

Miles Community College
Board of Trustees
Minutes
August 26, 2024

The Board of Trustees of Miles Community College met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., August 26, 2024, in room 106. The following Trustees were present: Jeff Okerman, Tara Andrews, Garret McFarland, Jamie Ogolin Jenna Janshen, and Ryan Jones. The following Trustee was excused: Debbie Morford. Also present were President Ron Slinger, Candy Laney, Richard DeShields, Kylene Phipps, Erin Niedge, Rita Kratky, Nancy Aaberge, Jerry Olson, Jessica Lofland, RA's, Coach Robin Cusimano, Volleyball Team, and Dirk Schmidt.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

IMPORTANT DATES: President Slinger highlighted the following: Welcome Wagon was held on August 25 with many staff member volunteering their time to help students move in. Convocation for faculty and staff is scheduled on Wednesday, August 28 and classes begin on Thursday, August 29. The MCC Athletic Hall of Fame is scheduled on September 21 at the Town & Country Club.

REPORTS:

- A. Enrollment Services:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet Vice President of Enrollment and Educational Support Services Erin Niedge reported on the following: VP Niedge said the last SOAR session was held today with 27 attendees. The new Admission Counselor, Kyleigh Heberle, begins next week. Thanked Jill for all of her help in that position.
- B. Student Engagement:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet Vice President of Student Engagement & Auxiliary Services Richard DeShields reported on the following: VP DeShields said auxiliaries have gotten a lot of projects done with the repaving of the parking lot, camera installation, and the new sound system in the Centra. They are very full in housing with only four open beds available in the residence halls. He discussed feedback from the annual housing and dining survey which includes 158 institutions around the country, most being four-year institutions. He wanted to highlight our dining program which ranked first in the country on the survey. On Wednesday afternoon, he invited everyone to the Welcome Back BBQ which starts at 5:00.
- B. a. Athletics:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet Athletic Director Olson reported on the following: Athletic Director Olson said they had 23 teams participate in the Pioneer scramble last weekend. The Athletic Hall of Fame is scheduled on September 21 at the Town & Country Club. The PioneerPalooza is scheduled on October 19 in the Centra.
- C. Administrative Services and HR:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet Vice President of Administrative Services and HR Kylene Phipps' reported on the following: VP Phipps said they did a search for adjunct instructors and were very successful in filling many positions. We have signed a contract with Ironside HR, which is a recruiting agency that specializes in healthcare placement. She gave a shout-out to the IT department regarding the camera project. Dirk Schmidt has been very strategic in planning the camera project; along with the new sound system project in the Centra. Updated the Trustees on the new dirt in the AAC arena.
- D. Academic Affairs:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Vice President Kratky reported on the following: VP Kratky discussed the meetings and training scheduled for this week prior to classes beginning. She also discussed the Honor Lock training with the faculty. This is a secure proctor testing piece of software for our online students. Hay was delivered to the AAC.
- E. President's Report:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, President Ron Slinger reported on the following: President Slinger gave a shout-out to Danielle Dinges for getting the Lure Award. She has worked very hard to get started with the new FAFSA process. MCC was voted as a favorite in the Prairie Star publication as the 2024 Cream of the Crop for our Ag programs. He thanked Trustee Okerman for joining him when Senator Tester's representative visited the campus. During that meeting, we discussed the interest we still have in acquiring the VA property. Today he had a telephone call regarding when the property may be available and the transition of the facility. He will work with our Board Chair to set up a meeting with the County Commissioners.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Introduction of Volleyball Team:** Coach Cusimano introduced the Volleyball team.
- B. Introduction of RA's:** Jessica Lofland introduced the RA's.
- C. Fall Enrollment Update:** VP Niedege discussed our fall enrollment. As of 4:30 today we have 18% more FTE over this day last year. If we compare it to registration day last year we are up just under 6%. We will see a movement in our numbers by census day. The headcount this fall is currently at 675, but this number will increase when the high school numbers are added in. They did a very good job front-loading students last spring. Our overall fall-to-fall retention is 59%. Our first-time full-time retention is a record at 67.8%.
- D. Close the Loop Presentation - Nursing Update:** Our last Nursing student to take the NCLEX failed their first attempt. We had 18 graduates with 15 passing on their first attempt, which takes us to an 83.33% pass rate. All of our graduates have passed now with the three students passing on their second attempt. President Slinger complimented the nursing staff for the job they have done getting our students ready for the NCLEX test.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee Ogolin said our budget is in great shape. We have one action item on the agenda.
- B. Old Business:**
 - a. Property Disposal Resolution (second reading):**

Trustee Ogolin moved to approve the resolution as presented. Trustee Janshen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- C. New Business:** None

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE:

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee Okerman said they learned about all the new hires and touched on the New Employee Orientation, RA Training, and TGIF. We were updated on the initial steps in the migration of Jenzabar.
- B. Old Business:** None
- C. New Business:** None

QUALITY AND ADVOCACY:

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee Janshen said President Slinger gave them an enrollment update and talked about the Jenzabar implementation.

ACADEMIC CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee Janshen moved to accept the Academic Consent Agenda as presented. Trustee Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Close the Loop Presentation – Employee Satisfaction Survey Results**

Adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

The next regular Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Monday, September 23, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in room 106.

Chair

Secretary