

**Miles Community College  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes  
December 21, 2020**

The Board of Trustees of Miles Community College met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., December 21, 2020, via Zoom/face to face. The following Trustees were present: Ryan Jones, Sue Morlock, Debbie Morford, Garret McFarland, Tara Andrews, and Jamie Ogolin. The following Trustee was excused: Jeff Okerman. Also present were President Ron Slinger, Candy Laney, Sarah Kloewer, Kylene Phipps, Erin Niedge, Nancy Aaberge, Jerry Olson, Jay Wiebers, and Star Reporter Ashley Wise.

Chair Ryan Jones called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**IMPORTANT DATES:** President Slinger discussed the following: Campus will be closed December 23-25, December 31, and January 1. He attended the Superintendents monthly meeting at the Airport Inn.

**REPORTS:** No reports were given.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

***Trustee Andrews moved to approve the November consent agenda. Trustee Morlock seconded the motion. Motion passed.***

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. President's Update:** President Slinger traveled to Helena last week. He discussed workforce needs in eastern Montana with Deputy Commissioner of Higher Education Brock Tessman. Deputy Commissioner Tessman is incredibly supportive of the University Center Model and helping us get agreements from Montana universities like our agreement with Dickinson State University. President Slinger also met with Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry Kathleen O'Leary. Deputy Commissioner O'Leary is very excited about the healthcare workforce environmental scan we are doing. She is looking at ways they may be able to support us with apprenticeships or scholarships for students and also grant funding for the college. President Slinger also attended a Montana Chamber of Commerce Board meeting. President Slinger was able to promote some of the initiatives we are working on. The Montana Chamber of Commerce Board gave permission to their CEO to support our initiatives on Meat Processing and evaluating Healthcare workforce needs for eastern Montana. They are also in support of any initiatives we are working on that they feel will help any type of workforce needs. While in Helena he met the both the majority and minority legislative leadership. MCC had a very good fall semester and are working diligently to make sure we have a successful spring semester.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee Ogolin reported the committee discussed the budget. He said the budget is in good order. COVID dollars need to be drawn down by December 31, 2020.
- B. Old Business:**
- C. New Business:**

**HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE:**

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee McFarland reported the committee discussed open positions searches and our COVID response.
- B. Old Business:** None
- C. New Business:**
- a. Resolution calling for an election – mail or poll: the resolution and how to conduct the election was discussed. Candy Laney will contact the Clerk and Recorder to find out more information regarding the election process.

**QUALITY AND ADVOCACY:**

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee Morford reported the committee was given updates on the Nursing program and budget formula.

Trustee Jones adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** VA, 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. Information on Meat Processing program in January.

The next regular Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Monday, January 25, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in room 106 and/or Zoom.

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Chair

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Secretary