

Marion Technical College  
**Board of Trustees**  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 17, 2023  
Health Technologies Center Auditorium

**Call to Order**

Chair Somerlot was not able to attend the meeting. Acting Chair Fogle called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m.

**Roll Call**

The Recording Secretary called the roll. Trustees present were Acting Chair Kit Fogle, Mr. Tim Anderson, Ms. Jude Foulk, Ms. Vidya Iyengar, Mr. Greg Moon, and Mr. Don Plotts.

Chair Roxane Somerlot and Ms. Nicole 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. Denise Smith, Dr. Matt Hollander, Ms. Christy Culver, and Ms. Laura Woughter. Also in attendance were Dr. Michael McCleese, prospective Board member, and Mr. Kyle Overly and Mr. Brad Billet from Clark Shaefer Hackett.

**Major Discussion Topic**

Mr. Overly highlighted the impact of federal HEERF funds on the College's budget, but noted that the College's audit year to year has been consistent. The College's composite score (Senate Bill 6 ratio) was 4.20, compared to 4.20 in 2021, and 3.80 in 2020.

Mr. Billet noted that among their other community college clients, downward enrollment of traditional students is being realized among all, even though credit hours are up thanks to early college enrollment. Dr. McCall noted that there are a variety of factors that impact the credit hour rate for early college courses. Mr. Moon asked what the factors that comprise the composite score, and Mr. Billet noted it is an unrestricted funds analysis, and institutions falling below 1.75 for two consecutive years are put on fiscal watch. There is some inflation to composite scores due to the influx of stimulus funds and grant dollars. Ms. Foulk asked how many students take classes online, and Dr. Haas noted that exclusively online students make up approximately 25-

30% of the headcount. Mr. Billet explained that the clean audit enforces that the information provided to the Board by the College can be relied on.

### **Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of preceding meeting minutes
2. Approval of November Board reports
  - a. The November 15, 2022 meeting was canceled due to a lack of quorum.
3. Approval of revisions to Rule 3357-10-1-15 – Freedom of Expression and Preventing Harassment
4. Approval of Rule 3357-10-1-46 – Hazing Prevention and Education

Ms. Iyengar 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:

- Fundraising on part of the Foundation saw a 23% increase in giving for the 2023 annual giving campaign, which includes employee giving. The Foundation raised \$320,000 in the final six months of 2022.
- Dr. McCall shared that spring term enrollment was up 4.88% compared to final spring 2022 numbers. The College, at present, has enrolled 2,994 students for spring term, and has enrolled a historic record number of students, however that is compared to final term numbers.
- Thirty-two percent of MTC graduates have any debt, with an average debt of \$9,702. The College's default rate is below 5%.
- Dr. McCall and Dr. Haas will be traveling to Birmingham, Alabama in February for the next Rural Guided Pathways Institute. The session will focus on community partnerships, and individuals from Marion County JFS, OhioHealth, Marion City Schools, Marion Area Chamber of Commerce, and Marion Matters will join the session.

### **Monitoring Reports**

EL 4.4 Services

Dr. McCall highlighted the following items from her full report:

- The President's Cabinet has been reestablished to take on additional responsibilities that the Leadership Council managed during the pandemic.

- The College institute a zero-based budgeting process to require departments to justify budget requests for all services provided.
- Events and programming are also evaluated to understand their value and impact, including the Made in Marion Expo, Smart Manufacturing Summer Camp, Teacher Bootcamp, and more.
- Services that do not align with the budget and strategic plan will be evaluated.

#### EL 4.5 Financial Condition

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

- The College budgeted to be 6.5% down, but is currently 4.88% up compared to the budget. This is in part due to increased enrollment in College Credit Plus and more students at the correctional facilities qualifying for Second Chance Pell.
- Year-to-year expenditures are comparable at point in time. Grant activity continues to increase.
- There was significant spending out of HEERF funds in the current year. The final dispersal of student directed funds were made in fall 2022. The remaining HEERF funds, approximately \$1 million, will be realized as lost revenue, largely due to loss of traditional student enrollment.

Mr. Plotts moved to approve the monitoring reports and Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. By a unanimous roll call vote, the report was approved.

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

#### EL 4.3 Organizational Structure

Mr. Fogle reviewed the policy and felt no changes were needed, as the College has an effective organizational structure.

#### EL 4.5 Financial Condition

Ms. Wampler was absent. The policy review will be moved to the March Board meeting.

#### EL 4.7 Funding

Mr. Moon reviewed the policy and noted the evidence of fundraising included in the report. He noted one point of the policy could be revised from a “shall” to a “shall not” statement, as is

customary in executive limitations policies. The policy will be adjusted, but the intent will remain the same.

#### EL 4.8 Asset Protection

Mr. Plotts reviewed the policy and highlighted the Board's involvement in leasing Marion Tech Downtown as evidence of policy effectiveness. An extensive campus maintenance plan, created with Ohio State Marion, was included in the most recent report as evidence of asset protection and thorough capital planning.

#### Ends 1.1 Educated Workforce

Ms. Iyengar reviewed the policy and the report evidence was thorough and detailed in documenting how department assess workforce needs. Ms. Iyengar asked if the policy should be expanded to include Morrow and Wyandot counties, as part of the College's service area. The group agreed to adjust the policy.

#### **Informational Items**

Dr. McCall shared that Dr. McCleese has been approached as a representative of OhioHealth to fill a vacancy on the Board. The Board will be consulted in filling the vacancy.

The College received a \$97,500 safety grant from ODHE to complete security projects on campus with Ohio State Marion. The College's grant was less than requested, but Ohio State Marion did not receive funds. Anticipated projects include new internal and external cameras, card swipe access, thumb lock doors, and duress buttons. Dr. McCall note that the duress buttons and associated systems are costly and the College may need to limit how many it can purchase presently.

The College held an active shooter training at the beginning of January, with Greg Perry, Director of OPOTA, ran the session. The situation was "live fire" with realistic weapons using paint pellets. An additional training will be held in the future for Bryson Hall.

Graduation is Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> in the evening. Dr. McCall proposed moving the May Board meeting to 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Marion Area Chamber of Commerce, and then attending the graduation ceremony. This would eliminate the regular May Board meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The group agreed.

The College officially has ownership of Bryson Hall, following transfer of ownership from Ohio State Marion.

## **Executive Session**

Mr. Plotts motioned to convene to executive session at 6:32 p.m. to discuss matters regarding the compensation of a public employee and pending or imminent court action. Ms. Foulk seconded the motion. Acting Chair Fogle – aye, Mr. Anderson – aye, Mr. Fogle – aye, Ms. Foulk – aye, Ms. Iyengar – aye, Mr. Moon – aye, Mr. Plotts – aye.

Ms. Foulk motioned to return to open session and Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. The Board reconvened in open session at 7:04 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Anderson motioned to adjourn. The Board adjourned at 7:05 p.m.