

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

The Board of Trustees of Miles Community College met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., November 28, 2022, in room 106. The following Trustees were present: Jamie Ogolin, Debbie Morford, Jeff Okerman, Ryan Jones, and Jenna Janshen. The following Trustees were excused: Garret McFarland and Tara Andrews. Also present were President Ron Slinger, Candy Laney, Kylene Phipps, Richard DeShields, Erin Niedge, Nancy Aaberge, Rita Kratky, Robin Cusimano, Sam Giordanengo, Dirk Schmidt, and Karen Short.

Chair Jamie Ogolin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

IMPORTANT DATES: President Slinger asked Nancy Aaberge to introduce the new Accounts Receivable Accounting Specialist Karen Short, VP Kratky to introduce Associate Dean of Instruction and eLearning Sam Giordanengo, and Dean DeShields to introduce our new head volleyball coach Robin Cusimano. Tomorrow we will be co-hosting the Legislative Luncheon with Senator Bogner and DCC with five legislators and the Custer County Commissioners attending. We also partnered with Legislative Fiscal Division which will be meeting with the legislators prior to the luncheon to go over the Governor's budget proposal and bring them up to date on fiscal issues. President Slinger said he would be in Helena on December 6 for the Montana Chamber Board meeting.

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: In January, Dean Niedge will be providing a full enrollment update. As of today, we have 178 FTE, which is about 2.5% ahead of last year and about a 4% increase in headcount. They are working with a number of nonregistered students to get them registered for next semester. The Nursing students are not yet registered, but Nursing Program Director FitzGerald will be getting the Nursing students who are moving on to Dean Niedge's staff as soon as finals are done. Quottly continues to be a boon for us in terms of enrollment. We have 21 students from other campuses taking 79 credits with us through Quottly. Three of our students are signed up with other campuses.
- 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: 550 children attended the Halloween Trick or Treat event, Student Senate donated \$500 to the local food bank, which was matched by Town Pump. Students just identified funding for the Pioneer Pantry. This Friday they have a team that will be participating in the Polar Plunge during the Christmas Stroll. In housing, we will lock the fall semester at 93.8%, with a reminder that we budget for 80%.
- B. a. Athletics:** In Athletic Director Jerry Olson's absence, Dean DeShields reported on the following: We have secured November 11 as next year's Hall of Fame banquet date. We are hosting some local basketball teams at the Centra this weekend.
- 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: We have an additional hire that is not listed; Michael Clough has been hired as our new Interim Meat Processing Coordinator. Tina Sackman resigned from this position as of December 31. Mr. Clough will begin in January 2023. The state has painted our CDL testing lot, which means we can start utilizing our lot for its intended purposes as well as the state. The state is in the process of finalizing the testing route based on the location of the testing site. The state will utilize the testing site three days a week.
- D. Academic Affairs:** In VP Kratky's absence, President Slinger reported on the following: VP Kratky has no additional updates.
- E. President's Report:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, President Ron Slinger reported on the following: Would like to set the date for our next Board retreat and are looking at some dates in February. Candy Laney will reach out to you to lock in a date. Next month we will be bringing you the FY 24 calendar proposal and will be asking for a waive of the second reading. President Slinger discussed the College Studies 111 class. He would like to get this class embedded in eastern Montana high school's curriculum. They will be meeting with Terry High School and Garfield High School later this week and they also have a

meeting scheduled with CCDHS. They are also trying to get a date scheduled for Sidney High School.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee Okerman moved to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Janshen the motion. Motion passed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Introduction of Women’s Basketball Team:** Coach Jenna Bolstad and Assistant Coach Sam Kortum were introduced to the Board of Trustees.
- B. Governor’s Budget Proposal Update:** President Slinger said the Governor’s budget proposal was released during the Board of Regents meeting in Bozeman. The numbers for the community colleges were not the same as what was submitted by OCHE on behalf of the community colleges. The community college presidents were able to meet with some of the Governor’s fiscal analyses while there. They were told that the new formula was going to give the community colleges too much money and they couldn’t allow us to have such a large increase when they were giving a much smaller increase in other areas of state government. President Slinger explained how the state kept adjusting the factors until they met the percentage threshold that they were willing to do. The community college presidents are hoping to get the FTE weights for dual enrollment and dual credit increased.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- A. Chair Report:** Met as a full board at the Trustee retreat on November 9
- B. Old Business:**
- C. New Business:**

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE:

- A. Chair Report:** Met as a full board at the Trustee retreat on November 9
- B. Old Business:**
- C. New Business:** President Slinger asked the Trustees to approve the date change for the December 2022 Trustee meeting from December 26, 2022, to December 19, 2022.

Trustee Ryan moved to accept the suggested date change of the December 26 meeting to December 19 at the regularly scheduled time. Trustee Morford seconded the motion. Motion passed.

QUALITY AND ADVOCACY:

- A. Chair Report:** Met as a full board at the Trustee retreat on November 9

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

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

Adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

The next regular Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in room 106.

Chair

Secretary