

TRUSTEES OF MESA STATE COLLEGE

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 23, 2003.

Liff Auditorium

Mesa State College

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lena Elliott called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Board of Trustees Present

Student Trustee Garrett Branson; Trustee Lena Elliott; Trustee Tom Kaesemeyer; Trustee Steve Meyer; Trustee Charlie Monfort; Trustee Carol Nesland; Trustee Jane North; Faculty Trustee Gayla Jo Slauson

Board of Trustees Excused

Trustee Luis Colon

The President's staff attended.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2003 and September 10, 2003 meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

III. REPORTS

- A. Board Chair: Chair Elliott reported on the Moss Performing Arts dedication, mentioning the Moss's generosity, as well as that of other community members, the beautiful building, and the incredible talent displayed by students who performed during the events.
- B. Interim President: Dr. Gingerich presented personnel actions for information and called attention to the accreditation Self Study document provided for each Board member. He stated that the accreditation team would be on campus November 11-14, 2003.

President Gingerich reported on media articles related to a student newspaper headline, the annual audit, the advisory committee required by Mesa State's role as regional education provider, and the status of CHEIBA insurance premiums.

- C. Faculty Trustee: Trustee Slauson shared drafts of proposed calendars, one as an overview of business and one for events. She also is working with Trustee Nesland on a plan for revision of the trustee policy manual for the October Board meeting. Following that work, the professional staff policy handbooks will be addressed.

Trustee Slauson reported on statewide issues covered at a meeting of the faculty advisory group to CCHE, including plans for increasing funding to higher

education, pass rates for teacher education licensing assessment, the Academic Bill of Rights, and the window for admission standards.

- D. Student Government: Trustee Branson reported on library hours, ASG Senate activities, Club Advisory Board funding requests, Cultural Diversity Board programs, a Campus Residence Association residence hall competition planned for October, athletic games, matches and activities, the theatre program's upcoming productions, and issues covered at the September Club 20 meeting which included higher education, water, and the Tabor amendment.
- E. Faculty Senate: Senate President, Russ Walker, distributed his report and commented on four issues important to faculty: shared governance, management of growth, regional education provider role, and funding for faculty compensation, this institution, and higher education in general. On behalf of the Faculty Senate, Dr. Walker urged the Board to act aggressively and creatively to influence the CCHE, the legislature, and the governor to bring Mesa deserved funding.
- F. Unified Technical Education Campus: As a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), Trustee Hamilton reported on its September meeting and UTEC's credit hour increase. The BOCES will meet again in 30-60 days to discuss the process for increasing the size of its board as legislated.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

- A. State Colleges Unemployment Compensation Claims
It was moved and seconded that approval be given for up to 47.82% of \$60,000 liability, with the added caveat that \$28,692 be the maximum exposure and that the question of Metro's liability be asked. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- B. Capital Construction Priorities FY05
It was moved and seconded that the list of priorities for capital construction be approved. After discussion, which included clarification on the Program Plan, building locations, funding, and parking, the motion passed unanimously.
- C. International Baccalaureate Program
It was moved and seconded to approve the policy generated, as required, to report to CCHE. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

V. ROLE & MISSION

President Gingerich presented an overview of the elements that went into establishing the current role and mission, and the factors of the regional education provider role to be considered for incorporation into the role and mission.

Discussion occurred on plans for partnering, funding and creating a committee to address the regional education provider role, as well as on options for evaluating needs and determining next steps. Also discussed was the need for additional input, from other entities, regarding direction for the College.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 11:55 a.m., it was moved and seconded that the Board convene into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters in accordance with 24-6-402(3)(b)(I), C.R.S. The motion passed unanimously.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

Chair Elliott reconvened at 1:40 p.m.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jake Zambrano, CCHE representative to the Board, was recognized and welcomed by Chair Elliott. Mr. Zambrano offered to answer questions about CCHE and expressed his pleasure at attending the Board meeting.

Mesa County Commissioner, Tilman M. Bishop, addressed the Board stating that he was both pleased and proud of the appointments made to the Board, that its members had inherited an outstanding institution, and that he looked forward to their guidance.

VIII. SERVICES CONTRACT

Chair Elliott commented that Metro State College's finance officer will visit campus and has been contracted to help with moving ahead on financial formats.

IX. FY04 BUDGET DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

Discussion included clarification of several items in, and changes made to, financial reports, as well as information on options for salary increases. In the absence of monthly report formats and more information on what may be available for salary increases, it was agreed to defer formal adoption of the FY04 budget. The Trustees and President Gingerich acknowledged the need to address salary increases and their desire to explore all options.

Chair Elliott and President Gingerich clarified that the following would be provided at the October Board meeting: a revised FY04 budget with revisions reflected, including performing arts broken out, the change in tuition, and a list of changes in expenditures that occurred from FY03 to FY04; an assessment of what dollars may be considered in the FY04 budget for salary enhancements for faculty and professional staff; tracking of FY04 funds designated for Trustees' discretion; and the cost of doing business as an independent institution.

X. PRESIDENT'S BRIEFINGS

President Gingerich briefed the Board on salary and benefit comparisons, including peer groups and how they are established, and the search for a vice president for financial and administrative services. Discussion was held on the search process and the Board's involvement in the search and selection.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Nesland asked that a presentation on the Mesa State Foundation audit be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Chair Elliott updated the Board on the proposed agenda for the October regular meeting.

XII. ADJOURN

At approximately 2:39 p.m., it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.