

Marion Technical College
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Friday, May 10, 2024
Marion Area Chamber of Commerce

Call to Order

Chair Somerlot called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

Roll Call

The Recording Secretary called the roll. Trustees present were Chair Roxane Somerlot, Vice Chair Fogle, Mr. Tim Anderson, Ms. Vidya Iyengar, Dr. Michael McCleese, and Mr. Don Plotts.

Ms. Jude Foulk was absent.

Introduction of Guests

Guests present included MTC employees Dr. Ryan McCall, Dr. Amy Adams, Dr. Bob Haas, Ms. Rhonda Ward, Dr. Lindsey Knapp, Mr. Mike Stuckey, and Ms. Laura Woughter.

Major Discussion Topic

Dr. McCall shared that State Senator Jerry Cirino has invited all university presidents to testify before the Senate Higher Education and Workforce Committee, and requested the community colleges in written form, to submit information on capital requests, spending, DEI activities, personnel, and more.

In addition to the request for spending information, Senator Cirino's office requested information from the community colleges, through the Ohio Association of Community Colleges (OACC), on enrollment (past five years and projected five year), whether the institution requires hiring questions related to DEI or uses a DEI litmus test in hiring practices, and the College's strategic plan related to the growing demographic shift and workforce needs.

Dr. McCall and the executive leadership team are drafting a response for the request, which is due by May 15th.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of preceding meeting minutes
2. ODHE Completion Plan

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

President's Report

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

- The Surgical Technology program class of 2024 had a 100% board passage rate, and each graduate has secured employment upon graduation. The program continues to reach milestones.
- ODHE Chancellor Duffey invited Marion Tech to present at the Governor's Trustee Conference on collection of graduate wage data. Dr. Haas will be presenting to trustees from two- and four-year institutions. Dr. Haas explained the process to request and report out the data, and noted also the College's participation in a similar initiative, the Coleridge Project.
- The College will host a Teacher Bootcamp 1.0, 2.0, and 3.0, which allows returning educators to continue to participate. State Representative Riordan McClain will be attending one of the bootcamps. Ms. Tami Galloway, Workforce Solutions, is also meeting with the new director of the Department of Education and Workforce later in June related to the bootcamps.
- The College will have graduated 425 students across all terms, earning over 500 credentials, and representing 27 counties across Ohio. The age range of graduates is 16-72 years old. There are five veteran and 22 CCP graduates.

Monitoring Reports

EL 4.2 Strategic Planning

Dr. McCall shared a draft update to the current strategic plan with the Board, noting the plan will be shared with the College for review. Included in the updated plan: revising the College's organizational structure, developing a new strategic plan and determining the process for doing so, continuing implementation of guided pathways and Caring Campus initiatives. The key performance indicators for the plan were also shared with the Board. Dr. McCall highlighted graduates are earning 99% of the MIT living wage calculator for two working adults, one child household, fall-to-fall part-time student retention has grown to 53%, annual giving has grown by 18.45% and alumni giving has grown 17.04%, and has received 14 gifts in excess of \$5,000.

EL 4.5 Financial Condition

Ms. Ward highlighted the following items from her full report:

- Summer enrollment continues to look strong.

- The spring revised budget added additional revenue for general (\$232,000), CCP (\$152,000), and prison students (\$171,000).
- Investment revenue continues to produce returns, with the current rate of return over 5%. The College holds approximately \$6.5 million in STAR Ohio
- Some final reconciliations for Pell dollars will need to be completed, which is later than the reconciliation in FY2023.

Chair Somerlot requested a motion to accept the financial condition report. Mr. Plotts made a motion to approve, and Mr. Fogle seconded the motion. By a unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

EL 4.9 Treatment of Students

Dr. McCall highlighted evidence for the report to demonstrate compliance with state and federal laws, policies and procedures available to students, information on rights and responsibilities, and provided accurate information on program offerings and outcomes. The College also completed a Trellis survey, which provides details on student needs and barriers. Students are also able to complete surveys on instruction through the Student Evaluation of Teaching.

EL 4.10 Treatment of Employees

Dr. McCall highlighted evidence to support fair and equitable treatment of employees. Employees are afforded a variety of opportunities to engage in shared governance, including employee group meetings, participation in College committees, decision-making via President's Cabinet, information sharing via College Leadership Council, and engagement in the policy review process. The executive leadership team is hosting monthly information sessions on topics of interest, such as budget, cost-share, state share of instruction, and more.

EL 4.12 Conflict of Interest

Dr. McCall highlighted the importance of the policy to ensure ethical and responsible conduct. Included as evidence was the College's ethics policy, details on Ohio's ethics laws, and Dr. McCall's financial disclosure filing.

Chair Somerlot requested a motion to accept the remaining monitoring reports. Ms. Iyengar made a motion to approve, and Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. By a unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

Policy Review/Governance Issues

No policy review or governance issues were discussed.

Informational Items

The College participated in a charity kickball for the Marion Board of Developmental Disabilities, and were later notified by the Secretary of State's Office that the College was required to file a campaign donation form. Upon completing the form, the College later received a potential notice of violation of campaign finance law and a hearing before the Ohio Elections Commission. The College will be referred to outside counsel to address the issue.

Dr. McCall shared conference opportunities for the Board in the upcoming year.

Executive Session

No executive session was held.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Somerlot called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting. The Board adjourned at 5:37 p.m.