

Marion Technical College
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 17, 2018
Library Classroom 121

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

The Recording Secretary called the roll. Trustees present were Chair Plotts, Mr. Anderson, Dr. Hamper, Mrs. Foulk, Mrs. Somerlot, Mr. Parrot, and Mr. Young. A quorum was declared present.

Mr. Russell and Mr. Danner were absent.

Staff present included Dr. McCall, Dr. Bob Haas, Dr. Amy Adams, Dr. Richard Prystowsky, Jeff Nutter, Laura Woughter, Brenda Feasel, Chris Gase, Debbie Stark, Chad Schneider, and Tyler Maley.

Major Discussion Topic

Tyler Maley, mathematics faculty, presented to Board about one of the newly renovated math labs, which was funded by the ODHE Math Bridges to Success Grant for \$150,000. The grant focuses on helping more students succeed and complete math courses, with a focus on providing pathways. More renovations are anticipated on the lab throughout the summer. Mr. Maley provided statistics on his grant progress and completion data regarding the focus of the coursework and pathway models. Dr. Hamper asked if the room was a lab setting or if exams were still provided. Mr. Maley replied the room is flexible and promotes active learning, while still serving as a functional class space for examinations. Dr. McCall commended Mr. Maley for his creation of the lab space and work in redefining math courses college-wide. Chair Plotts asked if developmental math was also redesigned, and Mr. Maley agreed the curriculum was changed to better assist students' progress through developmental math without requiring students to take multiple terms worth of math coursework. Mrs. Somerlot asked what resources were used to complete the design work in a short period of time. Mr. Maley explained this experience traveling to other institutions and reading through research, and created the curriculum from his experiences. The group commended Mr. Maley for his work and thanked him for his presentation.

Dr. McCall presented to the Board information on gubernatorial candidate Richard Cordray's plan for free community college. The plan would provide additional funding for preferred pathways, funding for advising, among other items. Richard Cordray presented at an OACC President's meeting on the plan. Dr. McCall noted the college's Get to Next Scholars is a

compromise of an offering by the institution with some student buy-in that may receive support regardless of political affiliation.

The Board was also given a tentative agenda for the upcoming OACC Annual Conference hosted by MTC. The guests will be hosted on campus and also be taken on tours of local businesses. The second day will be held at the May Pavilion and will feature speakers and an awards ceremony.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of preceding meeting minutes

Chair Plotts presented the consent agenda and called for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Parrot. The motion carried.

President's Report

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

- The spring Aviso report was provided to the Board; information in the report included course completion increases, success among CCP students, and persistence rate increases, among others. Student retention from fall-fall is a focus for the college as an area to improve; studies show successful retention helps to increase the graduation rate for those students. Mr. Anderson asked if a faculty member leaves a note on a student's record, if advisors contact the student. Dr. McCall noted advisors may contact students, as well as program directors dependent on the student's needs. Mrs. Somerlot asked if the result of the tracking is personal contact with the student, and Dr. McCall agreed the tracking allows the college to personally reach out to students to help address problems. Aviso also offers suggestions for the college on areas to improve in using its product. Chair Plotts noted one advisor saw a large percentage of notes in the system, and Dr. McCall noted Millie Williams oversees advising for all health sciences students. Mrs. Foulk asked the cost of the program, and Dr. Haas estimated the cost as \$20,000 annually. Mrs. Somerlot asked how many states Aviso works in, and Dr. McCall explained they work in 16 states, and MTC was a beta college for the company. Mr. Anderson asked how students get alerts, and Dr. McCall explained the advisors and faculty receive the alerts and personally contact the student; texting may soon be utilized. Mr. Young asked what a traditional student would be versus a part time student, who may also be employed, wondering what the correlation was between employment trends and the load a student may take. Dr. McCall noted a traditional student is any student not in high school or enrolled in the prison program. Dr. McCall noted a portion of the college's new strategic plan focuses on the non-cognitive barriers to success and how to better connect students to resources in the community; he also noted interest in the future in creating a position to help students connect with resources before they choose to drop out. Dr. Hamper asked if math would show up as a predictive risk analytic, and how that would impact the work being done through the Math Bridges to Success Grant. Dr. McCall noted the predictive

analytics helps determine areas where students might have trouble, for example taking two particular classes at the same time.

