

Marion Technical College
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, April 22, 2024
Health Technologies Center Auditorium

Call to Order

Vice Chair Fogle called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Roll Call

The Recording Secretary called the roll. Trustees present were Vice Chair Fogle, Mr. Tim Anderson, Ms. Jude Foulk, Dr. Michael McCleese, Mr. Greg Moon, and Mr. Don Plotts.

Chair Roxane Somerlot and Ms. Vidya Iyengar were absent.

Introduction of Guests

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

Major Discussion Topic

Dr. McCall shared the College received the FY25 state share of instruction (SSI) estimate, totaling approximately \$803,000. Marion Tech received the third largest percentage increase year over year. Dr. McCall touted the work being done across the College to positively impact student outcomes.

Mr. Anderson questioned the amount of SSI earned by Eastern Gateway Community College, and Dr. McCall noted Eastern Gateway will still receive SSI to close out their payroll, pay off contracts, and more. If Eastern Gateway had not been included in the FY25 estimate, Marion Tech would've earned approximately \$1.3 million. The state is working to transition Eastern Gateway's students to Youngstown State University.

Dr. McCall also shared Lakeland Community College has seen steadily falling enrollments, and was the subject of a negative performance audit from the Auditor of State.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of preceding meeting minutes

Mr. Anderson made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and Mr. Moon seconded the motion. By a unanimous vote, the consent agenda was approved.

President's Report

Dr. McCall highlighted the following from the President's Report:

- The College was awarded its third National Science Foundation grant for Cybersecurity. The grant is approximately \$530,000 over four years. In addition to updating curriculum, the grant will support faculty and new equipment for the IT lab.
- Dr. McCall shared architect renderings for a proposed expansion of Bryson Hall to support growth in the engineering and IT programs. The College has submitted a capital request to Senator Reineke's office to support the project.
- The College is a sub-awardee on a Department of Labor Grant awarded to Columbus State Community College. The total award to Marion Tech is approximately \$425,000 over four years. The grant will support expanding short-term training programs and enhance engineering programming to embed short-term program content.
- Dr. McCall noted his prolonged illness was impactful to his activity in the community, but was focused on returning to the office as he regains strength.

Monitoring Reports

EL 4.5 Financial Condition

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

- The College saw its highest historical headcount for Spring 2024, with growth in all three student populations.
- Additional funding for Second Chance Pell was made available (by request) from the U.S. Department of Education, totaling \$773,000 for the academic year. Enrollment at both correctional institutions has grown, requiring the College to adjust its funding request for Pell grants.
- Investment income continues to grow through the College's STAR Ohio account. As the College has moved funds into STAR Ohio, the funds are no longer within the regular bank account; this has resulted in the College having to pay bank fees that previously were covered by funds held within the bank. The return on investment income greatly outweighs the bank fees.
- Year-over-year expenses are up approximately \$770,000; however, the increase is largely impacted by the timing of pass through direct digital access fees and scholarships for incarcerated students for billing consistency.

Ms. Ward shared a revised budget, which realized additional revenue and included additional expenses related to enrollment growth, including course staffing with additional adjunct faculty

and overload contracts. Included in the College's revised budget are funds for a position and salary study to review staff salaries and responsibilities to provide additional consistency amongst similar positions. Dr. McCall was hopeful the study would create a grading scale for positions to create consistency across the College. Mr. Plotts asked if the study would impact faculty. Dr. McCall responded he was working faculty to provide similar consideration through faculty rank and promotion, so that both processes could mirror one another as much as possible. The revised budget also includes a \$167,355 in additional contingency funds as a result of increased revenue.

Mr. Plotts motioned to accept the revised budget as presented, and Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. By a unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

Vice Chair Fogle requested a motion to accept the financial condition report. Dr. McCleese motioned the change, and Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. By a unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

Policy Review/Governance Issues

No policy review or governance issues were discussed.

Informational Items

Mr. Moon's term on the Board had concluded. Dr. McCall presented Mr. Moon with a plaque commemorating his time on the Board, and thanked him for his service on the Board.

Dr. McCall encouraged trustees to attend the Governor's Trustee Conference, hosted by the Ohio Department of Higher Education, on June 5th at Columbus State Community College.

Dr. McCall shared the ACCT Leadership Congress will be in Seattle in October and noted that if any trustees want to attend to reach out.

Executive Session

Ms. Foulk motioned to convene to executive session at 6:32 p.m. to discuss matters regarding the compensation of a public employee and to consider the purchase of property for public purposes. Dr. McCleese seconded the motion. Vice Chair Fogle – aye, Mr. Anderson – aye, Ms. Foulk – aye, Dr. McCleese – aye, Mr. Moon – aye, Mr. Plotts – aye.

Dr. McCleese motioned to return to open session and Mr. Moon seconded the motion. The Board reconvened in open session at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chair Fogle called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Plotts moved to adjourn the meeting. The Board adjourned at 6:31 p.m.