

**Miles Community College**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Minutes**  
**March 25, 2024**

The Board of Trustees of Miles Community College met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., March 25, 2024, in room 106. The following Trustees were present: Jamie Ogolin, Ryan Jones, Garret McFarland, Jeff Okerman, Debbie Morford, and Tara Andrews. The following Trustee was excused: Jenna Janshen. Also present were President Ron Slinger, Candy Laney, Kylene Phipps, Erin Niedege, Richard DeShields, Jerry Olson, Sam Giordanengo, Dirk Schmidt, Jeremiah Hill, the Baseball team, Coach Frare and Coach O'Connell.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**IMPORTANT DATES:** President Slinger highlighted the following: Discussed the Permissive Medical Levy public forum that has been scheduled on April 15 in the conference room at 5:00 p.m.

**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: Discussed summer and fall enrollment. As of today, there are 46 FTE enrolled for fall and 38 FTE enrolled in summer classes, which are both higher than last year at this time. Traci Glasscock has been hired as the Dual Enrollment Coordinator. Her job in the Learning Center will be posted soon.
- 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: Discussed housing numbers in the residence halls. 2024/25 RA's have been selected. Dining has changed to order only breakfast and extended their breakfast hours. Hosted homecoming activities last month. Katie Pickering has been selected as our Campus Compact Student Volunteer.
- B. a. Athletics:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Athletic Director Olson reported on the following: Last week against Bismarck, softball swept them and baseball won 3 out of 4 games. Rodeo starts their season at MSU on April 11-14 and our rodeo is the following week, April 18-21. Discussed fundraising and community service numbers.
- C. Administrative Services and HR:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, VP Kylene Phipps reported on the following: Discussed staffing. Highlighted the Pioneer Profiles for March. The Bucking Horse Wall of Fame mural at the AAC is up and the announcer's stand has been built in the arena area.
- D. Academic Affairs:** In VP Kratky's absence no report was given:
- E. President's Report:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, President Ron Slinger reported on the following: Discussed the ACCT conference he attended last week. Updated Trustees on Opportunity Realized program and the Personal Finance Class. Thanked the Technology Committee for the work they have done on the ERP. Todd O'Hair has agreed to be our Commencement speaker.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. Introduction of New Employees:** VP DeShields introduced Jeremiah Hill as the new Dining Services Assistant.
- B. Introduction of Baseball Team:** The baseball team was introduced to the Trustees by Coach O'Connell.
- C. Athletic Strategic Plan Development Update:** VP DeShields said we are in the process of rolling out some environmental analyses. They will also be holding meetings with focus groups, student athletes, and coaches. They will be sending a survey to faculty, staff, and Board of Trustees. He also discussed the strategies and goals they are using to put this together.
- D. Close the Loop Presentation – Funding Formula:** President Slinger discussed the new funding formula analysis. He also said that any numbers over the submitted numbers are eligible for bonus funding. The legislature only funds us on Montana resident FTE.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

- A. **Chair Report:** Trustee Andrews said we have received February and March appropriations. The budget is on track. Three resolutions are being brought forward tonight. We are asking to waive the second reading for the Property Disposal Resolution.
- B. **Old Business:** None
- C. **New Business:**
  - a. **Permissive Medical Levy Resolution (first reading):**
  - b. **Resolution to Purchase a New Centra Boiler (first reading):**
  - c. **Property Disposal Resolution (first reading):**

*Trustee Jones made a motion to waive the second reading of the Property Disposal Resolution. Trustee McFarland seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

*Trustee Jones moved to approve the Property Disposal Resolution as written. Trustee Andrews seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

**HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE:**

- A. **Chair Report:** Trustee McFarland said they were updated on staffing,
- B. **Old Business:** None
- C. **New Business:**

**QUALITY AND ADVOCACY:**

- A. **Chair Report:** Trustee Jones said they discussed ERP and the Opportunity Realized Program.

**ACADEMIC CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Trustee Morford asked about the increase in the Equine program fees from \$700 to \$850. President Slinger explained course fees are based on the budget analysis and the program costs. This is a course fee that is only charged to the students taking the class, which is different than a mandatory fee which is charged to all students.

*Trustee Andrews moved to approve the Academic Consent Agenda as presented. Trustee McFarland seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- A. Athletic Department Strategic Plan
- B. Young Farmers and Ranchers Club is scheduling their Etiquette dinner and is requesting the April 22 Board of Trustee meeting time be moved to 4:00. It was decided that the meeting time would be changed to 4:00 p.m. and the HR committee would be moved to 3:00 on April 22.
- C. April Information Item - Nursing update
- D. President's contract renewal

Adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

The next regular Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Monday, April 22, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in room 106.

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Chair

Secretary