

**TRUSTEES OF MESA STATE COLLEGE
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 6, 2007
Mesa State College
Grand Junction, Colorado**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gallegos called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. on November 6, 2007.

Trustees Present:

Trustee Colgan, Trustee Elliott, Trustee Franke, Trustee Meyer, Trustee Monfort, Trustee North, Trustee Kaesemeyer, Faculty Trustee O’Roark, Student Trustee Mates, Chair Gallegos.

Trustee Excused:

Trustee Feeley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Colgan moved to accept the minutes of the September 6-7, 2007, and October 22, 2007, meetings. Trustee Elliott seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Gallegos announced that the board of trustee meeting will be taking place in its entirety at Mesa State College in the Krey Zeigel Room.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

INFORMATION

Vice President Futhey summarized the sabbatical leave reports from Aparna Palmer, Sarah Swedberg and Cindy Thomas.

REPORTS

Board Chair: Chair Gallegos reported that the lunch with the City Council at the September meeting was a great success. The City has decided to continue their partnership with the College. Further, the Governor, Capital Development Committee, and Colorado Commission on Higher Education have all visited the campus. The Capital Campaign kick-off took place in October. Chair Gallegos thanked Charlie Monfort for his participation in that event as well as making a commercial for the College.

President: President Foster reported that the budget process has begun. However, in order to have a great campus, the emphasis must not only be on the budget but people (students, faculty, staff), facilities, and technology. A focus on salaries will be a priority this year as well as financial aid.

Faculty Trustee: Doug O’Roark reported that a study abroad program is being created, and hopefully in the near future an office will be created to facilitate that program.

Faculty Senate President: Bill Tiernan highlighted the current activities of the Mesa State College faculty.

Student Trustee: Ashley Mates provided a written report. Additionally, she reported that there has been no recent Literary Review. She will follow-up with the English Department.

CONSENT

Trustee Monfort moved to accept the consent agenda. Trustee Meyer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on elective classes in B.S. in Construction Management, specifically in the area of language.

FINANCIALS/BUDGET

Vice President Doyle presented the 1st Quarter financials. The College continues to be in a positive position.

EXEMPT FACULTY/STAFF FY08-09 COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT

Trustee Elliott moved to approve a 2.8% cost of living salary increase for all exempt faculty and staff actively employed on June 30, 2008 and becomes effective July 1, 2008. Trustee North seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ACADEMIC REPORT

Vice President Futhey highlighted activities on the College’s academic, instructional and support units.

Chair Gallegos recessed at 11:31 a.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

PERA QUALIFIED REPLACEMENT BENEFIT ARRANGEMENT PLAN

Trustee Colgan moved to approve the adoption of a PERA Qualified Replacement Benefit Arrangement Plan for the Benefit of Affected Faculty and Staff of Mesa State College. Trustee Elliott seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

TUITION PREMIUM – QUALITY, COMPETITIVENESS AND HIGH DEMAND/ HIGH COST PROGRAMS

Vice President Doyle presented the tuition premium.

Discussion on the challenges in attracting quality faculty and staff in selected disciplines and the effect on the students.

Trustee Meyer moved to approve a \$5.00 per credit hour tuition premium effective Spring semester 2008. It is further moved that the tuition base be reduced by \$5.00 per credit hour with a corresponding \$5.00 per credit hour increase in student fees – also effective Spring semester 2008. Trustee Elliott seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FUNDRAISING

John Marshall reported on the fundraising progress on the Saunders Capital Campaign as well as overall fundraising.

Chair Gallegos recessed at 1:53 p.m. and reconvened at 2:05 p.m.

MESA STATE COLLEGE REAL ESTATE FOUNDATION

Joe Taylor, Controller for Mesa State College, reported on the MSCREF audit.

Arnie Butler, Chair of MSCREF, reported on the progress of 29 & D Road and retail properties.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion on Saunders Field House Renovation and Expansion.

Trustee Elliott moved to allow Mesa State College to spend \$40,888,503 on the Saunders Field House Renovation and Expansion project; said costs will be capped at this amount. Trustee Franke seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.