

Marion Technical College
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 20, 2018
Health Technologies Center, Room 103

Call to Order

Chairman Plotts called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Mrs. Foulk and Mr. Parrott were absent.

Staff present included Dr. McCall, Dr. Bob Haas, Dr. Amy Adams, Jeff Nutter, Laura Woughter, Brenda Feasel, Mike Stuckey, Debbie Stark, Chad Schneider, Kathy Rice, and Duane Robinson, an MTC nursing student and class president.

Chairman Plotts shared with the Board that Mr. Danner intends to conclude his tenure on the Board at the end of his term. Mr. Danner shared his experiences with the College and the Board, on which he had been a member since 1998, and his pleasure of serving on the Board and seeing the progress of the institution. Chairman Plotts asked for a motion to accept Mr. Danner's resignation letter. Mrs. Somerlot made a motion and Dr. Hamper seconded the motion. The motion was approved without objection.

Major Discussion Topics

Dr. McCall first shared his experience attending the ACCT National Legislative Summit with two students, and meeting with legislators on Capitol Hill. Dr. McCall shared the positive impact of bringing students to the conference, and the positive reception from Senator Portman and other Ohio institutions. Mr. Robinson felt the experience was very enlightening and was a learning process regarding proposed legislation that impacts community colleges and their students. He explained legislators were receptive to his story as a second career student and were happy to talk to him about his MTC experience. Mr. Robinson was eager to continue communication with MTC's federal delegation, promoting issues that are important to its students and the college. Chairman Plotts thanked Mr. Robinson on behalf of the Board for positively representing the college. Dr. Hamper asked Mr. Robinson what his fellow students thought of his experience, and Mr. Robinson responded some of his peers thanked him for his representation as class president. Chairman Plotts asked where his nursing clinicals were held, to which he replied Marion General ICU, but he also noted his time with a variety of sites south of MTC.

Dr. McCall shared a brochure with the Board on the Get to Next Scholars program, which will offer a last dollar scholarship to students in their second year, following completion of prerequisite requirements throughout their time at MTC. Dr. McCall noted the first year of the program will be a test for the program. In conversations with a local business owner, he drew awareness to the awarding of first year scholarships without knowing the outcome of the students' success, which was met with agreement and interest in MTC's proposal. Dr. McCall noted a limited financial investment and an increased personnel investment could be expected. Mrs. Somerlot asked if the program was targeted or open to all, and Dr. McCall noted it would not be available for limited enrollment programs and would be targeted towards programs with available capacity. Mr. Young asked if there were goals past the first year, and Dr. McCall noted Dr. Haas ran a variety of models to determine eligibility possibilities, and landed at 20-30 students for the first year; the college would like to grow the program in the future and seek outside investment to expand the capacity. He also noted the scholarship will open up more resources to adult students, who have traditionally seen fewer scholarship opportunities.

Dr. McCall shared a legislative update with the Board on several bills in the Ohio legislature. SB 216 proposes changes to College Credit Plus (CCP), requiring textbook costs to be split equally between high schools and students. While students at or below 200% of the FPL will have their textbooks covered, students above that threshold may still be harmed financially; the college is brainstorming ways to help CCP students with this anticipated change. HB 512 seeks to combine the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE), and the Governor's Board of Workforce Transformation into one agency. Finally, HB 166 would redefine Ohio technical centers as programs of higher education, opening up resources such as OCOG and other grants to a wider pool of applicants. Dr. McCall noted there is concern there may be tuition restructuring by the technical centers as a result.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of preceding meeting minutes
2. Rule 3357-10-1-65 Suicide Prevention
3. College Audit from January Board Meeting
4. EL 4.4 Services from January Board Meeting
5. EL 4.8 Asset Protection from January Board Meeting

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

President's Report

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

- Dr. McCall referenced the table on pg. 2, noting MTC's transfer-out rate exceeds its comparison group median. The college has had conversations with Franklin University on a 2+2 or 3+1 program for cyber security students.

- The Aspire program has been partnering with other community organizations. The Marion Public Library will be launching billboards, promoting the ability to earn a GED through the college at the library. The college is on track to meet its minimum program requirements.
 - Mrs. Somerlot noted the JFS referral process to the Aspire program has dramatically improved.
- Three reaccreditation visits are expected in the coming months for various programs.
- A workforce solutions presentation on personal and corporate cyber security was conducted at Merrill Lynch; the group was pleased with the presentation expressed interest in additional presentations with more information.
- Mike Stuckey will now serve as the college's Foundation Director.
- The MMTL travelled to the Delaware campus of Columbus State Community College for the Governor's State of the State.
- The college's draft cohort default rate (CDR) has dropped six points from the previous year to 12.5%, drawing attention and questions from other institutions on MTC's progress.
- The college was recently honored with the Marion County Black Heritage Council's Corporate Award for its work with minority students on campus.

