

**Miles Community College
Board of Trustees
Minutes
March 28, 2022**

The Board of Trustees of Miles Community College met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., March 28, 2022, in room 106. The following Trustees were present Ryan Jones, Debbie Morford, Jamie Ogolin, and Tara Andrews. The following Trustees were excused: Jenna Janshen, Jeff Okerman, and Garret McFarland. Also present were President Ron Slinger, Candy Laney, Kylene Phipps, Richard DeShields, Erin Niedege, Nancy Aaberge, Garth Sleight, Rita Kratky, Jay Wiebers, and Star Reporter Ashley Wise.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

IMPORTANT DATES: President Slinger discussed the following: Attended the MCC Rodeo and DCC Rodeo teams competed against each other this weekend for practice. He also attended the Softball games this weekend. The MCC Rodeo is scheduled on April 15 & 16. AAC open house is April 20.

REPORTS:

- A. Enrollment Services:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Dean Niedege reported on the following: This Friday is our final Pioneer Preview day with approximately 40 people attending, which includes prospective students and their parents. Jill Olson has reported very good things from her out of town visits. HiSET graduation is April 27 in the Centra. Anne Anderson and her staff have been working on the RFP for the new WOI grant cycle.
- 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: We are in the process of finalizing plans with facilities to make several upgrades in the Café. On Wednesday this week we will be having the Women in Ag banquet at the Town & Country Club. There will be five speakers who are all women graduates who have gone into Ag business. On April 1 housing will begin tracking new enrollment and occupancy for the fall, as the reapplication process has begun this month.
- B. a. Athletics:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Athletic Director Jerry Olson reported on the following: Proceeds from the Reverse Raffle help to support our Athletic Department. The Reverse Raffle will be drawn on April 9. Our rodeo team is getting ready to kick off their season. Baseball and Softball kicked off this last weekend. MCC Rodeo is scheduled on April 15 & 16.
- C. Administrative Services and HR:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Dean Phipps reported on the following: Employee satisfaction survey was emailed out to all employees Friday. We are looking forward to getting these surveys back and compiling the data. Carrie Preller is in the process of scheduling TGIF professional development sessions this summer for faculty and staff. We are waiting to hear if we have been approved for the ARPA Water and Sewer Project and the Capital Improvement grants.
- D. Academic Affairs:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Vice President of Academic Affairs Rita Kratky reported on the following: The CDL simulator was delivered. The technician will be here tomorrow to set it up and we will schedule the training sessions early April. VP Kratky, Tina Sackman, and Diedre FitzGerald will be traveling to Big Sky High School in Missoula to meet with them to discuss the meat processing and CNA programs and dual enrollment. On their way back they will be stopping in Bozeman to discuss their meat processing program. VP Kratky and Elizabeth Patten met with all of our CTE faculty to get ideas of how their needs can be incorporated into the next Perkins grant. Elizabeth will be writing the Perkins grant in April with submission in May. New Division Chairs have been elected.
- E. President's Report:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, President Slinger reported on the following: President Slinger had the pleasure of attending the Young Farmers and Ranchers Etiquette Dinner last week. He gave a shout out to the Young Farmers & Ranchers Club for putting this dinner on and individuals from the college that helped with the event and attended the event. President Slinger met with Sarah Swanson, Director of Strategic Partnerships for the Department of Labor and Industry. They discussed the Workforce Solutions program and the outreach we are doing on the highline. The Department of Labor and Industry is interested in partnering with us on this program. He also met with Senator Bogner today. They discussed passing legislation this session that would

hold harmless any reversions this biennium as all of our projections were pre-COVID numbers. They also talked about the Workforce Solutions program. Tentatively the Board of Trustees are scheduled to meet with the NWCCU evaluators on April 20 at 10:00 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee Andrews moved to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Ogolin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. **Introduction of Baseball Team:** Baseball team will be at the April BOT meeting.
- B. **Spring Enrollment:** Dean Niedege said with the addition of mini sessions and looking at our end of term numbers, we did get some enrollment from the highline, our new CNA partners from the Workforce Solutions program. They will do their clinicals, not for credit, at the Valley View Medical Center and Nursing Home in Glasgow, but are enrolled in the online CNA class with us. Our end of term FTE is 445.6, which is up about 2% from last year. We had Advising Day last week and we are off to a great start being up about 10 FTE from where we were last year at this time for Fall.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- A. **Chair Report:** No committee meetings were held due to the Trustee retreat on March 24.
- B. **Old Business:** No Old Business
- C. **New Business:**
 - a. **Permissive Medical Levy Resolution:** Trustees need to approve a Permissive Medical Levy every year. We are presenting this resolution for first reading tonight, community forum on April 12 at 5:30 in room 106, and second reading at the April BOT.

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE:

- D. **Chair Report:** No committee meetings were held due to the Trustee retreat on March 24.
- A.
- B. **Old Business:**
 - a. Policy Revisions – Section 300 (second reading): There was no further feedback from campus regarding these policy revisions.

Trustee Ogolin moved to approve the policy revisions as presented. Trustee Morford seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- C. **New Business:** No new business

QUALITY AND ADVOCACY:

- A. **Chair Report:** No committee meetings were held due to the Trustee retreat on March 24.

ACADEMIC CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. **Academic Consent Item:** VP Kratky discussed the items on the Academic Consent agenda to be voted on this evening.

Trustee Andrews moved to approve the Academic Consent agenda as presented. Trustee Morford seconded the motion. Motion passed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Athletic Department Strategic Master Plan
- B. MCC Strategic Plan
- C. Presentation by Coaches
- D. Meat Processing

Adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The next regular Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in room 106.

Chair

Secretary