

**Miles Community College  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes  
February 27, 2023**

The Board of Trustees of Miles Community College met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., February 27, 2023, in room 106. The following Trustees were present: Jamie Ogolin, Debbie Morford, Jeff Okerman, Garret McFarland, Jenna Janshen, and Tara Andrews. The following Trustees were excused: Ryan Jones. Also present were President Ron Slinger, Candy Laney, Kylene Phipps, Erin Niedge, Rita Kratky, Nancy Aaberge, Sam Giordanengo, Tracy Baker, Jay Wiebers, and Star Reporter Ashlie Wise.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**IMPORTANT DATES:** President Slinger reported he will be gone next week on vacation and will be headed to Helena when he returns for his first official Board of Public Education meeting. At 3:00 on Friday, March 10, he has his senate confirmation hearing for that board.

**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 said they had a great final Pioneer Preview Day for the year. Excited about the number of students visiting the campus. SOAR dates have been scheduled for next year. We are doing a website survey with students, faculty, and staff. They have visited with FVCC, which has just redone its website design. Her goal with the Website Committee is getting this project shovel-ready so they can move forward when funds become available. They are getting feedback from students and rolled out the survey to faculty and staff last week.
- B. Student Engagement:** In Dean DeShield's absence no additional report was given.
- B. a. Athletics:** In Athletic Director Olson's absence no additional report was given.
- C. Administrative Services and HR:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Dean Phipps reported on the following: no additional information was given
- D. Academic Affairs:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, VP Rita Kratky reported on the following: VP Kratky reported they have completed entering the summer schedule from May through August. They are finalizing the fall 2023 schedule. Advising day will be held on March 22. Nursing department is having its disaster drill Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week.
- E. President's Report:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, President Ron Slinger reported on the following: The Baker school district reached out and would like to discuss our Opportunities Realized program. He has been asked to speak at the Young Farmers and Ranchers Etiquette dinner on March 22. He has asked Jerusha Shipstead to work on the narrative writing for the strategic plan and hopes to have it to the Trustees soon. The funding formula has been a huge win for us. The CTE number has been put back to 1.5% and Gen Ed back to 1%, even though the dual enrollment/concurrent is still very low. However, if dual enrollment/concurrent enrollment falls into CTE with their class then they will fall under the CTE numbers in the funding formula instead of dual enrollment. Based on this formula we could be in a very good position next year. Representative Bedey, Chair of the Appropriation committee, said that before they proposed these numbers, he spoke with the Governor's office, who said they would not contest these numbers.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. Introduction of Softball Team:** Coach O'Connell introduced her team and assistant coach.
- B. Spring Enrollment Update:** Dean Niedge discussed our spring census report where we ended approximately 8% up overall. We have 479.1 FTE, which is an 8.05% increase over this time last year, and 836 headcount, which is a 15% increase over this time last year. This is the highest headcount since we started using Banner.

The end of term is what we are funded on and OCHE will lock it down at the end of May. We have very strong Montana resident numbers. We have 367 high school students from across Montana enrolled with us this year. We had a record-high unduplicated headcount this year with just over 1100 students served this academic year. We served just over 1000 Montana residents this year. Retention numbers overall are 81.69%, which dipped a little from last year. We lost 23 first-time full-time students this year compared to 12 last year. A number of these were athletes that left between the fall and spring semesters for a variety of reasons.

- C. **SBDC Presentation:** SBDC Director and Coordinator of Workforce Development and Community Outreach Tracy Baker discussed what the SBDC has done for MCC and the community between 2018-2022.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

- A. **Chair Report:** No committee meetings were held this month.
- B. **Old Business:**
- C. **New Business:**
  - a. **Property Disposal Resolution:** Dean Phipps discussed the property we are going to dispose of. Every spring we look at the property we no longer use for the purposes of college operations or educational purposes.

*Trustee McFarland moved to waive the second reading. Trustee Janshen seconded the motion. Motion passed*

*Trustee Okerman asked if the property will all go through the consignment auction. Dean Phipps said yes, it will be advertised in March and April. The sooner we pass the resolution the sooner it can be advertised. Trustee Morford asked who the property will be consigned with. Dean Phipps said that we will consign the property with Smith Auction.*

*Trustee Andrews moved to accept the property disposal resolution as presented. Trustee McFarland seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

**HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE:**

- A. **Chair Report:** No committee meetings were held this month.
- B. **Old Business:**
- C. **New Business:**

**QUALITY AND ADVOCACY:**

- A. **Chair Report:** No committee meetings were held this month.

**ACADEMIC CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. **Academic Consent Items:** VP Kratky discussed the items being brought forward for approval.

*Trustee McFarland moved to approve the Academic Consent Items as presented. Trustee Okerman seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

Adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

The next regular Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Monday, March 27, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in room 106.

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Vice Chair Tara Andrews

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Secretary Jenna Janshen