

Marion Technical College  
**Board of Trustees**  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, August 15, 2023  
Health Technologies Center Auditorium

**Call to Order**

Chair Somerlot called the meeting to order at 5:27 p.m.

**Roll Call**

The Recording Secretary called the roll. Trustees present were Chair Roxane Somerlot, Vice Chair Kit Fogle, Mr. Tim Anderson, Ms. Jude Foulk, Ms. Vidya Iyengar, Dr. Michael McCleese, and Mr. Don Plotts.

Mr. Greg Moon was absent.

**Introduction of Guests**

Guests present included MTC employees Dr. Ryan McCall, Ms. Rhonda Ward, Dr. Amy Adams, Dr. Bob Haas, and Ms. Laura Woughter.

**Major Discussion Topic**

Trustee survey.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of preceding meeting minutes

Ms. Foulk motioned to approve the consent agenda, and Mr. Plotts 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 has met 5 out of 5 criteria for the Ohio Department of Higher Education's (ODHE) Changing Campus Culture initiative. This is the first year the College has met

every benchmark. Dr. McCall commended Title IX Coordinator Cretia Johnson for the work she and her team did to achieve this goal.

- Fall enrollment continues to grow, with headcount surpassing 3,000 for the first time in the College's history. The College's budget is based on credit hours, which are nearing 21,000. Current enrollment compared to fall 2022 final numbers increased approximately 13%; it is expected for a small decrease after classes begin, traditionally somewhere between 3-5%.
- Fourteen students are registered for the BSN program.
- The College has led the site selection committee for CANDO!, the community economic development agency, to submit potential development sites to JobsOhio for prospective businesses. Five of seven sites will move forward in the process.
- The College's esports team received their first collegiate award in Valorant for competition in spring 2023. The College's esports team has attracted 52 students to the College, as reported when students have applied.

Mr. Fogle asked if there are any statistics to support that prison students are less likely to return to prison upon release, and if there are any criteria for enrolling, such as within a certain time frame of release. Dr. McCall noted that recidivism for non-students is about 80%, where for students at the correctional institutions is less than half that rate. There was a requirement from the state prior that incarcerated students had to be within five years of release, however that requirement was removed.

## **Monitoring Reports**

### EL 4.1 Communication and Counsel to the Board

Dr. McCall emphasized the importance of timely and consistent communication with the Board, as well as engaging all trustees in discussions. He provided evidence of communication with the Board over the last year to demonstrate compliance.

### EL 4.3 Organizational Structure

Dr. McCall shared the College's current organizational structure with the Board, highlighting the realignment effective July 1, 2023 of Advising under Planning & Advancement.

### EL 4.5 Financial Condition

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

- Year over year, the College is approximately \$247,000 ahead in revenue.

- The College will adjust the prison billing process to bill for the full tuition rate (\$205), and scholarship the remaining amount to the contracted rate (\$60) with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections. This will skew numbers in the budget and the audit, but the revenue will be consistent, simply the process will change.
- STAR Ohio growth is just over 5% currently.
- The repayment plan to Ohio State Marion for amounts in arrears will be completed by the end of 2024.

#### EL 4.9 Treatment of Students

Dr. McCall presented evidence, including the results of the Noel Levitz Student Satisfaction survey, policies and the student handbook that impact students, an analysis of the student evaluation of teaching, to demonstrate compliance with the policy. Dr. McCall highlighted the intent of the College to focus on student experience, starting with a Caring Campus training for staff (fall) and faculty (spring) by the Institute for Evidence-Based Change.

#### EL 4.11 Presidential Vacancy

Dr. McCall provided the presidential vacancy contingency plan, which denotes which employees are in charge in the event the president is incapacitated.

Mr. Fogle moved to approve the monitoring reports, and Dr. McCleese seconded the motion. By a unanimous vote, the monitoring reports were approved.

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

#### EL 4.2 Strategic Planning

Dr. McCleese reviewed the policy with the Board. He noted there is both flexibility and required steps to ensure the strategic plan meets the needs of the College. He recommended no changes to the policy.

### **Informational Items**

Dr. McCall asked the Board to move the October 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to accommodate the team traveling to the fall Rural Guided Pathways session the next day. Alternatives were October 10<sup>th</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup>, or to cancel the meeting entirely. Additionally, Dr. McCall suggested moving the November Board meeting to November 16<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the annual Alumni Hall of Fame.

Ms. Woughter will survey the Board and provide the results to Chair Somerlot.

### **Executive Session**

No executive session was held.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Somerlot called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting, and Ms. Iyengar seconded. The Board adjourned at 6:44 p.m.