

**Miles Community College
Board of Trustees
Minutes
January 23, 2023**

The Board of Trustees of Miles Community College met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., January 23, 2023, in room 106. The following Trustees were present: Jamie Ogolin, Debbie Morford, Jeff Okerman, Garret McFarland, Ryan Jones, Jenna Janshen, and Tara Andrews. The following Trustees were excused: None. Also present were President Ron Slinger, Candy Laney, Richard DeShields, Erin Niedge, Rita Kratky, Nancy Aaberge, Jerry Olson, Sam Giordanengo, Mike Clough, Dirk Schmidt, 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 that with the Legislative session beginning, he has been traveling to Helena several times this month. The three community college presidents testified in front of the Appropriations Committee, which was very well received. Auditors will be on campus next week. Dr. Kratky introduced Mike Clough, our new Meat Processing instructor.

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 highlighted the CNA course, through the Future at Workforce grant MCC received, has exceeded any expectations we had thanks largely to enrollment out of Big Sky High School in Missoula. We budgeted for 20 students in the grant; we already have 23 enrolled in the first half mini-session and already have at least 2 CCDHS students that will be taking advantage of it for the March session.
- 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: Dean DeShields reported we have met the targeted housing numbers we budgeted for. Dining has been moving along quite nicely but there are some impacts in Dining due to the higher food costs. Will be rolling out a coffee campaign in the Café. Athletics read to grade school students for Martin Luther King Day.
- B. a. Athletics:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Athletic Director Jerry Olson reported on the following: Buckaroo Bash is scheduled for February 18 and tickets are on sale. Reverse Raffle is going to be held after the basketball games on February 19. Basketball is in the midst of a six-day road game. We held Elementary School Day on Martin Luther King Day during the basketball games. Midrivers want to be a part of this day next year. The Baseball and Softball teams will be traveling to Arizona during spring break. With bus prices increasing, the teams will be flying, which will be a savings of \$25,000. The Special Olympics Basketball Bandits played at halftime of the basketball games.
- C. Administrative Services and HR:** In Dean Phipps's absence, no report 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 that we had a great speaker during the faculty staff days assessment from the Northwest perspectives fellowship contacts. Sam did a great job with workshops for our faculty on Canvas and eLearning. FERPA training was also very helpful for our faculty.
- E. President's Report:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, President Ron Slinger reported on the following: President Slinger said on Tuesday the President's Cabinet will be meeting regarding the PBA timeline. Thursday, we have our first Labor-Management meeting. President Slinger's plan for February is to be laser-focused on the strategic plan. The Governor invited Ron and a guest to be his personal guests during the State of the State address on Wednesday. The Governor will be highlighting the accomplishments of MCC.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Spring Enrollment Update:** Dean Niedge said we are only on day four so these are all unofficial numbers. FTE is at 380, a 5.99% increase from spring 2022, and headcount is 625, a 13.6% increase over spring 2022. Of that 380 current FTE, 311 are our Montana resident numbers. Last year our end-of-term number was 368 resident FTE, which she expects to exceed this year. Our mini-session begins on March 13 and includes CDL, CNA, and Meat Processing. There are 6 seats each in CDL and CNA classes and the Meat Processing class can enroll many more students than those two classes. 80.7% of fall graduates are still being counted in our non-retained numbers as the state has not run the report that removes the graduates from the list. They will do that this week. That non-retained number will then drop to 62 students which will give us a little over 82%, which is well within where we have been over the last five years.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee Andrews reported the Auditors will be here next week. We will need to write an RFP for next year for the auditors. Tuition and fees will appear on our January report and we did not have the December statement for the mill levy which could be as much as \$30,000. The finances are looking good.
- B. Old Business:**
- C. New Business:**

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE:

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee McFarland said they are bringing forward a resolution calling for an election that needs to be voted on tonight. Trustee Jones, Trustee McFarland, and Trustee Ogolin's terms are up.
- B. Old Business:**
- C. New Business:**
- a. Resolution Calling for an Election:**

Trustee Okerman moved to accept the resolution calling for an election. Trustee Andrews seconded the motion. Motion passed.

QUALITY AND ADVOCACY:

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee Okerman said they got a legislative update and an update on Opportunity Realized. Great informational meeting.

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 Morford 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 6:18 p.m.

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

Chair

Secretary