

**Miles Community College**

**Board of Trustees**

**Minutes**

**June 26, 2023**

The Board of Trustees of Miles Community College met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., June 26, 2023, in room 106. The following Trustees were present: Jamie Ogolin, Debbie Morford, Jeff Okerman, and Jenna Janshen. The following Trustees were excused -Garret McFarland, Ryan Jones, and Tara Andrews. Also present were President Ron Slinger, Candy Laney, Kylene Phipps, Erin Niedge, Richard DeShields, Rita Kratky, Nancy Aaberge, Sam Giordanengo, Jay Wiebers, Jerry Olson, and Molly Magestro.

Chair Ogolin called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**IMPORTANT DATES:** President Slinger highlighted the following: Governor Gianforte is coming to town on Wednesday to go to Troggy's Trailer Repair. Troggy's Trailer Repair worked with our SBDC in getting a grant to expand their business. President Slinger, VP Kratky, and SBDC Director and Coordinator of Workforce Development and Community Outreach Tracy Baker will be greeting the Governor at this event. President Slinger will attend the Legislative Education Interim Committee on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

**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: Holly Selk has been hired as the Director of Student Success and Retention. Dean Niedge updated the enrollment number from 152 in the report to 156. This is compared to 159 last year, which is down about 1.7 FTE. The headcount is still up about 11%. We don't have Quotely movement yet. They put a halt on that registration until the colleges update the fees after the Regents approved them. We do expect that we will get registrations after the fees are updated. Our summer FTE numbers should be between 71 – 71.5, which is a 50% increase over last summer.
- B. Student Engagement:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Dean of Student Engagement Richard DeShields reported on the following: Housing numbers are only down five from last year. Up in first-year students primarily due to the third-year athletes. We are wrapping up the fiscal year, the Bookstore and housing are on track, and the Café has a little higher debt due to the increase in food costs. We are moving into the time of year that we are hosting camps in our residence halls and dining.
- B. a. Athletics:** Athletic Director Olson reported on the following: The Rodeo team had four athletes make the National College Rodeo Finals. Coach Bolstad had an individual camp in June, which brought in \$4,000. Coach Tait had a team camp in June with 19 teams, which after paying the referees made over \$3,000. Athletic Director Olson discussed fundraising. He said there are eight corporate sponsors that have not paid. Volleyball will have a team camp from August 4 – 6. Athletic Director Olson gave a team enrollment update. As of today, Men's basketball has 16 players, Women's basketball has 11, volleyball has 15, baseball has 33, rodeo has 25, and softball has 17. We had 68 All-Conference athletes and will be finding out our team's GPA national rating in the middle of July. NJCAA sports we are at 3.55 overall GPA and when you add Rodeo in we have an overall GPA of 3.46.
- C. Administrative Services and HR:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Dean Kylene Phipps reported on the following: Dean Phipps gave an update on the Café project. She has a follow-up meeting with the engineer regarding the next steps. Unfortunately, we did not receive any bids the second time we opened this process. We will be removing the non-functioning fountain in the courtyard. The plan is to replace the fountain with wood-stamped and stained concrete with the intent of building a gazebo in the future.
- D. Academic Affairs:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, VP of Academic Affairs Rita Kratky reported on the following: We have 30 confirmations for our new Freshman nursing class. Nancy Swope held a Cyber Security Stem camp with 25 Jr. High students attending. We had 22 Nursing students who graduated. As of today, we have had six students pass the NCLEX on the first try.
- E. President's Report:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, President Ron Slinger reported on the following: Our presentation was accepted for the ACCT conference. Dean DeShields authored the proposal that was sent to the ACCT. MCC will host the Board of Education in September. President Slinger has begun to reach out to the superintendents in eastern Montana to attend that meeting. We have 129 completed scholarship applicants for the Foundation. We

have heard back from the president of the School of the Deaf and Blind and they would like to work with us with the Opportunity Realized program. They will be the 15<sup>th</sup> school district to sign up for this program.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

***Trustee Janshen moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Trustee Okerman seconded the motion. Motion passed.***

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. **Audit:** The Audit committee voted unanimously to accept our clean audit and it has been approved. A link was provided for anyone who would like to read the audit.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

- A. **Chair Report:** Trustee Mini Retreat was held on June 13: therefore, no committee meeting was held in June.
- B. **Old Business:**
- C. **New Business:**
  - a. **FY 24 Budget (first reading):** President Slinger said that this is the budget that we went over in great detail at the retreat.

**HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE:**

- A. **Chair Report:** Trustee Mini Retreat was held on June 13: therefore, no committee meeting was held in June.
- B. **Old Business:**
  - a. **Faculty Master Agreement (Second reading):** President Slinger discussed the Faculty Master agreement. Negotiations went very well with rich and robust discussions.

**Trustee Morford moved to accept the Master Faculty Agreement as presented. Trustee Janshen seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

- b. **Retroactive Withdrawal Policy (Second reading):** Dean DeShields discussed the reason for implementing this policy.

***Trustee Janshen moved to accept the Retroactive Withdrawal Policy as presented. Trustee Morford seconded the motion. Motion passed.***

- C. **New Business:**
  - a. **Strategic Plan (First reading):** We discussed this in detail during the Trustee Retreat.
  - b. **Committee Assignments:** No changes to the members of the committees
  - c. **Mission Statement (First reading):** We will only be adding the word “equitable” in the existing statement.
  - d. **Vision Statement (Frist reading):** President Slinger discussed what a vision statement is. He said a vision statement is the ultimate goal of what an organization wants to accomplish in the future, while the mission statement is what an organization is currently doing and how it plans to improve.
  - e. **President’s Contract Addendum (First reading):**

**QUALITY AND ADVOCACY:**

- A. **Chair Report:** Trustee Mini Retreat was held on June 13: therefore, no committee meeting was held in June.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- A. Athletic Department Strategic Plan
- B. MCC Strategic Plan
- C. Meat Processing
- D. Tour CDL simulator
- E. Update on Nursing Program

Adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

The next regular Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Monday, July 24, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in room 106.

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Chair

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Secretary