

Marion Technical College  
**Board of Trustees**  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, September 21, 2021

**Call to Order**

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

**Roll Call**

The Recording Secretary called the roll. Trustees present were Chair Tim Anderson, Vice Chair Roxane Somerlot, Mr. Kit Fogle, Dr. Justin Hamper, Ms. Vidya Iyengar, Mr. Greg Moon, and Mr. Don Plotts.

Ms. Jude Foulk was absent.

**Introduction of Guests**

Guests present included Judge Larry Heiser, and MTC employees Dr. Ryan McCall, Dr. Amy Adams, Ms. Rhonda Ward, Mr. Jerad Claytor, Ms. Elizabeth Azhikannickal, Mr. Sam Moore, Ms. Primrose Igonor, Mr. Mike Stuckey, and Ms. Laura Woughter.

**Oath of Office**

Judge Larry Heiser, Marion Family Court, delivered the oath of office for Ms. Iyengar. Ms. Iyengar's term is from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2024. The previous term was held by Mr. Ken Young. Ms. Iyengar is the CEO and President of Pillar Credit Union.

**Major Discussion Topic**

The Board toured the Surgical Technology Lab, Engineering Labs, Esports Arena, and Connections Center.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of preceding meeting minutes

Mr. Plotts motioned to approve the consent agenda, and Mr. Moon seconded the motion. By a unanimous vote, the consent agenda was approved.

## **President's Report**

The Connections Center ribbon cutting was held on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the event was well attended. In addition to employees and community leaders, Senator Bill Reineke and Representative Tracy Richardson attended and address the crowd, as did representatives from Senator Sherrod Brown and Senator Rob Portman's offices. The event was a collaborative effort between MTC's Marketing team and Wyandot Snacks.

The Board was presented with the August Student Resource Navigator (SRN) report, which highlighted the increase in student utilization since the opening of the Connections Center and the start of the term.

The College was not selected for the USDA RISE grant, which would've supported workforce efforts in the community. One of the reasons for ineligibility is the county's median household income is too high, when compared to the statewide median household income.

Dr. McCall and Dr. Bob Haas will be presenting on the College's grant partnership with Columbus State at the Rural Community College Alliance (RCCA) in late September, and at the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Leadership Congress in October with Vice Chair Somerlot.

## **Monitoring Reports**

### Ends 1.1 Educated Workforce

Dr. McCall highlighted the following items from his written report:

- The College has established a partnership with United Church Homes to provide leadership training, career and skill development, and self-directed courses on strategic planning and project management. MTC students will also benefit through intern and clinical placements at UCH facilities.
- Students at Whirlpool are able to earn a Whirlpool-specific engineering certificate fully on-site, and continue on a pathway to an associate degree as needed. Sixty Whirlpool employees took MTC courses during the last academic year.
- During the last academic year, 189 Vaughn employees were enrolled in MTC courses, while working as apprentices at the company.
- Approximately 25 individuals are participating in the Forge free business classes again this fall.

- Included in the report from the HLC peer review team for the College's assurance review, one reviewer noted the College's CGCs and the emphasis on professionalism to prepare students for informed citizenship and workplace success, including effective interpersonal and teamwork skills.
- Program advisory committees offer feedback on curriculum and workforce needs.
- Students completing clinicals, internships, and co-op experiences complete a self-evaluation and are evaluated by their industry supervisor.

#### EL 4.5 – Financial Condition

Chief Financial Officer Rhonda Ward presented the finance report as of August 31, 2021, as evidence of compliance with EL Policy 4.5 - Financial Conditions. She provided an overview of revenues and expenses, cash position, and also referred the Board to the following items in her written report.

- The impact of student drops will be realized in the next report, based on the census date when students are dropped for non-payment and non-attendance.
- General students are tracking below budgeted (4%), where CCP students are making up for that revenue difference.
- Expense tracking is consistent with spending year over year, with slight increases based on federal stimulus fund spending.
- Student with unpaid balances, and meeting specific criteria, had their balances forgiven using HEERF federal stimulus funds. This included students between spring 2020 and spring 2021.
- A revised budget will be presented to the Board in October.

Mr. Fogle moved to approve the monitoring reports, and Dr. Hamper seconded the motion. By a unanimous vote, the reports were approved.

#### **Policy Review/Governance Issues**

##### EL 4.1 Communication and Counsel to the Board

Dr. Hamper reviewed the policy with the Board, including the evidence from the most recent monitoring report. Within the last year, there has been a change in the nature of communication with the Board due to Covid-19, and those changes highlighted the consistent communication to the Board. Dr. Hamper felt the policy was appropriate and no changes were needed.

##### EL 4.6 Financial Planning

Mr. Fogle reviewed the policy with the Board, and highlighted the regular monitoring reports on the College's financial condition and annual budget. Mr. Fogle felt the College maintained compliance and no changes were needed to the policy.

#### EL 4.11 Presidential Vacancy

Vice Chair Somerlot reviewed the policy with the Board, and highlighted the clear continuity of leadership in the absence of the President, and the working relationship between the leadership team aids in that continuity. Vice Chair Somerlot discussed the potential for signatory authority in the President's absence, and Chair Anderson suggested establishing signatory authority that would be attached to funding threshold to follow the leadership succession.

#### Revisions to EL 4.2 Strategic Planning

Dr. McCall highlighted the clarification for a revised policy related to strategic planning, specifically related to the term of a plan and how the rollover is conducted. Tim called for a vote, unanimous aye.

#### **Contract Threshold**

In a previous Board meeting, the Board discussed setting a threshold up to \$200,000 for Dr. McCall to sign contracts and signatory authority following the leadership succession plan under EL 4.11 Presidential Vacancy.

Vice Chair Somerlot motioned to establish the threshold and signatory authority, and Mr. Fogle seconded the motion. By a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### **Informational Items**

Ms. Iyengar and Ms. Nicolle Wampler (ODRC) were approved to join the Board by the Marion Education Caucus on September 20, 2021. Ms. Wampler's first meeting will be October 2021.

The Board's retreat is scheduled to coincide with the October 2021 Board meeting, and will be held at the Ohio Association of Community Colleges' office in Columbus on October 19, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. The tentative agenda was shared with the Board.

#### **Executive Session**

Mr. Moon motioned to convene to executive session at 7:16 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or

regulated individual. Dr. Hamper seconded the motion. Chair Anderson – aye, Vice Chair Somerlot – aye, Mr. Fogle – aye, Dr. Hamper – aye, Ms. Iyengar – aye, Mr. Moon – aye, Mr. Plotts – aye.

Mr. Plotts motioned to return to open session and Vice Chair Somerlot seconded the motion. The Board reconvened in open session at 7:28 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Anderson adjourned the Board at 7:29 p.m.