

**Miles Community College  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes  
December 16, 2019**

The Board of Trustees of Miles Community College met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., December 16, 2019 in room 106. The following Trustees were present: Debbie Morford, Sue Morlock, Jamie Ogolin, Jeff Okerman, Garret McFarland, Ryan Jones, and Tara Andrews. The following Trustees were excused: none. Also present were Interim President Aaron Clingingsmith, Candy Laney, Erin Niedege, Rita Kratky, Richard DeShields, Kylene Phipps, Jerry Olson, Pauline Flotkoetter, Nancy Aaberge, Jay Wiebers, Merle Blankenship, Dave McIntyre, Lisa Blunt, and Miles City Star Reporter Ashley Wise.

Chair Debbie Morford called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

**Public Comment:** Lisa Blunt commented on Policy 600.10.1. OCHE has said we can no longer provide this benefit, however not all employees are eligible for Medicare when retiring. They are asking that MCC Administration explore an alternative benefit to replace the current policy 600.10.1.

**Announcements:** Interim President Aaron Clingingsmith highlighted the following announcements: MCC will be observing MLK Day.

**REPORTS:**

- A. Enrollment Services:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Dean of Enrollment Management and Educational Support Services Erin Niedege reported on the following: No verbal report given.
- B. Student Engagement:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Dean of Student Engagement & Auxiliary Services Richard DeShields reported on the following: No verbal report given.
- D. Administrative Services and HR:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Dean of Administrative Services and HR Kylene Phipps reported on the following: No verbal report given.
- E. Academic Affairs:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Vice President Rita Kratky reported on the following: No verbal report given.
- F. President's Report:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Interim President Clingingsmith reported on the following: No verbal report given.
- G. Athletic Report:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Athletic Director Olson reported on the following: No verbal report given.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee Jones reported they had a very productive meeting. The budget is looking positive. During the Finance Committee meeting, Dean DeShields discussed the Residence Hall.
  - a. Dean Phipps brought a resolution forward to begin the bid process for summer repair projects and asked Trustees to waive second reading.

***Trustee Jones moved to waive the second reading. Trustee Ogolin seconded the motion. Motion passed.***

***Trustee Jones moved to approve the resolution to begin the summer project bid process. Trustee Morlock seconded the motion. Motion passed.***

**HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE:**

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee Okerman reported the committee discussed the President's Search and Policy 600.10.1.
- a. **Policy 600.10.1:** Interim President Clingingsmith said we are not congruent with OCHE and need to become compliant, but would like to ask for a six-month grace period. Trustee Okerman commented that this policy and recommendations have been discussed thoroughly and would welcome any thoughts over the next month. Trustee will go forward with second reading.

**QUALITY AND ADVOCACY:**

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee Okerman reported the committee was given an update on the MCC Foundation, HB 657, Community College Funding Model, and HB754, MUS Two-year Structure Review. MCC was selected to attend the NWCCU Student Success Academy November 19 – 21.

**ACADEMIC CONSENT:**

- A. Academic Consent Items:** VP Kratky discussed the proposed academic consent items.

***Trustee McFarland moved to accept all of the Academic Consent items. Trustee Andrews seconded the motion. Motion passed.***

**Future Agenda Items:** VA, Nursing Report, AAC update from Foundation

Trustees went into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m.

Trustees reconvened the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Trustee Morford adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

The next regular Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in room 106.

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Chair

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Secretary