

Marion Technical College  
**Board of Trustees**  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, March 21, 2023  
Health Technologies Center Auditorium

**Call to Order**

Chair Somerlot called the meeting to order at 5:30 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, Dr. Michael McCleese, and Mr. Don Plotts.

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

**Introduction of Guests**

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

**Major Discussion Topic**

Ms. Woughter presented to the Board on Senate Bill 83, the Ohio Higher Education Enhancement Act, which was recently introduced by Senator Jerry Cirino (R – Kirtland). The bill includes a significant number of new requirements for public community colleges and universities, including bans on mandatory diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) training, affirmations of free speech and expression, required history course content, mandatory trustee training, cost analysis reporting to the state, and more.

Mr. Plotts shared about the Ohio Association of Community Colleges (OACC) Legislative Day on March 14<sup>th</sup>. The group in attendance heard from legislators on higher education legislation and the upcoming operating budget, and met with local legislators to talk about Marion Tech.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of preceding meeting minutes

## 2. Approval of Rule 3357-10-4-10 – Testing Your Faith Act

Mr. Plotts motioned to approve the consent agenda, and Mr. Anderson 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 received a positive report on its Perkins grant outcomes.
- The CCP program has received interest in offering STNA in several high schools to meet workforce credentials for graduation requirements. The STNA program is also an entry point for many health careers. Growth in the program may also require additional qualified faculty to teach STNA in new schools.
- The TRIO Educational Talent Search grant is meeting grant expectations and serving students in exposing them to higher education.
- Marion Tech is the first community college to offer BSN courses, with the first classes beginning in the second eight weeks of the spring semester. The College is working with OACC to host a publicity event on the start of the community college RN-BSN programs across Ohio.

### **Monitoring Reports**

#### EL 4.5 Financial Condition

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

- Spring semester enrollment is strong, as is tuition revenue. The current tuition revenue for year to date is \$5.7 million, which is comparable to 2022, however \$530,000 in the prior year was drawn down as lost revenue through HEERF funds.
- The College has moved investments to STAR Ohio, with a yield of 4.76% or \$78,000.
- Fall lost revenue from HEERF will be drawn down soon, and then a calculation will begin for spring.
- Expenses are slightly down year to year, with a large portion due to HEERF spending in 2022. Spending in grants is approximately \$500,000 ahead year to year, due to increase grant activity.
- Cash balance is down year to year; however, the College has made a second payment to OSU-Marion as part of the repayment plan which impacts cash position.

Mr. Fogle asked Ms. Ward about FDIC limits and the College's cash related to that, and Ms. Ward noted that the College is within limits and fully insured.

Mr. Fogle moved to approve the financial report and Ms. Iyengar seconded the motion. By a unanimous roll call vote, the report was approved.

#### Ends 1.2 Student Success

Dr. McCall reviewed the report with the Board, highlighting the following evidence of compliance:

- The College's cohort default rate is 3.8%.
- Graduate wage and employment data from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) was shared.
- The establishment of the RN-to-BSN program creates a further pathway to career success for working nurses.
- Workforce trainings offered by the College provide opportunities to up-skill incumbent workers.
- Students receiving Pell are paid at a lower wage or salary than their counterparts in the same degree that did not receive Pell, which data shows persistence even decades after entering the workforce. Dr. McCall noted there is work to do to understand why this is happening and looking at the issue both internally and externally.

Dr. McCall presented additional data from OACC on student outcomes across each institution, to compare to outcomes for students at Marion Tech in course completions, credentials and degrees per 100 full-time equivalent (FTE), transfers, and other categories established in the community colleges' performance based funding model for state subsidy (SSI).

Ms. Foulk moved to approve the monitoring report and Dr. McCleese seconded the motion. By a unanimous roll call vote, the report was approved.

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

#### EL 4.4 Services

Chair Somerlot reviewed the policy with the Board and felt no changes were needed based on the last report and evidence.

#### Revised EL 4.7 Funding

As requested at the January 2023 Board meeting, edits were made to the policy to maintain the negative language that is consistent with the rest of the policy. The group was supportive of the change.

## **Informational Items**

The Aspire High School Equivalency recognition ceremony will be May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Surgical Technology graduate pinning will be April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

The Nursing graduate pinning will be May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

The 2023 ACCT Leadership Congress is being held on October 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas, Nevada. Dr. McCall encouraged interested trustees to attend.

## **Executive Session**

Mr. Plotts motioned to convene to executive session at 6:59 p.m. to discuss matters regarding the compensation of a public employee. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. Chair Somerlot – aye, Mr. Anderson – aye, Mr. Fogle – aye, Ms. Foulk – aye, Ms. Iyengar – aye, Dr. McCleese – aye, Mr. Plotts – aye.

Mr. Anderson motioned to return to open session and Mr. Fogle seconded the motion. The Board reconvened in open session at 8:01 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Plotts motioned to adjourn and Dr. McCleese seconded. The Board adjourned at 8:06 p.m.