

**TRUSTEES OF MESA STATE COLLEGE
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

February 16, 2005
Mesa State College
Grand Junction, Colorado

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elliott called the meeting to order at 9:37 AM.

Trustees Present

Trustee Colgan, Trustee Franke, Trustee Gallegos, Trustee Kaesemeyer, Trustee Meyer, Trustee Monfort, Trustee North, Trustee Wist, Faculty Trustee Slauson, Student Trustee Dukes, Chair Elliot

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee North moved to accept the minutes of the January 19, 2005 regular meeting; Trustee Wist seconded. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Students Tom Keller and Megan Fromm, former employee Marilyn Charlesworth, and the local attorney and community member, Bill Hugenberg, addressed the Board on the subjects of the student grievance against a professor, grievance timeline, and disability accommodations.

Chair Elliott called a recess at 10:08 AM, reconvened at 10:14 AM, and welcomed new trustees Franke, Colgan, and Gallegos to their first meeting on Mesa State's main campus.

REPORTS

President: President Foster reported on faculty promotion salary increases, previous and proposed salary increases, the merit system mentioned in the performance contract, and the Human Resources Director position advertisement.

Faculty Trustee: Faculty Trustee Slauson reported on the various components of her current teaching assignments and answered questions on her years of service degrees, evaluations and awards, as well as her focus on teaching and learning in addition to time spent on policy issues as a part of her role as faculty trustee.

Student Trustee: Student Trustee Dukes reported on the ASG resolution regarding proposed support for a "dead" or closed week prior to finals, during which students would have no extra work assigned by professors. Associated discussion included the number of days that might be considered, professor office hours, an alternate title, other institutions that have a similar week and a recommendation that students continue to address the subject with faculty.

ASG President: ASG President Wright reported on the “dead” or closed week resolution; the combined MSC/Chamber Teacher Recognition which will be held May 2 in the Liff Auditorium; the CSA resolution on the portion of Senate Bill 132 that deals with the inclusion of remedial component in COF; and the ASG’s office position statement on tuition increases and the move to a linear model. President Foster commented that a decision on the tuition issue is anticipated at the April Board meeting, if all budget information is available.

President Foster also mentioned MSC’s intention to explore other health insurance options and possible discontinuance in CHEIBA, if cost savings can be realized.

Faculty Senate President: Faculty Senate President Kavanagh welcomed the new Board members on behalf of the Faculty Senate. He reported on the handbook revision process, the policies procedure manual, and the procedure for student advising in relation to faculty evaluation. Also discussed was faculty involvement in SOAR during the summer, and pre-registration advising vs. first semester advising.

Board Chair: Chair Elliott reported on the Admission Department’s meeting in Denver with area counselors, students, and parents and thanked those Board members that attended. She also mentioned the meeting with the Buescher family and the MSC endowment set up in memory of their grandchild.

Jeanne Durr, Human Resources Director, who is retiring effective February 28, 2005, was recognized for her contributions to Mesa State College.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Handbook Revision Process – Futhey

Vice President Futhey explained the recommendations to adopt a proposed process for revising the *Professional Personnel Employment Handbook* and to incorporate the revision process into Part A, Section I of the *Handbook*.

Trustee Kaesemeyer moved to accept the handbook amendment process as proposed; Trustee Meyer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

It was also moved and seconded to adopt the policy change on revising into the *Handbook*. The motion passed unanimously.

Performance Contract – Foster

President Foster reported that he had asked to be put on the CCHE agenda to discuss the contingency to become an enterprise. He also mentioned that discussion continues on the issue of five-year facility master plans and program plans currently required by CCHE, as well as plans to reform the procedure.

Chair Elliott recessed to lunch at 11:36 AM and reconvened at 1:47 PM.

Tenure Presentations by Faculty

Faculty member candidates for Tenure – Dr. Luis Silva-Villar, Ms. Carolyn Quinn-Hensely, Mr. Carlos Elias, Dr. Tamera Minnick, Dr. Tom Walla, and Dr. Brenda Wilhelm – each made presentations to the Board, describing backgrounds, explaining programs, expressing views on their respective disciplines, and sharing what Tenure means to them.

Chair Elliott thanked the faculty members for their presentations and expressed how rewarding the experience was for her as a Board member.

Chair Elliott moved to approve tenure for those applicants recommended for tenure; Trustee Meyer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Faculty awarded tenure were invited to attend lunch with the Board at its April 2005 meeting. Chair Elliott called a recess at 3:30 PM and reconvened at 3:47 PM.

Emeritus Status – Futhey

Vice President Futhey explained the process for recommending emeritus status and its associated benefits.

Trustee Monfort moved to approve Dr. James Rybak as Emeritus Professor of Engineering and Mathematics; Trustee Wist seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Update – Zambrano

Mr. Jake Zambrano provided an update on the current legislative issues as they relate to higher education. Explanation was provided and discussion held on HB05-1027 concerning college preparatory courses in higher schools; GB05-1041 concerning financial expenditures of a nonprofit entity organized for the benefit of a state institution of higher education; HB05-1057 concerning parental notification of postsecondary educational opportunities; HB05-1085 concerning a credit against the state income tax for tuition paid to a Colorado institution of higher education; HB05-1096 concerning Mesa State College [allows the secretary and treasurer of MSC to be members of the BOT, requires that it establish an investment advisory committee, etc., and expands investment authority of the Board]; HB05-1124 concerning in-state tuition; SB05-003 concerning the creation of the Colorado Achievement Scholarship Program; SB05-035 concerning innovative programs at public institutions of higher education; SB05-053 concerning the Colorado national guard tuition assistance program; SB05-085 concerning academic freedom of students and faculty in institutions of higher education; SB05-113 concerning a supplemental appropriation to the Department of Higher Education; and SB05-130 concerning funding for capital construction, and making supplemental appropriations in connection therewith.

President Evaluation Process – North

Trustee North updated the Board on the tool being developed to evaluate the MSC president. She mentioned that the tool utilizes the hiring criteria list in the Trustee Policy

Manual, as well as input received from the focus groups during the search process. It was suggested that further evaluation criteria be developed with input from the new trustees.

It is anticipated that the evaluation of the current president will be held in April and conducted in executive session as a personnel issue, that the president will be asked to self-evaluate, and that a mid-year review will be conducted next year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dates and locations for the Board's June Retreat were discussed. The Retreat will be held beginning at noon on June 14 through noon June 15; the preferred location is the Colorado Hotel in Glenwood. President Foster was asked to provide topics; goals and vision were mentioned, as was Board development. A tentative agenda will be developed and both this year's and next year's faculty and student trustees will be invited.

Trustee North asked that the record reflect her appreciation for the glossary provided in the financials by Vice President Doyle.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Franke moved to adjourn; Trustee Colgan seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:56 PM.