

Marion Technical College
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Call to Order

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. The Board met in-person, while guests joined virtually. The state legislature granted temporary authority (House Bill 197, 133rd 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, Mr. Kit Fogle (participated virtually), Dr. Justin Hamper, Mr. Gregory Moon, Mr. Don Plotts, Vice Chair Roxane Somerlot, and Mr. Ken Young.

Ms. Jude Foulk was absent.

Major Discussion Topic

Dr. McCall updated the Board on the College's response to COVID-19, including student positive test counts and quarantine cases. He was pleased that the College was able to continue through the semester with no need to move to remote learning thus far, noting most courses are ready to move remote quickly to adapt to changing situations. The executive leadership team is managing the response through a dedicated email address, including working with local health departments, tracking student cases, and notification to affected individuals through contact tracing. The College has entered one of the two prison locations and is beginning to register students and starting to implement Second Chance Pell requirements.

Dr. McCall also shared with the Board the collaboration between OACC members to recommend a fast-phase in approach to altering the performance based funding model with regards to a shift from developmental education to a co-requisite model. The recommendation will be made to Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) Chancellor Gardner. This switch is expected to benefit the College financially, as a co-requisite model have been built into math and English courses. This model is shown to benefit students and improve persistence.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of preceding meeting minutes
2. Title IX Rule
3. Efficiency Report

Chair Anderson presented the consent agenda and called for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was made by Dr. Hamper and seconded by Mr. Young. By a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

President's Report

Dr. McCall discussed with the Board the College's newly awarded Title III grant, which began on October 1, 2020. The award will total approximately \$2 million over 5 years. The College has partnered with Columbus State Community College (CSCC) for assistance in grant writing, which has been a positive relationship. The Title III grant will focus on the following:

- Student Entry: Improve entry for students through enhanced communication, assessment, and orientation.
- Advising: Improve student-centered advising by implementing early alert, interventions, and whole-person resources such as financial wellness initiatives.
- Facilities: Improve the student experience through a coordinated, one-stop student central facility renovation.
- Career and Academic Pathway Alignment: Improve processes for academic program development and experiential learning, and provide engaging professional development for faculty and staff.

Dr. McCall also shared the goals of the grant with the Board, noting the College is nearing the completed degrees and certificates per FTE metric, and will continue to push forward. The grant will require and fund the hiring of several personnel to manage the grant, with the hopes that increased persistence and positive student outcomes will allow for the positions to be funded operationally after five years. Dr. McCall was hopeful the grant would be catalytic for changes the College has wanted to implement for a long time.

Finally, the Marion Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the December Business after Hours on December 2, 2020 and will serve as the ribbon cutting for Marion Tech Downtown. Included in the invitation was Michalina Lacy from the region's Small Business Development Center at Ashland University, who will be on-site at the downtown location for small business consulting several days a month.

Monitoring Reports

Ends 1.2 – Student Success

Dr. McCall shared the Student Success monitoring report with the Board that was sent in place of the March Board meeting, which was canceled due to COVID. He highlighted the following:

- The College's cohort default rate (CDR), calculated over a three year time frame, is 9.4%, which is the lowest of the state's community colleges and the national average.
- CCP students have saved over \$5 million in MTC tuition by completing college-level courses while in high school.
- Certificates awarded per FTE have increased over the past several years.
- Graduate wage data and employers to demonstrate success and emphasis on supporting employer needs in the community.

EL 4.5 – Financial Condition & Revised Budget

Chief Financial Officer Rhonda Ward presented the finance report as of September 30, 2020, as evidence of compliance with EL Policy 4.5 - Financial Conditions. She referred the Board to the following items in her written report:

- The College is in the process of finalizing its annual audit. The College did apply for, and was granted, a 30-day extension due to the transition of the CFO role and off-site work from COVID.
- The College was selected for a pension audit by the Auditor of State, auditing the June 30th census numbers for SERS and STRS. The pension audit will likely be completed in November.
- Pertaining to the revised budget:
 - The College is still budgeting down 10% student enrollment revenue for spring and summer terms for general and CCP students.
 - Prison enrollment for fall is still limited to MCI, as entrance into NCCC is still limited. The College also will have to account for increased revenue through Second Chance Pell.
 - The revised budget proposal anticipates an 8.4% reduction in state subsidy, in comparison to the June budget which estimated subsidy down 18%. The June budget was created before final subsidy guidance was available from ODHE. Presently, tax revenues from the state are positive but the College continues to monitor external funding factors closely.
 - Liability and property insurance increases have been driven due to market increases, as opposed to College claims.
 - The College received an additional allocation of CARES funding for COVID expenses.

- The College is poised to take another health insurance moratorium.
- Ms. Ward asked the Board to maintain the College's COVID contingency fund of \$100,000 to cover unexpected expenses.

Mr. Plotts motioned to approve the financial report, and Vice Chair Somerlot seconded the motion. By a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Policy Review/Governance Issues

EL 4.3 – Organizational Structure

Mr. Plotts reviewed the policy and the current organizational structure with the Board, and was confident the structure was consistent with the goals of the policy in relation to streamlined functions and appropriately lean operations. He did not recommend any changes to the policy. Dr. McCall did note the structure should also include the College's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator (DEI) reporting directly to the President.

Ends 1.1 – Educated Workforce

Vice Chair Somerlot reviewed the policy with the Board, highlighting the input of employers in the community through internships, apprenticeships, and advisory committees. The Board discussed the trajectory of students hired into local employers, and whether employment data could determine if a student was successful in their field. No changes to the policy were requested.

Informational Items

Presently, the Association of Community College Trustees' (ACCT) National Legislative Summit is still planned in-person for February 7-10, 2020. Trustees interested in attending should let Dr. McCall know.

The College's Ohio Board of Nursing visit was successful, with no recommendations made by the on-site reviewer. OBN's final review of the visit is scheduled for November.

Executive Session

No executive session was held.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Somerlot made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Young seconded the motion. There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.