

TRUSTEES OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Art Hotel, Denver Colorado
January 17 & 18, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Griffin called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m. on January 17th, 2023.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Chair Griffin, Trustee Ramos, Trustee Dukes, Trustee Buck, Trustee Sekharan, Trustee Fry, Trustee Foster, Faculty Trustee Casey, and Student Trustee Evan Piper attended in person. Trustee Reiff and Trustee Sanchez joined a few minutes late. Trustee Davis attended virtually. Trustee Iwaniczko MacLeod was excused.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE – ANNUAL TRAINING

Lauren Peach, First Assistant Attorney General and Matt Worthington, Assistant Attorney General, gave the annual Sunshine training to the Board covering Colorado Open Records Act C.R.S. § 24-72-200, Open Meetings Law C.R.S. § 24-6-401, and Conflict of Interest.

There were no public comments.

REPORTS

CHAIR

Chair Griffin welcomed Trustee Sekharan to the Board and expressed excitement to work with her. She briefly mentioned the exciting mention by the Governor at the State of the State Address specific to Colorado Mesa University. Additionally, she shared about the recent tragic loss of President Feinstein's son and that the Board and Leadership team had made a financial contribution to the fund set up to honor his memory through the Colorado Fourteeners Initiative.

PRESIDENT

President Marshall introduced the Human Scale Champion Award and the Board recognized Bill Raimer, Controller, for his contributions to the Colorado Mesa University community.

President Marshall shared about his recent visit with the Joint Budget Committee last week for the annual higher education presentation to advocate for Colorado Mesa University. He shared about attending the State of the State address and shared appreciation for the Governor's recognition for the good work occurring at CMU – which is a team effort.

President Marshall previewed that the legislative reception would be an opportunity to share the Heat Beneath Our Feet video and continue to advocate for funding for the geo exchange project and other initiatives important to CMU.

President Marshall introduced David Ludlam, Vice President of Communications for a Marketing Moment in which explained and previewed a new music video, "How Far I'll Go-CMU," by Kalani Pe'a. Prior to the video Mr. Pe'a shared heartfelt thank you to the Board for the passing of the naming of the Kalani Pea Recording Studio in the new Performing Arts Center.

FACULTY TRUSTEE

Dr. Tim Casey shared that faculty are preparing for spring semester. He noted that this is scholarship season, and the faculty are doing a lot of work to assist with the awarding of scholarships to students. It is also the time of year that students are requesting letters of recognition for graduate schools and employment opportunities. Faculty continue to serve on search committees and are looking forward to spring semester. Dr. Casey also commented on the mention of CMU in the State of the State address and the significance of the standing ovation that was received.

STUDENT TRUSTEE

Evan Piper shared about J-Term occurring over the break between fall and spring semester. He thanked the faculty and staff that make that possible. He gave a brief update on the biennial process and previewed it will be brought to the full board during budget approval.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Dukes moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Trustee Ramos seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Personnel – December 2022
2. Academic Rank Promotions
3. Transitional Retirement
4. Naming Opportunity
5. Election of Board Officers

Chair Griffin thanked the Board members who will be serving as Board Officers. She also thanked Trustee Davis and Trustee Ramos for serving as nomination committee.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 15, 2022

Trustee Sanchez moved to approve the minutes of the meeting on December 15, 2022. There was a motion to correct the minutes to add Trustee David Foster attending the December meeting. Additionally, Faculty Trustee Dr. Casey pointed out that the minutes from October 2022 needed to be amended to include that he and student Trustee Evan Piper were invited into the Executive Session for the IT Security briefing.

Trustee Fry seconded the motion for approval to include the amendments. Motion passed unanimously.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

Dr. Cher Hendricks, Vice President of Academic Affairs, gave an update on Academic Affairs including a report on the Professional Development Funds and the work being done in preparation for the upcoming HLC Accreditation site visit.

