

TRUSTEES OF MESA STATE COLLEGE

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 16, 2003

**Liff Auditorium
Mesa State College**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lena Elliott called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Board of Trustees Present

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

Board of Trustees Excused

Trustee Luis Colon

The President's staff attended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2003 meeting. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REPORTS

Board Chair: Chair Elliott reported on her organizing efforts for the focus groups that met October 15 and expressed appreciation to those who took the time to participate.

Ms. Elliott broadened the charge for the ad hoc finance committee to continue its work on the budget. Trustees Nesland, Monfort and Meyer, who will chair, will continue on this committee.

Interim President: President Gingerich reported on the CCHE budget approval; plans to renovate auxiliaries; discussions with the Montrose Advisory Board on the Regional Education Provider (REP) role; Homecoming activities; and recognized Diane Brittingham, Assistant Director of Housing and Residence Life, for being awarded the Heroes in Residence Life Award from the Association of College & University Housing Officers-International.

Discussion included the Foundation for Excellent Schools in association with Montrose and Delta High Schools; a proposed sales tax increase in Montrose to build a facility that would be leased to Mesa State; availability and subsidy of classes in Montrose; Department of Personnel Pilot Waiver Program; and the process of creation and member selection for the required REP advisory council.

Faculty Trustee: Trustee Slauson reported on faculty community projects in her department, which included, among others, Women's Health Fair information management tracking and the School

District #51 technology plan development. Ms. Slauson explained that faculty provide extra work, often at no extra compensation, because they are professionals that see themselves as partners in the institution for the enhancement of quality of education.

Student Government: Trustee Branson reported on cuts to student assist and scholarships; the David Horowitz presentation; Homecoming activities; the MSC Division II mountain bike team's third place win in the Division I championships; and the women's golf team's first place in RMAC.

Discussion included clarification of student assist and workstudy programs, cuts to those programs and to scholarships, and the possibility of funds from Governor's Opportunity Scholarships.

Faculty Senate: Senate President, Dr. Russ Walker, reported on examples of shared governance on campus, stressed its importance to faculty, and requested that the statement of philosophy on shared governance that is currently in the policy manual be included in the draft of the new policy manual. Dr. Walker also expressed his appreciation to the Board for soliciting input and including faculty in the focus groups on the presidential search.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved and seconded that the Board convene into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal issues and personnel matters in accordance with 24-6-402(3)(b)(I), C.R.S. The motion carried and the Board recessed at 9:10 a.m.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

Chair Elliott reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

Report on Executive Session: It was moved and seconded to accept personnel recommendations as presented. The motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Lobbyist

After Trustee Wexels' reiteration of discussions on the high cost of lobbyist proposals, it was moved and seconded to accept Jake Zambrano's proposal of \$5,000. The motion carried.

QIS (Quality Indicator System)

President Gingerich shared background on QIS requirements, stated that reports on all indicators would be presented at the next meeting, and explained the intent of the two indicators that are established by the institution. Regarding measures for the indicators established by the institution, President Gingerich recommended that, for indicator #1, the second measure of increasing access to off-campus sites and at non-traditional times be used, and that the first measure of applying tuition and fees below the median for four-year institutions not be used. His recommendation on measures for indicator #2 were to continue to equal or exceed the average of the previous two years in percent of graduates who have experienced a co-curricular activity, practica, or field experience as part of field of study.

It was moved and seconded to accept the QIS indicators that the College has recommended. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Mark Achen presented an overview of the FY04 budget and explained the two big pieces that may generate discretionary funds. Mr. Achen mentioned that, while enrollment growth is a major strength and tuition increases will be helpful, state and federal budget issues, including the possibility of another rescission, are projected to continue into the FY05 and FY06 budgets. Other issues that impact Mesa's budget are base funding, vouchers, and institution/program accreditations and reaccreditations.

Mr. Achen mentioned that the presentation of the first set of financials from the ad hoc finance committee is anticipated for the November meeting, along with capital spending plans that include auxiliary projects and residence hall renovations by bond proceeds.

Clarification was made and questions answered on debt service and bond refinance; fund balance investment; revenue-to-expenditure ratio; five-year capital construction plan and associated funding; and the impact of plant funds, depreciation and increases in housing costs, tuition, and student fees. The assumption was made that the '05 budget year will be challenging with only modest reserves, even if a rescission doesn't occur. Approval of the budget was deferred to November and staff was thanked for their work on the budget.

TRUSTEE POLICY MANUAL

Trustee Nesland provided background on the process used to create the Trustee Policy Manual draft. Comments have been solicited and some received; however, it was generally agreed that more time would be needed for Board members to familiarize themselves with the draft and to continue to receive and review input.

While most revisions consisted of eliminating language associated with the former system, Trustee Nesland offered to flag sections where other types of significant changes have occurred and to e-mail that information for dissemination to Board, faculty and staff. A timeline was established to provide a red-line draft for the November meeting, with the December meeting the target for approval. Faculty Senate President Walker was asked to provide input and Trustees Nesland and Slauson were thanked for their work.

OTHER BUSINESS

In response to questions on the upcoming accreditation visit, discussion was held regarding the Board's scheduled interaction with the consultant-evaluation team.

Trustee Meyer distributed a copy of the executive summary of the Grand Valley Vision 2020. Specifically, attention was called to those portions of the Vision that project Mesa State College's role.

ADJOURN

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.