

**Miles Community College
Board of Trustees
Minutes
August 22, 2022**

The Board of Trustees of Miles Community College met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., August 22, 2022, in room 106. The following Trustees were present: Jamie Ogolin, Tara Andrews, Debbie Morford, Jenna Janshen, Garret McFarland and Ryan Jones. The following Trustees were excused: Jeff Okerman. Also present were President Ron Slinger, Candy Laney, Kylene Phipps, Richard DeShields, Erin Niedge, Jerry Olson, Garth Sleight, Jay Wiebers, Chuck Denny, Jenna Bolstad, Holly Selk, Erica Dick, Desirae Shanks, Max Peters, Shane Lockie, Tori Wiens, Trynadee Goldsberry, Josee Krum, and Star Reporter Ashley Wise.

Chair Jamie Ogolin called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

IMPORTANT DATES: President Slinger discussed the following: Introduced new employees, Dining Assistant Shane Lockie, Dining Assistant Max Peters, Head Volleyball Coach Tori Wiens, Dining Assistant Desirae Shanks, Head Women's Softball Coach Erica Dick, Learning Center Instructor Holly Selk, Head Women's Basketball Coach Jenna Bolstad, and Faculty member Charles Denny,

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: Anne Anderson keeps a record of foot traffic in the Learning Center of grant students and college students served from the grant.
- 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: Housing has increased to 165 students which is 22 students up from this point last year. We are at 99.4% occupancy. Accommodations will be difficult this year for students who want to change rooms. Invited Trustees to the Welcome Wagon BBQ and also invited them to help with move in, both on September 1.
- B. a. Athletics:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Athletic Director Jerry Olson reported on the following: Volleyball played last weekend and went 0 – 4. They play at Rocky Mountain College on September 23. September 30 & 31 will be their first home matches. Pioneer Scramble is this Saturday, August 27, at the Town & Country Club. Enrollment numbers for athletic teams is Volleyball 12, Women's Basketball 13, Men's Basketball 13, Softball 21, Rodeo 31, and Baseball 37. Coaches are still talking to recruits so these numbers may change.
- C. 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: New Employee orientation is on Thursday. Do have two students working at the AAC: Holley Smith and Jordyn Cole.
- D. Academic Affairs:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, VP Kratyk reported on the following: Making the final touches on Faculty & Staff days schedule. We did just review all of our full sections with our division chairs.
- E. President's Report:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, President Ron Slinger reported on the following: New Employee orientation on Thursday, Pioneer Scramble on Saturday, next week is Convocation, and he will be traveling Tuesday to Helena to meet with Dylan Klapmeier, Governor's Education & Workforce Policy Advisor, to discuss various items that we are focused on this year. One discussion item will be trying to move the number on the high school dual enrollment back to a factor of 1 instead of .75 for funding. Volleyball game will be Wednesday. Students move in on Thursday. Welcome Wagon Thursday evening.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Fall Enrollment Update:** Dean Niedge reported on enrollment. We are currently at 320.6 FTE, which is 15.5% higher than at this point last year. Our headcount is 452, which is 17% higher than at this point last year. We are up on all categories except returning, which is not our normal returning students but the students who took a break and then returned to college.

- B. **Nursing Update:** VP Kratky reported we have 25 Freshman and 22 Sophomores enrolled in the program this year. Currently, out of our graduating class last year, we have had 12 out of 14 graduates pass the NCLEX on their first attempt and are sitting at an 85% pass rate. We have 8 students left to take the NCLEX. These students are still in contact with the Nursing Faculty. We will have our next NCLEX update from the SBON in October.
- C. **Institutional Advancement Update:** Elizabeth Patten will report at the September meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A. **Chair Report:** Met as a full board at the Trustee retreat on August 17.
- B. **Old Business:**
- C. **New Business:**
 - a. **Piper Loan Resolution:** As the Finance Committee directed, if we ended the fiscal year with a surplus, we were instructed to bring forward a resolution to pay off the Piper loan. This loan was to purchase the land under the Ag Advancement Center from the BLM. We do have enough surplus to pay this loan and feel that it is in our best interest to payoff this loan at this time while we have the funds available. We feel that this is the highest priority. We would like the Trustee to waive the first reading so we can pay this loan off this month.

Trustee McFarland moved to waive 2nd reading. Trustee Andrews seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Trustee McFarland moved to accept the resolution as presented to pay off the Piper Loan. Trustee Morford seconded the motion.

Trustee Jones asked if Piper group knew that this loan was going to be paid early. President Slinger said he did contact them.

Motion passed

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE: Met as a full board at the Trustee retreat on August 17.

- A. **Chair Report:**
- B. **Old Business:**
 - a. **President's Contract:** We have completed the negotiations and will offer President Slinger a three-year contract.

Trustee McFarland moved to approve a three-year contract to President Slinger. Trustee Andrews seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- C. **New Business:**

QUALITY AND ADVOCACY:

- A. **Chair Report:** Met as a full board at the Trustee retreat on August 17.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. MCC Strategic Plan
- B. Meat Processing
- C. Tour CDL simulator

Adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

The next regular Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Monday, September 26, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in room 106.

Chair

Secretary