

Miles Community College
Board of Trustees
Minutes
May 18, 2020

The Board of Trustees of Miles Community College met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., May 18, 2020, via Zoom. The following Trustees were present: Debbie Morford, Garret McFarland, Sue Morlock, Jamie Ogolin, Garret McFarland, Ryan Jones, Jeff Okerman, and Tara Andrews. The following Trustees were excused: none. Also present were President Ron Slinger, Candy Laney, Erin Niedge, Rita Kratky, Richard DeShields, Kylene Phipps, Nancy Aaberge, Jerry Olson, Pauline Flotkoetter, Garth Sleight, Sarah Kloewer, Jay Wiebers, and Star Reporter Ashley Wise.

Chair Debbie Morford called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

IMPORTANT DATES: Board of Regents virtual meeting will take place on May 20, Montana Legislative Audit Committee hearing will be held on May 20, MCC virtual graduation ceremony will go live on May 23. President Slinger thanked everyone who worked on the video. We are hoping to begin the Foundation meetings again on June 1. Board of Trustee retreat will be held on June 16. There will be no committee meetings in June due to the Trustee retreat. Board of Trustee meeting is scheduled on June 22.

REPORTS:

- A. Enrollment Services:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Dean of Enrollment Management and Educational Support Services Erin Niedge reported on the following: Dean Niedge shared details for our virtual graduation. We have 114 graduates as of last week but have had a few more names added and have had about 45 students submit photos for the custom slides. Dean Niedge will send the graduation video link to the Trustees when they receive it.
- 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: Currently we have three students living on campus. We were notified that the MonDak football game will not take place this summer. This will cause a budgetary impact on our housing and dining auxiliaries. We are still working with MedStart and Caba. ASMCC First Year Student award went to Jaxon Grogan and Second Year Student award went to Daniel Nelson. Homecoming court will be posted on social media soon. We have 89 students signed up for housing next year.
- 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: On May 6 the Department of Education unveiled a final rule changing how colleges and universities must handle allegations of sexual assault and harassment under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. We plan to be in compliance with this prior to the effective date of August 14, 2020.
- E. Academic Affairs:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Vice President Rita Kratky reported on the following: Faculty and staff days, May 4 & 5 were done via Zoom. Faculty have all grades in.
- F. Athletic Report:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Athletic Director Olson reported on the following: We opened the Centra to members only today following the Governor's strict orders on usage. Within the first hour we had four new members join. As of 2:00 p.m. we had 60 people go through the Centra with 11 being the most at one time.
- G. President's Report:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, President Slinger reported on the following: President Slinger thanked Dean Niedge and her team for all the work they did to get everything out to our graduates and working on the video. President Slinger heard from Beth Klempel, of BLM, regarding transferring the AAC property to MCC. The BLM is moving forward with their end of this process. This will be a discussion item during the Trustee retreat and with the Foundation Board. Rita and Ron will be meeting with AHEC regarding the CNA program. We are trying to develop a partnership with AHEC, which includes St

Johns, to train CNA's so students have academic credits not just a certificate. We have received notice of Stimulus funding as a result of the COVID 19 epidemic. The first round of funding totals \$264,000. We were notified of a second round of funding totaling another \$264,000. All of this funding is expected to be spent by the end of December 2020. Waiting for guidance as to what the funds can be used for. President Slinger has been collaborating with the Presidents at Flathead Valley Community College and Dawson Community College, they have agreed to work with lobbyist, Ed Bartlett, regarding a request to the State Legislature to implement a minimum of a one-year hiatus of the Community College Funding Formula Reversion Clause. President Slinger would like to discuss tuition waivers during the Board retreat. NJCAA approved not only an extra year of eligibility for athletes, but they have also expanded the number of athletes that can be on teams. On Thursday, because of COVID 19 and the flu season, Commissioner Christian sent a letter encouraging an early start date and ending the semester early. We are going to begin conversations regarding this topic and what it may look like for us. We are planning to have athletics this fall; however, we are waiting for direction from the Governor's office and his Phase 3 plan to decide what having community members attend sporting events might look like.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee Morlock moved to approve the April consent agenda. Trustee Ogolin seconded the motion with proposed changes. Motion passed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Summer/Fall Enrollment Update:** Dean Niedege gave the Trustees a snapshot as to where enrollment is as of today. They continue to work with returning students to get them registered. We will be registering nursing students next week and a SOAR session scheduled for May 28 which will give us an increase in enrollment, but our enrollment numbers will still be below the last two years.
- B. Nursing Program Update:** President Slinger and VP Kratky gave Trustees a Nursing program update. SBON has approved our Request for Variance which will be good through December 31, 2020. MCC was informed ACEN has officially granted program candidacy and this will be valid for two years. ACEN has been very impressed with everything that has been put in place by the Nursing Program. The only thing that is holding us back is our NCLEX First Time Pass Rate. They discussed strategies that have been put in place to increase our NCLEX First Time Pass Rates.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee Jones gave an update with budget status, revenue is steady or slightly up and expenses are down due to some of our open positions. AAC land purchase will be discussed at the retreat.
 - a. Stimulus Money:** We have received \$264,000 which has already been committed. We have been informed that we will be receiving an additional \$264,000. We are waiting for more direction as to how these funds can be used. These funds will need to be used by December 31, 2020.
- B. Old Business:** None
- C. New Business:**
 - a. Permissive Medical Levy (first reading):** Last year we activated the Permissive Medical Levy. We are asking Trustees to allow us to move forward with beginning the process this year. We will bring this resolution forward to the June Trustee meeting.

Trustee Morlock moved to waive the second reading to begin the process of implementing a Permissive Medical Levy. Trustee Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Trustee Morlock moved to approve beginning the process of implementing a Permissive Medical Levy. Trustee Andrews seconded the motion. Motion passed.

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE:

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee McFarland reported they were updated on staffing, MCC's COVID 19 response and Title IX update. HR committee will not meet during the months of Trustee retreats.

B. **Old Business:** None

C. **New Business:**

- a. **Oath of Office:** Jeff Okerman, Garret McFarland, and Jamie Ogolin were elected by acclamation. The election was certified by the County Commissioners. Jeff Okerman, Garret McFarland, and Jamie Ogolin took the oath of office.
- b. **Election of Trustee Offices:**

Trustee McFarland moved the slate of officers to be as follows, Trustee Jones as Chair, Trustee Ogolin as Vice Chair, and Trustee Andrews as Secretary. Trustee Morlock seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- c. **Committee Assignments (to begin in August):** Chair Jones will have committee assignments by the June meeting. These new committee assignments will take affect August 1.
- d. **Conflict of Interest Disclosures:** Forms were sent to Trustees via email on May 12.
- e. **Board of Trustee Self Evaluation:** Trustees were asked to have their self-evaluation through SurveyMonkey completed by June 1.

QUALITY AND ADVOCACY:

- A. **Chair Report:** Trustee Okerman said the committee discussed the COVID 19 response and legislative updates.

ACADEMIC CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. **Academic Consent Items:** VP Kratky discussed the proposed changes.

Trustee McFarland moved accept the Academic Consent Items as presented. Trustee Ogolin seconded the motion. Motion passed

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: VA, Nursing Report (give this update next month a more detailed report - Current status of our current students then what is expected by SBON, enrollment numbers for next fall), AAC update from Foundation, Student conduct Process & BIT, Anne Anderson and the Learning Center: Trustee Morlock would like to know more about volleyball and softball and have a chance to have coaches come in.

Trustee Jones adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

The next regular Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Chair

Secretary