

Marion Technical College
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 16, 2022
Health Technologies Center Auditorium

Call to Order

Chair Somerlot called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.

Roll Call

The Recording Secretary called the roll. Trustees present were Chair Roxane Somerlot, Mr. Tim Anderson, Mr. Kit Fogle, Ms. Jude Foulk, Ms. Vidya Iyengar, and Mr. Don Plotts.

Mr. Greg Moon and Ms. Nicolle Wampler were absent.

Introduction of Guests

Guests present included MTC employees Dr. Ryan McCall, Dr. Amy Adams, Dr. Bob Haas, Ms. Christy Culver, Ms. Tola Sanusi, Ms. Trish Frazzini, Dr. Andrew Hand, Dr. Matt Hollander, Dr. Lindsey Knapp, Mr. Mike Stuckey, and Ms. Laura Woughter.

Major Discussion Topic

The College has completed a co-located campus performance audit, initiated by the Auditor of State for all co-located institutions. A draft is anticipated soon, with a five day review period for the College and then a 14-day public comment period. The College has hosted audit team members for several months to review facilities, information technology, personnel, academic programs, and more, in addition to meetings with the other co-located institutions. More information will be shared later once the Auditor's recommendations are available.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of preceding meeting minutes

Mr. Fogle motioned to approve the consent agenda, and Ms. Iyengar seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

President's Report

Dr. McCall highlighted the following from his President's Report:

- The College hosted three summer camps for students ages 12-18: smart manufacturing (second year), health navigator, and esports. The smart manufacturing camp saw a return of a number of campers that participated in 2021.
- Local teachers and school counselors participated in a Teacher Manufacturing Boot Camp as a part of America's Workforce Development Capital at Marion Tech, and in partnership with Ashland University. The event allowed teachers to visit with employers and gain firsthand experience about the manufacturing industry. This knowledge is valuable when preparing students.
- The College was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Marion County Commissioners to fund student scholarships using federal American Rescue Plan Act funds. The scholarships will result in free tuition for approximately 50 students for one year.
- Renovations of the Bryson Hall one-stop continue, with anticipation the project will finish at the end of September and open at the beginning of October.

Monitoring Reports

EL 4.1 Communication and Counsel to the Board

Dr. McCall provided examples of communication to the Board of Trustees during the past year, and reaffirmed the tenets of the policy to keep the Board apprised and provide counsel as needed.

EL 4.3 Organizational Structure

Dr. McCall shared the College's current organizational structure, and highlighted minor changes since the previous report in 2021.

EL 4.11 Presidential Vacancy

Dr. McCall provided the presidential vacancy plan, which outlines the succession plan in the absence of the President.

Ms. Foulk moved to approve the monitoring reports and Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. By a unanimous roll call vote, the reports were approved.

EL 4.5 Financial Condition

- Ms. Ward shared an enrollment update with the trustees, noting the College has met its budget expectations (6.5% down for general students, 15% up for CCP, and flat for prison students) at present, and continues to enroll students in the week prior to the first week of classes.
- Ms. Ward noted an increase in salaries, largely due to additional grant personnel and filling of vacant positions.
- Ms. Ward noted an increase of approximately \$460,000 in new fixed assets, largely information technology purchases through federal HEERF funds.
- The College is making payments on an outstanding balance to Ohio State Marion in arrears in the amount of \$1.7 million. Dr. McCall shared he is working with the campus to work through a four year plan to make payments on the balance, however formal confirmation of the plan has not yet been received.

Mr. Plotts moved to approve the financial condition monitoring report and Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. By a unanimous roll call vote, the report was approved.

Policy Review/Governance Issues

EL 4.2 Strategic Planning

Mr. Plotts reviewed the policy with the Board, noting the high level goals given to the President by the Board to craft the strategic plan. He did not feel any changes were necessary.

EL 4.6 Financial Planning

Chair Somerlot noted the natural connection between the strategic planning and financial planning policies in guiding the College. Chair Somerlot felt the financial condition report provided at each meeting was helping to meet the requirements of the financial planning policy. She did not feel any changes were necessary.

EL 4.12 Conflict of Interest

This policy review will be shifted to the September 20th Board meeting, as Mr. Moon was absent.

Ms. Iyengar moved to approve the policy reviews and Mr. Fogle seconded the motion. By a unanimous roll call vote, the reviews were approved.

Informational Items

The October 18th Board meeting has been due to conflicts with the College participating in the session for the rural guided pathways program.

The November 15th Board meeting will be held at the Ohio Association of Community Colleges in Columbus as part of the Board's annual retreat.

Dr. McCall unveiled the College's ceremonial mace, a handcrafted wooden staff created by Cornice Works in Marion. The mace will be used at graduation and other events. The details of the mace are tied to the College's core values and history.

Dr. Adams shared upcoming events with the trustees:

- August 18th – Celebration of the Forge sponsorship by Alluvial Private Wealth.
- September 8th – The College will participate in the annual Popcorn Parade.
- September 15th – Downtown Marion's Third Thursday event will be sponsored by the College, and will include an open house of the mobile lab.
- September 28th – A "Scholarships Under the Stars" event will be held at the home of Dr. Scott and Pam Drew to support fundraising for student scholarships.
- October 5th – The annual retirees and friends brunch will be held in the Guthery Room, returning to in-person after COVID.
- October 15th – The College will host its second Big Tent Event, a homecoming event with many activities for families in Marion. New this year will be a visit from animals from the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium.
- November 17th – The seventh annual Alumni Hall of Fame will be held in concert with the Morrow and Delaware Chambers' of Commerce Business After Hours events.

Dr. Adams shared the first Foundation golf outing held in May raised \$20,000 for student scholarships. The Foundation offered to match \$5,000 in donations to create four new

Executive Session

Mr. Plotts motioned to convene to executive session at 6:18 p.m. to discuss matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes. Ms. Foulk seconded the motion. Chair Somerlot – aye, Mr. Anderson – aye, Mr. Fogle – aye, Ms. Foulk – aye, Ms. Iyengar – aye, Mr. Plotts – aye.

Mr. Fogle motioned to return to open session and Ms. Foulk seconded the motion. The Board reconvened in open session at 6:50 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Plotts motioned to adjourn, and Ms. Iyengar seconded the motion. The Board adjourned at 6:51 p.m.