

TRUSTEES OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Virtual Meeting
April 21, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Trustee Anilionis, Brough, Davis, Griffin, Lentz, Iwaniczko MacLeod, Motter, Quimby, Ramos, Sanchez, Chair Reed, Faculty Trustee Owen-Ott and Student Trustee Hobbs were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Sanchez moved to approve the minutes of the January 21 & 22, 2020 meeting of the Trustees. Trustee Motter seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Sanchez moved to approve the minutes of a special meeting of the Trustees on January 31, 2020. Trustee Anilionis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Ramos moved to approve the minutes of a special meeting of the Trustees on March 23, 2020. Trustee Lentz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Sanchez moved to approve the minutes of a special meeting of the Trustees on April 9, 2020. Trustee Lentz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

CHAIR: Chair Reed: Expressed appreciation for President Foster's leadership through the COVID-19 situation and extended thankfulness to faculty, staff, students as well.

PRESIDENT: President Foster expressed his gratitude for the leadership displayed by everyone on campus and particular appreciation for John Marshall's leadership of the COVID-19 taskforce. The University continues to provide a safe environment and focus on quality education. The Hotel is moving toward opening and he will keep everyone posted.

STUDENT TRUSTEE: Student Trustee Hobbs mentioned that students are adapting to online classes. There was some concern expressed about grades but Academic Affairs was providing an option of pass/fail to help particularly with those classes that don't translate to online courses as easily. April 10 was the 95-year anniversary of the University. Associated Student Government (ASG) provided \$15K to the Mav Relief Fund to assist students in need. The Student Showcase is scheduled to go virtual the second week of May. Some of the resources available to students are one on one virtual tutoring, access to library resources—including curbside book pick up. ASG is discussing, and will likely approve, new course fees for various departments.

FACULTY TRUSTEE: Faculty Trustee Owens-Ott mentioned that approximately 2000 class sections have been converted to online with the help of Distant Education department. Faculty has done a good job adapting to this new teaching territory. She gave examples of unique ways some faculty have adapted for classes that won't work online. Primary for all has been assuring students that everything is okay.

COVID-19 UPDATE: John Marshall, Vice President of Student Services, gave a timeline and overview of what has unfolded for the University since first becoming aware of the pandemic.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Personnel Report
2. Russ Walker Memorial Wetland
3. Emeritus Status: Dr. Rex Cole, Dr. Arthur Houle, Dr. Steven Schulte

Trustee Sanchez moved to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Quimby seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

INSTITUTIONAL USE OF SELF-REPORTED DATA FOR ADMISSIONS: Sharaya Cowan, Director of Admissions, presented information on the Admissions Policy and self-reported data option.

Trustee Brough moved to approve amending institutional admissions policy to allow baccalaureate applicants to be reviewed for admittance into the institution using a test-optional and/or self-reported data option. Trustee Motter seconded. Motion passed unanimously

ACADEMIC PROGRAM APPROVALS: Kurt Haas, Vice President of Academic Affairs, presented three programs for Trustee review and approval.

Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Leadership and Policy (MCJLP):

Trustee Sanchez moved to approve the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Leadership and Policy (MCJLP) for implementation in Fall 2020. Trustee Lentz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Bachelor of Science in Outdoor Recreation Industry Studies:

Trustee Sanchez moved to approve the Bachelor of Science in Outdoor Recreation Industry Studies for implementation in Fall 2020. Trustee Ramos seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Development of a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Degree:

Trustee Lentz moved to approve the initial development of an accredited Doctor of Physical Therapy program. Trustee Ramos seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Reed called for a recess at 10:24 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

TENURE PRESENTATIONS: Kurt Haas, Vice President of Academic Affairs, introduced the following faculty who were tenured by the Trustees at the January 2020 meeting and will present today:

Mr. Karl Castleton, Associate Professor of Computer Science
Dr. Theresa Chase, Assistant Professor Nursing
Ms. Olga Grisak, Assistant Professor of Radiologic Technology
Dr. Eliot Jennings, Assistant Professor of Political Science
Mr. Maurice LaMee, Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts

SABBATICAL LEAVE REPORTS: This was tabled until the next meeting.

Chair Reed adjourned the meeting at 12:26 p.m.