have 12 sections of our Opportunity Realized program.
- E. President's Report:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, President Ron Slinger reported on the following: The college has been recognized by the Miles City Area Chamber of Commerce as the 2023 Business of the Year for the Opportunity Realized program. Today we had our All-Employee meeting and discussed the president's report with the Trustees' initiatives and expectations. Encouraged staff and faculty to let him know if other commitments are being met and not on this list.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee McFarland moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Trustee Janshen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Introduction of New Employees:** President Slinger introduced Mike Preller and Brent (Woody) Smith as the new Maintenance Technicians.
- B. Introduction of Rodeo Team:** The men's and women's rodeo teams were introduced to the Trustees by Coach La Cross.
- C. Nursing Program NCLEX Update:** President Slinger discussed the NCLEX pass rates for our Nursing program, which is 77.27%. ACEN has three-tier criteria for accreditation. Schools must meet one of the criteria. With the three-tier changes at ACEN, we meet two of the three. Upon students testing for the second time, the

number of our students in our program who passed the NCLEX is 21 of 22 students who passed.

- D. **Spring Enrollment Update:** VP Niedege discussed the preliminary spring enrollment numbers and percentages. FTE total as of this morning is 417.5 which is a 9.86% increase over this date last year. We are ahead of last year because we have registered concurrent enrollment sooner than last year so this 9.86% will not hold. The headcount will be over 1000 this spring. The retention rate is 82.97%. This will move a little, but will still be over 80%. FTE will be up but not 9.86%; however, headcount will be up by double-digit.
- E. **Close the Loop – FAFSA:** Danielle Dinges reported on the federal changes to the FAFSA program.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- A. **Chair Report:** Trustee Andrews said that tuition and fees have already been processed but we have not gotten our payment from the general fund yet.
- B. **Old Business:** None
- C. **New Business:** None

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE:

- A. **Chair Report:** Trustee McFarland said everything that has been discussed today is in VP Phipps's report.
- B. **Old Business:** None
- C. **New Business:**
 - a. Resolution Calling for an Election

Trustee McFarland moved to have a resolution calling for an election. Trustee Morford seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- b. Change the Date of the May and December Board of Trustee meetings: Due to the Memorial Day holiday and Christmas holiday, we are asking for approval to change the dates from May 27 to May 20 and December 23 to December 16.

Trustee McFarland moved to change the dates for the May and December Board of Trustee meetings. Trustee Andrews seconded the motion. Motion passed.

QUALITY AND ADVOCACY:

- A. **Chair Report:** Trustee Jones said they discussed the Banner updates, legislative updates, and discussed the nursing program.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Athletic Department Strategic Plan

Adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

The next regular Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in room 106.

Chair

Secretary