

Members Present	Other Interested Parties Present
Nancy Burleson, Chair	Dr. John Boyd, President
Keith Holtsclaw	Rita Earley, Vice President Instruction & CAO
Julie Weatherman	Amanda Buchanan, VP Administration
Van Phillips	Margaret Earley-Thiele, Dean of Advancement
Jennie Harpold	Brooke Burleson, Secretary to Board of Trustees
Edwina Sluder	Nicholas Varner, SGA Rep
Martha Hicks	
David Grindstaff	
Bryan Peterson	
Members Present via Zoom	
Gwen Harris	

Call to Order

Chair Burleson called the Mayland Community College Board of Trustees to order at 12:03pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

Trustee Sluder offered the invocation.

Ethics Reminder

Chair Burleson provided the ethics reminder. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Introduction of new Trustee- David Grindstaff

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Holtsclaw made a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. All approved, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Phillips made a motion to approve the December 12, 2022 minutes with a second from Trustee Hicks. All approved; motion carried.

Celebrating Success

- a. Carolina Mountain Living Magazine Staycation Article
- b. Children's Discovery Center- Engineering Center Building Naming by Altec

- c. Other- MCC has been selected as a beta site for a new program the Huntsville Planetarium is starting using the Hubble Telescope.
Mrs. Amanda Buchanan informed the Board of a grant that was recently received to assist with broadband.
Ms. Earley informed the Board that headcount has increased this semester. Full time enrollments are also up this semester. This fall as compared to last fall were also up.
Dr. Boyd informed the Board that the Culinary program has been approved and will plan to start in the fall.

Chairman's Report

- a. February 27, 2023 Tentative MCC Board of Trustees Meeting
- b. Other

Committee Reports

- a. Personnel Committee-
 - i. The policies reviewed in the Personnel Committee meeting were added to Consent Agenda.
 - ii. Other
- b. Finance and Building & Grounds Committee- Dr. Boyd presented the Finance/Building & Grounds Committee report.
 - i. Construction Update
Hotel- The landscaping continues to move forward. The pad for the kitchen will be poured soon. Dr. Boyd is working with ARC on updates to the grant for the kitchen.
Three Peaks- Dr. Boyd met with Duke this morning on moving the transformer. Demolition is ongoing. A revision to the demo contract to include the north end entrance is being reviewed.
ESP- The fronts of the two buildings are complete. Interior renovation pricing is expected soon.
Fire Tower- Work on the fire tower is expected to start soon.
Cosmetology- The plumbing was investigated further with the back up problems. Discussion are ongoing on resolving this problem.
Campus Beautification Project- An architect from Site Works visited with the Beautification Committee to discuss ideas on updating the Main Campus starting with the section between the President's parking area to the student parking area.
 - ii. Budget Update- Dr. Boyd discussed the budget update. Dr. Boyd handed out a construction project projected cost estimate that includes the current projects. A proposal for a budget increase request from the counties was given out as well. Administration and Senior Leadership is currently looking at cost projections on payroll/salaries and discussing options on how to balance.
 - iii. Financial Report- The monthly financials were included in the packet for review.
 - iv. Policy 6.1.1 Tuition and Fees- Dr. Boyd discussed the Tuition and Fees with the Board. Tuition and Fees are as low as they can be and have stayed the same for an extended period of time. Dr. Boyd inquired as if the Board would be open to Administration reviewing the fees and presenting a proposal for revised fees. The Board is agreeable to receiving a proposal from Administration.

- v. Policies reviewed at the meeting were added to the Consent Agenda.
- vi. Other

- c. Academic Committee-
 - i. Policies that were reviewed at Academic Committee were added to Consent Agenda.
 - ii. Other-

President's Report

Dr. Boyd presented the President's Report.

- a. Other- Dr. Boyd is planning a trip to Florida to visit donors in February.
Dr. Boyd will be meeting with Bakersville, Spruce Pine, and Burnsville Town Councils to start discussing the dark sky communities. Dr. Boyd discussed an overview of how a dark sky certification is obtained. Dr. Boyd would like to talk to the Council's on how the communities can work together, make some possible modifications to their lights to save them money and also preserve the dark sky certification. The Bare Dark Sky Observatory has seen a lot of tourism for people seeking certified dark sky areas for viewings. Trustee Holtsclaw inquired about where most of the guests are traveling from and staying updated on this information. MCC is one of two IDA sites that have both an Observatory and Planetarium. Dr. Boyd met with a logger last week to purchase some timber around the Observatory to ensure these trees would not be cut. The cost was \$58,000. This purchase and protecting the trees helps with the light pollution and maintaining the dark sky certification. Dr. Boyd discussed how the land at the ESP was leased from Mitchell and Yancey County when the site became the Energy Exchange. There is currently ten years left on the lease.

Consent Agenda

- a. 3.1.1 Equal Employment Opportunity
- b. 3.1.2 Employment
- c. 3.1.3 Employee Classifications And Working Hours
- d. 2.1.1 Visitors and Minors on Campus
- e. 2.1.2 Campus Safety and Emergency Planning
- f. 2.1.3 Hazard Communication Program
- g. 6.1.2 Tuition Residency Requirements
- h. 6.1.3 Self-Supporting Course Fees
- i. 7.1 Technology Services
- j. 4.1.1 Role of Curriculum Personnel In Academic Governance
- k. 4.1.2 Academic Programs
- l. 5.1.1 Admissions
- m. 5.1.2 Acceptance Of Transfer Students/Credit
- n. 5.1.3 Financial Aid

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with a second from Trustee Sluder. All approved; motion carried.

Dr. Boyd informed the Board that Administration will be reviewing all the policies in preparation for the SACS visit in 2024.

New Business

- a. Other- Trustee Weatherman requested to rotate off the Foundation Board.
Dr. Boyd discussed how MCC is working hard to increase enrollment to include adding new programs and researching ideas on what programs students are seeking that MCC can assist with.

Adjourn

Trustee Phillips made a motion to adjourn at 1:00pm Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. All approved.

Respectfully submitted by Brooke Burlison, Secretary to the Board of Trustees.