

TRUSTEES OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
DENVER, CO
January 16 & 17, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bechtel called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Trustee Bechtel, Anilionis, Brough, Eck, Marquez, Motter, Quimby, Reed, Ringel, Wilson, Faculty Trustee Middleton and Student Trustee Flores were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Quimby moved to accept the minutes of the November 17, 2017 meeting. Trustee Ringel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

CHAIR. Chair Bechtel welcomed the new trustees, Stephanie Motter and Ray Anilionis. She reported on the orientation process for the new trustees. She reported on the December graduation and spoke about the upcoming Capital Conference and her experience attending last year.

PRESIDENT. President Foster shared a video on Capital Conference.

FACULTY TRUSTEE. Trustee Middleton spoke about the Emeritus faculty selection process that is just beginning for this year and a request that the Faculty Senate will be presenting to Trustees at a future meeting regarding changes to the Emeritus Faculty benefits.

STUDENT TRUSTEE. Trustee Flores had nothing to report.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE. Jake Zambrano, Julie McKenna and Jenifer Brandeberry monitor the Education and Budget Committees of the Legislature on behalf of the university. They reported on trends that they are seeing at the beginning of the legislative session and the impact the trends would have on the university.

BUDGET PLANNING PROCESS. President Foster presented the FY18-19 budget process briefing.

ACADEMIC RANK PROMOTIONS. Dr. Cynthia Pemberton presented information on thirteen faculty promotions for FY18-19.

HLC STATUS REPORT. Dr. Cynthia Pemberton reported that the HLC visit was successful and we met all requirements. Official notice is expected in February.

Chair Bechtel called for a break at 10:54. Reconvened at 11:04 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Reed moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Trustee Brough seconded. There was discussion regarding the BSN, Nursing program recommended substantive change. The Consent Agenda passed unanimously without adjustment.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

TENURE RECOMMENDATIONS. Cynthia Pemberton, Vice President of Academic Affairs presented the Presidents recommendations of the following faculty for tenure effective with Academic year 2018-2019:

Dr. Ram Basnet, Assistant Professor of Computer Science
Dr. Jonathan Hinkle, Assistant Professor of Music
Dr. Scott Kessler, Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering
Dr. Britt Mathwich, Assistant Professor of Business
Dr. Steve Norman, Associate Professor of Business
Dr. Araan Schmidt, Assistant Professor of Art
Dr. Elizabeth Sharp, Associate Professor of Kinesiology
Dr. David Weinberg, Assistant Professor of Chemistry
Dr. Kristen Yeo-Ji Yun, Assistant Professor of Music

Trustee Quimby moved to accept the President's recommendations of faculty to receive tenure for academic year 2018-19. Trustee Eck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT. Trustee Wilson presented the report.

FY17 FINANCIAL & COMPLIANCE AUDIT. Tim Foster, President introduced Nate Fyock of Dalby, Wendland & Co., P.C. who presented the final audit report. There were no current year audit findings and no audit adjustments were proposed or made to the financial statements.

Trustee Quimby moved to receive and place on file the Financial and Compliance Audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. Trustee Brough seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2% COLA ADJUSTMENT FY18-19. Tim Foster, President presented a recommendation for Exempt Faculty and Staff Compensation for the 2019 Budget.

Trustee Ringel moved to approve a 2.0% cost of living (COLA) salary adjustment for faculty and exempt administrative staff, effective July 1, 2018. Trustee Quimby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Bechtel called for a break at 12:04. Reconvened at 12:15 p.m.

FULBRIGHT SPECIALIST REPORT. Cynthia Pemberton, Vice President of Academic Affairs gave a presentation on her time at the Jordan University of Science and Technology consulting on a continuous quality improvement project.

HOTEL. Derek Wagner, Vice President of Intergovernmental and Community Services and Britt Mathwich, Assistant Professor of Business presented the proposal for the Maverick Teaching Hotel project. They reported that the project would provide students in the Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts programs real world experience and provide new revenue streams to replace state appropriations that are dwindling. The President informed the Board that there is an outstanding RFP seeking an operating partner for the Hotel. The Board discussed the necessity of finding an experienced operating partner and reporting to the board for final approval.

Trustee Quimby moved to approve the staff proceeding with the development of the Maverick Teaching Hotel on the main campus of the university. Trustee Wilson seconded. During the discussion of the motion, it was clarified that by proceeding with development the board was not committing to building the building. The motion passed unanimously.

OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PLAN (ORP). Tim Foster, President reported that it was determined that the university has the flexibility to provide alternatives to the current optional retirement plan and after consulting with outside specialist would like to proceed in that direction.

Trustee Reed moved to approve the establishment of a stand-alone optional defined contribution retirement plan for CMU employees, including as appropriate the 401(a) defined contribution, 403(b) tax deferred annuity and 403(b) student employee plan. Trustee Eck seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Bechtel called for a break at 1:57. Reconvened at 2:13 p.m.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS POLICY. Jeremy Brown, Vice President of Information Technology presented the recommended changes to the current policy that will update us with trending technology, compliance with regulations and privacy laws.

Trustee Brough moved to approve the changes to the Electronic Communication Policy as presented and effective on approval. Trustee Eck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

GRADUATE TUITION RATES CHANGE. Tim Foster, President presented proposed changes to existing graduate tuition rates and suggested rates for new graduate courses. Rates would be effective in the fall of 2018.

Trustee Anilionis moved to approve the proposed 18-19 graduate tuition rates with the adjustment of the Physician's Assistant non-resident rate to \$1000.00. Trustee Quimby seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SABBATICAL LEAVE REQUESTS. Cynthia Pemberton, Vice President of Academic Affairs presented the top five sabbatical leave requests that require approval of the Board of Trustees (Section 3:3 Trustee Policy). Six proposals were submitted and vetted by the CMU Faculty Senate Sabbatical Review Committee, the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the President. The top five were selected based on ranking recommendations from the CMU Faculty Senate Sabbatical Review Committee, the VPAA and the President. Sabbaticals approved are:

Dr. Margot Bechtel, Associate Professor of Biology

Dr. T. Timothy Casey, Professor of Political Science

Dr. Kyle McQuade, Associate Professor of Biology

Dr. Nathan Perry, Associate Professor of Business

Dr. Sarah Swedberg, Professor of History

Trustee Marquez moved to approve the sabbatical leave requests. Trustee Quimby seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

DASHBOARD. Tim Foster, President presented the December FY18 report.

SB 17-267 ELECTRIC LINeworker BUILDING PLEDGE. Tim Foster, President presented the proposal for pledging the Electric Lineworker Building for the Certificate of Participation as legislated by SB 17-267.

Trustee Ringel moved to pledge the Electric Lineworker Building for the State's Certificates of Participation (COP) in return for the receipt of approximately \$2.86 million in COP proceeds. Trustee Marquez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Bechtel called for a recess at 3:59 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:40 a.m. on January 17.

TENURE REPORTS.

Dr. Ram Basnet, Associate Professor of Computer Science

Dr. Scott Kessler, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering

Trustees Anilionis, Motter, Wilson and President Foster left the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Dr. Britt Mathwich, Assistant Professor of Business

Dr. Araan Schmidt, Assistant Professor of Art

Chair Bechtel called for a break at 9:55 a.m. Reconvened at 10:06 a.m.

Dr. Elizabeth Sharp, Assistant Professor of Kinesiology

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.