

TRUSTEES OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1100 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501
Gallegos Boardroom
December 15, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

In person: Chair Griffin, Trustee Iwaniczko MacLeod, Trustee Buck, Trustee Ramos, Trustee Sanchez, Trustee Davis, Trustee Fry, Trustee Reiff, Faculty, Trustee Foster, Trustee Casey, and Student Trustee Evan Piper. Trustee Lentz was present virtually. Trustee Dukes was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Foster moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 28, 2022. Trustee Ramos seconded the motion for approval. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no public comments.

REPORTS

CHAIR: Chair Griffin welcomed everyone to campus. She shared appreciation for the Board's role in adopting a family through the Admissions Department's Adopt a Family program and shared the heartwarming story of the family that the Board adopted. She shared an update on the Department's Strategic Planning process and encouraged Board engagement in the process. Chair Griffin recognized Trustee Amy Lentz for her contributions to the Board during her tenure and wished her well as December is her last meeting.

PRESIDENT: President Marshall introduced **Human Scale University Champion Award for December 2022**, which was presented to Kristina Good for her numerous contributions to Colorado Mesa University.

Additional comments: President Marshall reported that it has been a busy end of semester and that last day of final exams is occurring day of the Board meeting. He highlighted the CMU Foundation has had record donations and look to continue to do so going into year end. He shared about Townhall meetings held across campus to engage campus community members in conversations of importance related to key issues at the university. He shared about progress on the Strategic Plan including the Forming the Future Feast that occurred prior to Thanksgiving, as well as multiple community meetings across the Western Slope including Montrose and Roaring Fork meetings. He shared about ongoing work with the legislature including conversations with CDC and upcoming JBC hearings in January. He shared about his recent connection with History Colorado and the potential opportunity to host traveling exhibits in the future and that we look forward to further developing that relationship. Additionally, he shared about the success of the WCCC Technical Signing Day event and expressed excitement to continue the going forward. President Marshall reported that Colorado Mesa University will be celebrating 632 graduates being awarded 702 degrees at the two fall commencement ceremonies on Friday, 12/16/2023.

Lastly, President Marshall introduced Derek Wagner, Vice President of External Relations, who contextualized and previewed a draft video highlighting CMU's Geo Exchange system.

FACULTY TRUSTEE: Faculty Trustee Dr. Tim Casey spoke to life in the day of a faculty member and explained where faculty are at with regards to finals week and grading requirements as they work to wrap up the fall semester. He shared that faculty are at the frontlines of dealing with student stress regarding academics, health, holidays, etc. and shared the impact of developing relationships with students to support them through these challenges. He highlighted the asset that CMU has in the personalized relationships that faculty develop with students. He reported that faculty continue to be engaged in committee work, strategic planning, and Higher Learning Commission work as well as research and service. He reported the prioritization work that Faculty Senate is doing to systematically prioritize requests and work with administration. He reported that work continues at the department level regarding the Campus Climate information. He highlighted the celebrations that faculty look forward to going into winter break and the work they do over break including continued research and service as well as preparing for the upcoming semester.

STUDENT TRUSTEE: Evan Piper shared student's excitement for finals and graduation. He shared students seem more encouraged this year than the last couple of years. He also expressed the excitement around the WCCC Technical Signing event and the impact WCCC has on local workforce. He also highlighted the number of Master's degree graduates and the need to support graduate students as well as traditional undergraduate students. He shared that the biennial budget process was wrapping up and would be shared with the Board through the budget process in the spring. He shared that clubs and organizations are being encouraged to apply for funds to represent Colorado Mesa University at regional and national competitions.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Sanchez moved to the consent agenda. Trustee Ramos seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Personnel – December 2022
2. Naming Opportunity
3. Naming Policy
4. Sabbatical Request

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE & MISSION STATEMENT WORKING SESSION: Dr. Cher Hendricks, Vice President of Academic Affairs gave an overview and updated of the strategic planning process to date.

David Ludlam, Vice President of Communications introduced a proposed draft Mission and Vision Statement for consideration and discussion.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

After Board discussion regarding the Mission and Vision Statement, the Board decided to table the discussion for further consideration at the January Board meeting.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Michelle Quinn, Vice President for Finance and Administration presented the Treasurer’s Report.

HUMAN RESOURCES OVERVIEW: Michelle Quinn, Vice President for Finance and Administration introduced Jill Knuckles, Director of Human Resources who distributed and explained the Employee Benefits Guide and presented the average monthly cost of shared benefits.

WCCC UPDATE: Brigitte Sundermann, Vice President for Community College Affairs gave an update on Western Colorado Community College.

David Ludlam, Vice President of Communications introduced Katlin Birdsall, Director of Marketing, who gave an update on the WCCC brand research and shared next steps in the process including that there will be additional updates to the Board in coming meetings.

FINANCIAL AID UPDATE: Jody Diers, Vice President for Student Services introduced Lindsey Campbell, Financial Aid Director, who gave an update on Financial Aid at Colorado Mesa University as well as upcoming changes that will impact Financial Aid.

CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE: Kent Marsh, Vice President of Capital Planning gave an update on the status of ongoing and upcoming Capital Projects.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATE:

The Academic Affairs update was postponed to the next Board meeting in January 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Given there was no other business to bring before the Board, Chair Griffin adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.