

**Miles Community College
Board of Trustees
Minutes
October 24, 2022**

The Board of Trustees of Miles Community College met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., October 24, 2022, in room 106. The following Trustees were present: Jamie Ogolin, Debbie Morford, Garret McFarland, Jeff Okerman, Ryan Jones, Tara Andrews, and Jenna Janshen. The following Trustee was excused: None. Also present were President Ron Slinger, Candy Laney, Kylene Phipps, Richard DeShields, Erin Niedge, Nancy Aaberge, Elizabeth Patten, and Jay Wiebers.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

IMPORTANT DATES: President Slinger said that we will be hosting a Legislative Luncheon in conjunction with Senator Kenneth Bogner and DCC President Villmer on November 29 in room 106 from 11 to 1.

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: We have received our FY 2019 Cohort Default rate official notice, which is any loan that entered repayment during FY 19 and defaulted before September 2021. Our FY 2019 Cohort Default rate is 5.2%. Last year our FY 2018 Cohort Default rate was just over 13%. We are now done with our three-year penalty phase when we had an 18% default rate.
- 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: Sent out the campus safety report. Student Senate is working on the Halloween Trick or Treat with 12 booths and activities.
- B. a. Athletics:** In Athletic Director Jerry Olson's absence, Dean DeShields reported on the following: Had a wonderful event this weekend with the Athletic Hall of Fame recognizing four individuals and one team. Basketball season will be kicked off on November 1 at 5:00 and 7:00. Rodeo is hosting a number of Jackpots, which have been well attended.
- 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 hired Karen Short as our new accounting specialist, who will start on November 14.
- D. Academic Affairs:** In VP Kratky's absence, President Slinger reported on the following: Concurrent enrollment has expanded this year with new high schools and new teachers.
- E. President's Report:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, President Ron Slinger reported on the following: On November 29 we will be co-hosting a Legislative Luncheon with Senator Bogner and DCC. We will discuss our Montana student enrollment numbers, transfer pathways, Workforce Development, and state funding portion of the community college's overall budget. Strategic plan metrics have all been set. Now the committee is working on what the beginning numbers are and hope to have this rolled out in January. We have identified legislative priorities; the first is to get the legislation that will halt the reversion for this biennium. We do seem to have a positive response so far. The second is to try to get the high school dual enrollment funding formula moved from .75% back to 1%. We will also ask for a couple of different one-time-only fundings. The first would be for our own banner migration. The University of Montana hosts our Banner service and they have informed us they are moving to the Cloud. That migration is massively aggressive and we do not have the funds to do this project. We have already prepped the Governor's office and OCHE about this request. We are waiting for the final cost and ongoing cost from UM for this move. Second, we will ask for a Workforce development pot of money that can be set aside for CTE programs and for outreach. ABS Legal has been hired as our new lobbyist. They have a very strong relationship with the legislative leadership and Governor's office. They cost much more than our last lobbyist with FVCC paying 50% of the bill, we are paying the same amount as before, and Dawson will be paying a little more than MCC. Trustee Andrews asked if other schools going to ask for one-time monies. President Slinger said community colleges do not receive one-time-only funding opportunities from MUS. The other schools do have the opportunity to ask

MUS/OCHE for one-time-only funding as that would be a capital expense they would have on their long-range capital planning. We, because we are independent, do not have access to these funds and have to go directly to the legislators for any one-time-only funds.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Introduction of Student Senate:** Dean DeShields introduced the new Student Senate members. They discussed the events they are currently working on.
- B. Nursing Program Update:** President Slinger reported the NCLEX pass rate is 86.36% with all graduates taking the test. This is the highest pass rate for MCC within the last 10 years. The state's average pass rate is 82% and the National average pass rate is 80%. President Slinger thanked the Nursing staff and faculty for all the hard work they have put into the program.
- C. Institutional Advancement Update:** Director of Institutional Advancement Elizabeth Patten discussed the first Foundation annual report. This will be a very useful tool for fundraising.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee Janshen reported the Trustees were given budget information and the budget looks very good.
- B. Old Business:**
- C. New Business:**

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE:

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee McFarland reported Associated Dean of eLearning Sam Giordanengo has been hired.
- B. Old Business:**
- C. New Business:**

QUALITY AND ADVOCACY:

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee Jones said the committee discussed the Legislative Luncheon on November 29, touched on Board training, and discussed the Strategic Plan and where the committee is in the process. The first draft of the Strategic Plan will be presented to the Trustees soon. The funding formula was also discussed.

ACADEMIC CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Academic Consent Items:** President Slinger discussed the items on the Academic consent agenda to be voted on this evening.

Trustee McFarland made a motion to accept the Academic Consent agenda. Trustee Janshen 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 6:15 p.m.

The next regular Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Monday, November 28, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in room 106.

Chair

Secretary