

Marion Technical College
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 15, 2022
Health Technologies Center Auditorium and Virtual

Call to Order

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

The Board met in-person with a virtual option, as allowed by state law. The state legislature granted temporary authority (House Bill 51, 134th General Assembly) allowing public boards to meet remotely under the Ohio Open Meetings Act in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Roll Call

The Recording Secretary called the roll. Trustees present were Chair Tim Anderson, Vice Chair Roxane Somerlot, Ms. Vidya Iyengar, and Mr. Don Plotts. Mr. Kit Fogle, Ms. Jude Foulk, Mr. Greg Moon, and Ms. Nicolle Wampler joined the meeting virtually.

Dr. Justin Hamper was absent.

Introduction of Guests

Guests present included MTC graduate Breanna Napper and MTC employees Dr. Ryan McCall, Dr. Amy Adams, Ms. Denise Smith, Ms. Christy Culver, and Ms. Laura Woughter. Ms. Rhonda Ward, Ms. Vickie Axline, Ms. Christy Culver and others were present virtually.

Major Discussion Topic

Ms. Napper, an MTC graduate and continuing student studying Biomedical Engineer, attended the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) National Legislative Summit in Washington D.C., along with Dr. McCall, Dr. Adams, and Ms. Iyengar. Ms. Napper was appreciative of the opportunity to travel and advocate for students and community college issues. Ms. Napper is also interning at OhioHealth Marion General as a Biomedical Engineer Intern. Ms. Iyengar also attended as a representative of the Board of Trustees. The conference keynote speaker was Dr. Jill Biden, first lady and community college faculty member. She noted the importance of meeting with congressional representatives to advocate for the community college sector. Dr. McCall highlighted his push for allowing a no-cost extension for HEERF stimulus

funds past May 2022 when meeting with legislators, and the Department of Education recently announced the extension to all institutions with balances over \$1,000 through June 2023.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of preceding meeting minutes

Mr. Plotts 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 Perkins Career Technical Education grant met all of the metrics for the year, led by Jen Montag, the Perkins administrator, and a committee of employees.
- Partnerships with CCP continue to expand. The College added Pickerington School District as a partner school system for the calendar year, enrolling 319 students in spring 2022. Mohawk High School will also expand their course offerings in the next academic year.
- Dr. McCall attended the Marion City Schools State of the Schools meeting to share more information on the partnership between the district and Marion Tech to continue GEAR UP services past the life of the grant that originally was administered by the district.
- The College applied for a rural guided pathways grant project to receive coaching and assistance in fully implementing guided pathways work for students. Only 15 schools nationwide will be selected.
- The College removed the mask requirement at the end of February when Marion County returned to yellow rating via the CDC.

Chair Anderson congratulated the College for noteworthy press coverage in the *Marion Star* recently.

Monitoring Reports

Ends 1.2 Student Success

Dr. McCall supplied evidence to support students are successful in attaining career success and on the pathways to it, can successfully transfer to a four-year institution when desired, and students in transition (second career, displaced workers, low-skill or high-risk) are more successful. Some evidence included average earning of MTC graduates, employers of graduates across Ohio, savings to students and families through CCP, success of the College's Alumni Hall

of Fame recipients, the College's cohort default rate (CDR) success, and additional data from the Ohio Association of Community Colleges' Student Success Leadership Institute (SSLI) on outcomes. Dr. McCall also highlighted the addition of ESL classes through Aspire as an outreach to non-native English speakers, who might be considered a high-risk population. Enrollment at Whirlpool, Vaughn, and through the Second Chance Pell program at the correctional institutions continues to be an important sector of the College's offerings. Dr. McCall reviewed the SSLI data with the trustees in more detail, which compares Marion Tech to the entire community college sector.

Vice Chair Somerlot joined the meeting in-person at this time.

EL 4.5 Financial Condition

Ms. Ward shared tuition revenue is on track to meet budget for FY22. The College will closely monitor summer enrollment, and hopes the free summer tuition initiative (paid with HEERF institutional funds) will have a positive impact on enrollment. Grant activity and HEERF spending are up year-over-year, skewing some reporting of expenses year-over-year. Included in the report was a listing of instances of the invoice date pre-dating the PO date, over a certain threshold, required for compliance with the state; this listing is required to be shared with the Board. The Business Office is working to combat instances through education and improved practices. Chair Anderson had questions related to the listing, and wanted confirmation that the instances are likely the result of timing issues, and Ms. Ward agreed that is the case. Ms. Wampler noted invoices that were months off, and asked what would contribute to such a delay, and Ms. Ward noted those instances could be a misplaced invoice or an invoice issued well-in advance of the due date. Ms. Foulk asked the budget outcome for FY23 with the extension of HEERF funds. Ms. Ward noted the College had prepared to cover approximately \$500,000 in HEERF funds to cover the remainder of FY22. In planning for FY23, the extension will give the flexibility to balance the budget in FY22 and hold on to excess funds to aid targeted budget reductions to balance the budget in FY23. Additionally, the College is requesting to increase the HEERF funds budget, in order to plan out spending for the remainder of FY22. HEERF funds will be used to purchase and improve IT infrastructure, increased payroll for additional course sections due to social distancing, and the free summer tuition initiative. Mr. Moon asked if the IT infrastructure purchase would be in addition to spending for IT, and Ms. Ward confirmed this is additional spending on large purchases and replacements across the College.

Vice Chair Somerlot moved to approve the monitoring reports and Mr. Moon seconded the motion. By a unanimous roll call vote, the reports, including the expansion of the HEERF budget, were approved.

Policy Review/Governance Issues

EL 4.4 Services

Mr. Fogle reviewed the policy with the Board, and felt the services provided by the College meet the goals of the policy. He felt no changes were necessary.

EL 4.8 Asset Protection

Ms. Foulk reviewed the policy with the Board, and noted the communication with the Board in efforts to inform the Board about plant maintenance and asset protection, citing the expansion to Marion Tech Downtown as an example. She also cited the College's six-year capital plan and campus framework plan. She felt the evidence was sufficient, and no changes were necessary.

Informational Items

Dr. McCall, Dr. Haas, and Dr. Adams will be attending the annual AACC Conference in New York City in April.

Trustees interested in attending the annual ACCT Leadership Congress in October in New York City should let Dr. McCall know.

Dr. Hamper's term will end at the end of April and he will not be seeking a new term. Dr. Hamper's role with OhioHealth has become regional as opposed to local, and OhioHealth has expressed interest in recommending a new trustee from Marion General. The group expressed their appreciation for Dr. Hamper's service to the Board.

The Board will hold a special Board meeting on March 23rd to review the bids for the upcoming Bryson Hall renovation project. Bids closed on March 15th and will be reviewed by the College and construction manager at-risk.

Executive Session

No executive session was held.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Iyengar motioned to adjourn at and Mr. Plotts seconded the motion. The Board adjourned at 6:44 p.m.