

Miles Community College
Board of Trustees
Minutes
July 24, 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, Garret McFarland, Jeff Okerman, Ryan Jones, and Tara Andrews. The following Trustees were excused - Debbie Morford and Jenna Janshen. Also present were President Ron Slinger, Candy Laney, Kylene Phipps, Richard DeShields, Rita Kratky, Nancy Aaberge, Danielle Dinges, Annie Anderson, Sam Giordanengo, Dirk Schmidt, and Jerry Olson.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

IMPORTANT DATES: President Slinger highlighted the following: Highlighted and recognized the work of the HR department for the TGIF sessions that they have scheduled for our employees.

REPORTS:

- A. Enrollment Services:** In Dean Erin Niedge's absence no additional report was given
- B. Student Engagement:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Dean of Student Engagement Richard DeShields reported on the following: We are preparing for opening. Volleyball students will arrive next week. Wrapping up our summer conference in housing but still have BLM and Fish & Wildlife staying in the residence hall. Fall housing numbers are up one student from last year. We are currently at the point that we budgeted for. The maximum number of students we can house is 178 without going into triple occupancy.
- B. a. Athletics:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Athletic Director Olson reported on the following: Thanked everyone for feeding the volleyball team. Baseball had 12 of our graduating players sign at different schools. Recruiting update: Volleyball is at 15, Women's Basketball is at 12, Men's Basketball is at 15, baseball is at 38, softball is at 17, and rodeo is at 25. As of today, our fundraising dollars are at \$24,700 and \$2,000 in trade-out. Pioneer Scramble will be on August 26. Discussed the national team standings for grade point average. We have 49 Academic All-American athletes.
- C. Administrative Services and HR:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Dean Kylene Phipps reported on the following: We are progressing through our position searches. Facilities and IT are in preparation for the beginning of school
- 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 are doing very well with the Perkins grant and thanked Elizabeth Patten for the great work she has done with that grant.
- E. President's Report:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, President Ron Slinger reported on the following: We are targeting August 23 for the next Trustee retreat. This will be just a half day from 9 to noon. MCC has been selected to present the Opportunities Realized program at the ACCT conference in Las Vegas. The Board of Public Ed will be holding its September Board meeting at MCC. President Slinger has reached out to the superintendents in the area to invite them to the Board of Public Ed meeting. Coach La Cross has agreed to hold a rodeo showcase for them. They will also be having a dinner which will include the Executive Team, MCC Trustees, and Southeastern Montana Superintendents.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Summer/Fall Enrollment:** Director of Financial Aid & Admissions Danielle Dinges reported summer FTE enrollment is at 71.8, which is a 32.78% increase from last summer. The headcount for summer is up 27%. We have registered the nursing students, which gave us a nice jump from last month. FTE is sitting at 235.4 compared to 245.2 last fall. We are still down a little but she anticipates seeing good movement in the next couple of months. Fall headcount is up 5.86%. There is a SOAR session on August 8 with approximately 30 in-person students registered. We are tracking about 20 students ahead of last year for SOAR registrations.

- B. Nursing Update:** We have had 11 graduates take the NCLEX with 10 passing on their first attempt giving us a 90.91% pass rate. President Slinger also discussed the new criteria of the SBON to reach the 80% NCLEX pass rate.
- C. Close-the-Loop Presentation – Education Class:** Anne Anderson gave an update on the Education Pathway course.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- A. Chair Report:** The budget looks good; everything is on track. Nancy will correct the dates on the budget sheet.
- B. Old Business:**
 - a. FY24 Budget (second reading)

Trustee Andrews moved to approve the budget as presented. Trustee McFarland seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- C. New Business:** None

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE:

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee McFarland reported we have applications for open positions. He also said that we have second readings on a number of items.
- B. Old Business:**
 - a. **Strategic Plan (Second reading):**
 - b. **Mission Statement (second reading):**
 - c. **Vision Statement (second reading):**

Trustee McFarland moved to accept the Strategic Plan, Mission Statement, and Vision Statement as presented. Trustee Andrews seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- d. President’s Contract (second reading):**

Trustee McFarland moved to accept the President’s contract as presented. Trustee Okerman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- C. New Business:** The 24/25 calendar is in your packets. We are moving to an earlier start date.
 - a. **Calendar (First reading):**

QUALITY AND ADVOCACY:

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee Jones reported they discussed enrollment, budget, and close-the-loop presentation.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Athletic Department Strategic Plan

Adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

The next regular Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Monday, August 28, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in room 106.

Chair

Secretary