FACULTY TENURE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Cher Hendricks, Vice President of Academic Affairs, presented the slate of candidates who put their names forward for the Academic Year 2022-2023. Trustee Ramos motioned to accept the recommendations to grant the following faculty tenure:

Dr. Nick Bardo, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education

Dr. Lynn Duncan, Associate Professor of Nursing and Clinical Education Center Coordinator

Dr. Clay King, Assistant Professor of Statistics
Dr. Yen-Sheng Lee, Assistant Professor of Business, Finance
Dr. Sloan Milstein, Assistant Professor of Sports Management
Dr. Kristin Santos, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice
Dr. Gannon White, Assistant Professor of Kinesiology
Trustee Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Michelle Quinn, Vice President for Finance and Administration presented the Treasurer's Report.

FINANCIAL DASHBOARD

Michelle Quinn, Vice President for Finance and Administration presented the Financial Dashboard.

FY23-24 BUDGET – EXEMPT FACULTY & STAFF COMPENSATION

Michelle Quinn, Vice President for Finance and Administration gave an update on FY23-24 budget planning process including a historic overview of exempt faculty and staff compensation.

Trustee Reiff motioned that the CMU Board of Trustees support prioritizing faculty and exempt administrative staff compensation in the FY24 budget development process, to include consideration of cost of living (COLA), market salaries, internal equity, and performance recognition. Trustee Fry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FYE 6/30/22

Michelle Quinn, Vice President for Finance and Administration, and Bill Raimer, Controller, introduced auditors from Dalby Wendland & Co., P.C., who presented the CMU Financial and Compliance Audit.

Trustee Foster motioned to approve and accept the Audited Financial Statements as presented. Trustee Ramos seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

FOUNDATION UPDATE

Robin Brown, Vice President of Development, provided an update on the Colorado Mesa University Foundation and provided a recap of the fall semester, and highlighted goals and objectives for the Foundation going forward. She highlighted the Setting the Stage Capital Campaign, Funding Maverick Champions initiative, and efforts to grow the Davis School of Business profile.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION PREVIEW

Jennifer Brandeberry and Julie McKenna with Brandeberry McKenna Public Affairs (BBMK) presented an update on legislative matters relative to the university.

Chair Griffin called for a recess at 4:15 p.m. The Board and Leadership Team attended the CMU Legislative Reception from 4:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Due to inclement weather, the meeting reconvened at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, January 18th, 2023.

Trustees present in person: Trustee Fry, Trustee Buck, Trustee Sekharan and Trustee Ramos, Faculty Trustee Casey and Student Trustee Evan Piper.

Those who attended virtually: Chair Griffin, Trustee Foster, Trustee Sanchez, Trustee Dukes, Trustee Davis, and Trustee Reiff.

MISSION & VISION

David Ludlam, Vice President for Communications, revisited the Mission and Vision statement conversation from December 15, 2022, meeting. Due to timing of other guest presentations the conversation was paused and continued later in the meeting.

THE UTES: COLORADO'S FORGOTTEN PEOPLE, SEARCHING FOR TRUTH & RECONCILITATION

Mr. Ernest House, Jr., Senior Policy Advisory and Director of Tribal and Indigenous Engagement with the Keystone Policy Center, gave a presentation to the Board regarding history of indigenous people in Colorado and the West and shared how history is impacting current policy making.

MPAC PROJECT UDATE

Kent Marsh, Vice President for Capital Projects, introduced Chris Wineman with Semple Brown, who gave an update on the Performing Arts Center project and showed current (draft) renderings of the project.

MISSION & VISION, CONTINUED

Returning to the Mission and Vision conversation, the Board discussed the preferred process to move the conversation forward. The Board would like to see outstanding suggestions addressed. It was agreed to send individual feedback to the administration and the administration will summarize feedback prior to a continued conversation at the March meeting to include an up/down vote on issues that have been brought up but need resolution.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to bring before the Board.

ADJOURN

Trustee Sanchez motioned to adjourn, and Trustee Fry seconded. Chair Griffin adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.