Monitoring Reports

EL 4.5 - Financial Condition

Chief Financial Officer Jeff Nutter presented the finance report as of February 28, 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:

- MTC still owes OSU for final reconciliations for FY16-17. Reconciliations for FY18 will be paid once the previous reconciliations are complete.
- Two shared campus projects, asphalt resurfacing and outdoor lighting upgrades, this summer will be conducted this summer; Mr. Nutter shared an explanation of the projects. The college funded the contingency fee for the projects, which was paid in February.
- Accrued liabilities represents the incurred but not paid self-insurance policy, which the auditors asked the college to record and update annually.
- Capital reserves will likely have a refund with the return of the contingency fee.
- Tuition is below budget but is higher than reported last year, however that is because of the timing of summer term.
- CCP tuition is trending below budget due to enrollment drops in the program.
- Student fees are up from last year because of the newly implemented career services fees and the Direct Digital Access (DDA) fee for a number of classes, which is a pass through to the bookstore.
- Expenditures shows the encumbered costs for the architect contract for the cadaver lab, which should see construction begin next month.
- Equipment has been paid for from the capital reserve which was previously set up, paying for classroom and lab equipment.

- The college's Innovation Grant for the GPS program increased the grant line compared to last year.
- No revenue is being collected by the Harding Home as the home is closed for construction and not accepting visitors.
- The college's budget projection is a break even for the year, however fluctuation is expected with summer registration and additional expenditures. The college has been reducing individual budgets and other expenditures which will offset some revenue loss anticipated by the college.
- 72% of the college's expense is accounted for in payroll and benefits.

Chairman Plotts called for a motion to approve the finance report. Motion was made by Mr. Danner and seconded by Mr. Anderson. The motion carried.

ENDS 1.2 - Student Success

Dr. McCall reminded the members of the interpretation of the policy related to student success. He noted MTC graduates salaries are 90% of the median household income for the county, and 103% for graduates in technical programs. He showcased employers where graduates are hired and cities where graduates move for employment. The college has over 100 bilateral transfer agreements, and over 900 unique CCP students attended a four-year institution upon graduation. Mrs. Somerlot noted Western Governor's University is growing its presence in Ohio, and Dr. McCall noted ODHE has recognized WGU in the state. In the college's SSI distribution, MTC gained subsidy share for transfer and certificates/certificate access, accounting for approximately a \$150,000 increase in SSI for FY19. In 2017, 14,000 credits were transferred into the institution, increasing articulation credit. As shown in Table C, there is room for improvement for Pell and minority students in comparison to their peers, even though the college has seen percentage growth. The Aspire program has seen enrollment and program hours increase over last year. Dr. McCall also highlighted the college's tutoring program, AmeriCorps program, and Alumni Hall of Fame.

Policy Review/Governance Issues

EL 4.4 - Services

With respect to developing and managing services and programs, the President shall not jeopardize program or organizational integrity. Accordingly:

(A) The President shall not cause or allow services or programs that are unrelated to achieving Ends Policies.

(B) The President shall not allow services without considering their financial impact.

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

Informational Items

Chairman Plotts asked the group if a 5:00PM start time would be better for the Board to accommodate the schedule of Mr. Russell, and Dr. McCall noted a different day may also be an option. The group will continue to discuss options for meeting schedules.

Dr. McCall asked which present members would be attending graduation. Mr. Anderson, Mr. Danner, Dr. Hamper, Mrs. Somerlot, and Mr. Young will attend; Chairman Plotts expects a conflict and will speak to Mrs. Foulk about her availability to serve in his place.

Executive Session

Chairman Plotts called for a motion to adjourn to executive session. Motion was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Anderson to adjourn to executive session to discuss the compensation of the President.

Roll Call was taken to approve the motion to adjourn to executive session: Mr. Anderson – aye, Mr. Danner – aye, Dr. Hamper – aye, Chairman Plotts – aye, Mrs. Somerlot – aye, Mr. Young – aye. The board adjourned to executive session at 6:45 p.m. The Board returned to open session at 6:53 p.m. Roll call was taken and the Trustees were present.

Chairman Plotts made the following recommendation to the Board regarding Dr. McCall's compensation:

- \$5,000 added to the base level, retroactive to January 1, 2018.

Dr. Hamper made a motion to accept the compensation adjustment and Mr. Young seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Plotts asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Young. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.