

Miles Community College
Board of Trustees
Minutes
November 27, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Miles Community College met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., November 27, in room 106. The following Trustees were present: Ryan Jones, Garret McFarland, Debbie Morford, Jeff Okerman, and Tara Andrews. The following Trustees were excused Jamie Ogolin and Jenna Janshen. Also present were President Ron Slinger, Candy Laney, Kylene Phipps, Richard DeShields, Nancy Aaberge, Erin Niedge, Jerry Olson, Sam Giordanengo, Ambia Pawlak, Loren Lancaster, John Pawlak, Dirk Schmidt, the MCC Men's Basketball team, and Coach Tait.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

IMPORTANT DATES: President Slinger highlighted the following: The MCC Board retreat is scheduled for next week. He also invited the Trustees and their guests to join us on December 14 for our MCC holiday party at the T & C Club.

REPORTS:

- A. Enrollment Services:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Dean of Enrollment and Educational Support Services Erin Niedge reported on the following: Dean Niedge shared enrollment numbers. We are tracking a little ahead of last year. Even though today the increase shows that we are at 21% over last year, this is with concurrent enrollment. When that is taken out we are up about 2%. Quotly numbers are booming again.
- 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 wrapping up programming and making sure students are finishing the semester strong. Today we had 10 staff and faculty members travel to Terry to perform mock interviews with students in the Opportunity Realized program. Resident Hall occupancy is down two students but up in actual occupancy because of the students who are in single rooms. The cafeteria and bookstore are both doing well.
- B. a. Athletics:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Athletic Director Olson reported on the following: Our Women's basketball team is 3 and 6 and, 0 and 4 in the conference and men are 7 and 3 and, 3 and 2 in the conference. Rodeo Coach La Cross has held very successful events at the AAC in the month of November. Volleyball is recruiting right now. Coach Cusimano has signed her two top recruits. Both Baseball and Softball have finished their fall season and will begin their spring season in February. PioneerPalooza was well attended and exceeded expectations. The following weekend we held our Athletic Hall of Fame and he announced our next year's inductees. Reverse Raffle sales will begin soon with the drawing being held on February 25. Starting this Friday and Saturday we will be holding the Coach Connor's Classic high school tournament.
- B. b. Student Senate:** In Austin Kountz's absence, Dean DeShields reported on the following: We will be taking 10 students over to Terry to participate in their parade of lights tomorrow. This week we have 10 students, as part of an MCC team, participating in the Polar Plunge which is a Special Olympics fundraiser.
- 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 said the SBDC and Workforce Development position has been hired. We also have an interest in the Nursing Director position. We are still looking for a nursing faculty but do have the spring classes covered. Highlighted the two Pioneer Profiles of Dirk Schmidt and Garth Sleight
- D. Academic Affairs:** In VP Kratky's absence no additional report was given.
- E. President's Report:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, President Ron Slinger reported on the following: Today there was supposed to be a presentation of the Foundation annual report; however, there was an error. That has been corrected and will be printed soon. A Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for December 7. The Opportunity Realized program is now up to 23 school district partners. One partner, American Jobs for American Youth, is a nonprofit and is not a school district. There are 10 other school districts that he is in conversation with. We are going to hire a Dual Enrollment Coordinator and will be posting it on January 1. We will be applying for Perkins funding to pay for this position for three years.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee McFarland moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Okerman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Trustee Jones moved to approve the claims. Trustee Morford seconded the motion. Motion passed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Introduction of New Employees:** President Slinger introduced Ambia Pawlak as a new Dining Services Aide.
- B. Introduction of Men’s Basketball Team:** The Men’s Basketball team and coach were introduced to the Trustees.
- C. CCCSE Results – Close the Loop Presentation:** Loren Lancaster discussed the CCCSE Survey results. This survey is done every other year. The last time we did it was during Covid but did not have good participation. This year was online only. Almost 50% of our degree-seeking and nondegree-seeking students, excluding our high school students, took the survey this year. This was the first time we had over 200 students take the survey. AA and AS degree students had around 50% take the survey. We had 41 out of 43 nursing students take the survey. This survey was administered by the faculty.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee Andrews said we did not have an October bank statement, so the numbers that were used are from September, but our spending is on track.
- B. Old Business:** None
- C. New Business:** None

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE:

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee McFarland sad that everything was covered by Kylene’s report and the Dual Enrollment Coordinator position is in the process of being posted.
- B. Old Business:** None
- C. New Business:** None

QUALITY AND ADVOCACY:

- A. Chair Report:** Discussed the AAC fundraising and Banner updates and strategies. We also discussed a legislative strategic plan.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Athletic Department Strategic Plan**

Adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

The next regular Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in room 106.

Chair

Secretary