

Miles Community College
Board of Trustees
Minutes
October 23, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Miles Community College met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., October 23, in room 106. The following Trustees were present: Jamie Ogolin, Ryan Jones, Debbie Morford, and Jenna Janshen. The following Trustees were excused - Garret McFarland, Jeff Okerman, and Tara Andrews. Also present were President Ron Slinger, Candy Laney, Kylene Phipps, Richard DeShields, Nancy Aaberge, Erin Niedge, Austin Kountz, Jerry Olson, Garth Sleight, Sam Giordanengo., Dirk Schmidt the MCC Women's Basketball team, Coach Bolstad, Assistant Coach Kortum, Student Senate members Walker Bennet, Cassidy Bagnell, Katie Pickering, Maggie Roig, and Maggie Short.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

IMPORTANT DATES: President Slinger highlighted the following: President Slinger is traveling to Billings tomorrow for the MT Chamber of Commerce Annual meeting. He also has other meetings scheduled for Wednesday in Billings.

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: The Student Services staff is preparing for spring registration which opens next week. The Financial Aid office staff, Danielle Dinges and Dolly Ferris are working on financial aid changes for the 2024/25 FAFSA.
- B. Student Engagement:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Dean of Student Engagement Richard DeShields reported on the following: Occupancy numbers are down three from last year. Trustees have received the campus annual security report. This report is part of the Clery Act. We have been able to fill two positions in Café with Richard Cox as director and Ambia Pawlak as our lunch assistant. With Richard moving into the Director's position, this will open one position in the Café that will be posted soon.
- B. a. Athletics:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Athletic Director Olson reported on the following: Volleyball lost their playoff game at Williston yesterday. They are now tied for third in the region. The rodeo team has finished their fall season and will start up again on April 11 at Bozeman. We will have our MCC double rodeo at the AAC the following week. Our sports teams are still working on their fundraising. A breakdown of the fundraising will be included in the Athletic report next month. The PioneerPalooza fundraiser is this weekend at the Centra. The Athletic Hall of Fame banquet will be held on November 11 at the Town and Country Club.
- B. b. Student Senate:** Austin Kountz said the Student Senate has all of its leadership roles filled. He also discussed Student Senate community events.
- C. Administrative Services and HR:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Dean Kylene Phipps reported on the following: Highlighted the Pioneer Profiles celebrating our faculty and staff. The profiles are featured on the hall TVs, emailed to all employees, and our marketing department is going to publish the profiles on social media. This will be done monthly.
- 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: Highlighted PioneerPalooza this Saturday. Next week the Chancellor of UM Western and some of his staff will be here to discuss opportunities for partnerships and shared services. An article about our Opportunity Realized program was in the Montana Free Press and has now been picked up by a national publication, Inside Higher Ed. President Slinger and Dean DeShields were interviewed by a reporter from Inside Higher Ed and the article will be published in the next couple of weeks. We currently have 21 school partners in this program and we are having conversations with five other high schools.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Introduction of Women's Basketball Team:** The Women's Basketball team and coaches were introduced to the Trustees.

- B. Introduction of Student Senate:** The new Student Senate members were introduced to the Trustees.
- C. Nursing Program NCLEX Update:** President Slinger discussed the NCLEX pass rate, which is currently at 80.95%. We have one student left to take the NCLEX test. He also discussed the ACEN's new NCLEX pass rate requirements.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee Janshen reported they discussed the budget. We are a quarter of the way through the fiscal year and we are right where we should be at this time.
- B. Old Business:** None
- C. New Business:** None

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE:

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee Janshen said they reviewed the staff positions and the Pioneer Profiles which were in direct response to the employee survey.
- B. Old Business:** None
- C. New Business:** None

QUALITY AND ADVOCACY:

Chair Report: Trustee Jones reported they discussed lobbying strategies and the President's report

ACADEMIC CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consent Agenda:** Sam Giordanengo discussed the proposed changes in the Academic Consent Agenda.

Trustee Jones moved to approve the Academic Consent agenda as presented. Trustee Morford seconded the motion. Motion passed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Athletic Department Strategic Plan

Adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

The next regular Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Monday, November 27, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in room 106.

Vice Chair

Secretary