

**Miles Community College**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Minutes**  
**November 25, 2024**

The Board of Trustees of Miles Community College met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., November 25, 2024, in room 106. The following Trustees were present: Tara Andrews, Jamie Ogolin, Jenna Janshen, Garret McFarland, Ryan Jones, Jeff Okerman, and Debbie Morford. The following Trustees were excused None. Also present were President Ron Slinger, Candy Laney, Richard DeShields, Kylene Phipps, Rita Kratky, Erin Niedge, Nancy Aaberge, Jerry Olson, Kyleigh Heberle, Sandra Barclay, 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: Invited the Trustees to the MCC Holiday party at the Town & Country Club on Thursday, December 12.

**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: The new 25/26 FAFSA has been released and is open. We have 12 FAFSA applications as of today. Traci Glasscock, VP Phipps, and VP Niedge met with Amber Solomon, CCDHS Pathways Coordinator. We are now piloting a CDL program as dual enrollment for high school students.
- 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: As of today, our housing numbers for spring are up by 9 students. Walker Bennett was the Student Athlete in Service award winner this year. He was honored at the Bobcat Grizzly Football game. Student Senate voted to support 9 individuals in the polar plunge
- B. a. Athletics:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Athletic Director Olson reported on the following: Women's Basketball Head Coach Mark Graupe resigned due to health issues. Assistant Coach Sam Kortum has stepped up to take over the program. Our MCC Men's Basketball player, Yohandry Ortiz is the sixth-leading scorer in the country. We host the Connors Classic with six high school teams on December 6 & 7. January 6<sup>th</sup> is our Elementary Day during the basketball game. We host six JV and freshman games for CCDHS this year. Western Montana will meet Jamestown to play a women's basketball game. He gave a fundraising update. Community Service hours are very good.
- 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: No updates to the submitted report.
- D. Academic Affairs:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Vice President Kratky reported on the following: Academics is focusing on one week of classes and then finals. Last week we had our SBDC review, which went very well.
- E. President's Report:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, President Ron Slinger reported on the following: It was so fantastic to have the CEO of the NJCAA spend time here with us. We are still working through the one-time-only fund request through the state legislature.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Trustee McFarland moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Trustee Okerman seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. Introduction of New Employees:** CFO Nancy Aaberge introduced Sandra Barclay, our new Accounting Specialist. VP Niedege introduced Kyleigh Heberle, our new Admissions Counselor.
- B. Enrollment Update:** VP Niedege gave Trustees a snapshot of enrollment. Retention is looking good. Enrollment is looking very strong. Our FTE is 264, which is 22% higher than this date last year, and 418 headcount, which is 20% higher than this date last year.
- C. Close the Loop Presentation – Unit Assessment Plan:** VP Phipps discussed MCC Unit Planning & Assessment processes.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

- A. Chair Report:** With the Trustee retreat being held on November 5, there were no committee meetings were held.
- B. Old Business:**
- C. New Business:**

**HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE:**

- A. Chair Report:** With the Trustee retreat being held on November 5, there were no committee meetings were held.
- B. Old Business:**
- C. New Business:**

**QUALITY AND ADVOCACY:**

- A. Chair Report:** With the Trustee retreat being held on November 5, there were no committee meetings were held.

**ACADEMIC CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Janshen /McFarland Passed**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- A. NWCCU Accreditation Cycle**

Adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The next regular Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Monday, December 16, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in room 106.

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Chair

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Secretary