- The college's state share of instruction (SSI) under the current performance-based model has seen increases as opposed to if the college was still funded under the enrollment model. Dr. McCall noted there are funding areas that can be increased without increased enrollment, including course completion. Dr. McCall noted increases in transfer and certificates awarded, which are being automatically awarded even if the student only intends to earn an associate degree. Chair Plotts asked if reverse transfer credit was offered to students or if it was too challenging. Dr. McCall noted the college only recently began to track transfer students, and agreed more could be done to engage with those students. The college is estimated to have a \$130,000 increase in SSI. Mr. Parrott asked how the money that other institutions lose was spent, and Dr. McCall explained the funding is redistributed based on percentages, so all funding is used but the amounts can vary based on competition with other institutions.
- The college had a great meeting with its Perkins administrator, who was complimentary of the college during his visit. More funding will be used to add professional development opportunities regarding diversity and inclusion.
- The campus job fair saw 105 vendors, and was well attended.
- The college's online giving portal is live on the college's website, offering more giving opportunities to the MTC Foundation.
- Dr. McCall will be joining Chris Truax, COO of Marion General Hospital, and Steve Fujii, Interim Superintendent of Marion City Schools, to present to the Midwestern Governors Association on the Graduate Pathways to Success program by invitation of Governor Kasich.
- The community has been working diligently with RobotWorx to encourage them to stay in the community and inform them of the resources available to them for workforce training and others. Representatives from their parent company in New Zealand were also present via webinar. Mrs. Somerlot, who was also included in the meeting, was complimentary of the efforts of the entire group present at the meeting. She also noted the communities drive to respond and cooperate is telling.

Monitoring Reports

EL 4.5 - Financial Condition

Chief Financial Officer Jeff Nutter presented the finance report as of March 31, 2018, as evidence of compliance with Executive Limitation Policy 4.5 - Financial Conditions. He referred the Board to the following items in his written report:

- Summer enrollment is trending ahead of last year and the college's budget, a result of efforts to bolster the summer term.
- Page 3 - The cadaver lab expenses for architecture fees are shown, but the project has begun and is progressing.
- The college is at 66% of its budget for the fiscal year, however no payments have been made to OSU as the college waits for reconciliations for the past two fiscal years; however, the college expects to be on budget in comparison to other years.

- Page 4 - Fall and spring tuition revenue have lagged behind budget for the fiscal year, however tuition for summer is above budget and continues to grow.
- CCP will see some summer enrollments, however the enrollment is typically small for that population during the summer. Prison enrollment is lagging slightly as well.
- The college did gain \$105,000 for the career services fee that was not previously accounted for in the budget.
- The college did reduce the budget when a deficit was expected, so any surplus will likely be small. It is worth noting larger surpluses in other years were driven by open positions.
- The report also included information on distribution of funds across college departments.

Chair Plotts asked what the driving force for the increase in summer enrollment, and Dr. McCall expected some of the increases are a result of the EASE research project and grant, however the college is limited in viewing the data as a part of the outside research requirements.

Chair Plotts called for a motion to approve the finance report. Motion was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Mrs. Foulk. The motion carried.

Policy Review/Governance Issues

Ends 1.2 - Student Success

Students are better prepared for life.

- They have greater career success and more pathways to it.
- They can successfully transfer to a four-year educational institution when desired.
- There are more successful career transitions for:
 - Second Career Students
 - Displaced Workers
 - Low Skilled/High-Risk Populations

Dr. McCall reviewed the policy, and the Board did not wish to make any changes.

Informational Items

Chair Plotts noted Mr. Young was reappointed by the local education caucus. Mr. Parrott's gubernatorial reappointment is still pending.

OhioHealth and MTC have been working, with the cadaver lab in mind, on more ways to partner. OhioHealth donated \$100,000 for construction of the lab and will be interested in attracting doctors and offering trainings locally instead of offering trainings in Columbus.

Mrs. Somerlot thanked the college for their work with JFS and with Marion City Schools through their diploma plus program to create pathways for seniors after high school graduation.

Chair Plotts reminded the members of the anticipated Board vacancy with Mr. Danner's term ending. The group agreed to discuss the process at the next meeting. Dr. McCall also expressed

interest in bringing in an individual with a liberal arts background as the college is focused on growing its Associate of Arts and Associate of Sciences programs.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session for this meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Plotts called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Parrott and seconded by Mr. Anderson. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.