

**TRUSTEES OF MESA STATE COLLEGE**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday, August 20, 2003**

**9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Liff Auditorium**

**Mesa State College**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lena Elliott called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**Board of Trustees Present**

Student Trustee Garrett Branson; Trustee Luis Colon; 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 Jamie Hamilton; Trustee James Wexels

The President's staff attended.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the July 16 and 17 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. REPORTS**

A. Board Chair: Chair Elliott reported on the CCHE retreat, which focused on linkage in K-16 education. CCHE plans to work for higher ed vouchers this legislative session. She reported that all boards in Colorado are focusing on finances and reporting that is open and transparent. The boards agreed to report to CCHE quarterly and recommended a yearly audit.

Chair Elliott mentioned her meeting with Russ Walker, Faculty Senate President, her remarks at the opening day meeting for faculty and staff, and the Governor's luncheon she attended along with Trustees Kaesemeyer, Nesland and North.

B. Interim President: Dr. Gingerich reported on enrollment, up 4% from last year; beginning-of-the-year activities held to assist students in college success; dedication of the Moss Performing Arts Center; the technology summit to be held at MSC in conjunction with the Governor's Office of Innovation & Technology; and his meetings with the superintendent of Delta School District, administrators from Colorado Mountain College, and

Montrose Campus director and advisory board chair. He informed the Board that CCHE has asked each institution to designate a staff member to act as legislative liaison. It was requested that subsequent reports be written and distributed to the Board prior to each meeting.

- C. Faculty Trustee: Faculty Trustee Slauson cited faculties' desire for managed growth and its willingness to work with the Board on the handbook. A copy of the packet given to new faculty was distributed to each Board member. She talked about faculty concern over compensation and higher benefits costs which prompted questions from the Board. The discussion will be continued at the next meeting.
- D. Student Government: Student Trustee Branson reported on welcome week activities, fall elections, class registrations, costs of books and the October Homecoming event. Discussion occurred on the process used to adjust class sections to meet student requirements. He noted that positive feedback has been received with regard to beginning-of-school activities and Dr. Rich Baca gave a brief explanation of some of the events.

#### **IV. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Approval of Committee of the Whole Structure for Board of Trustees: Trustee Nesland moved that the Committee of the Whole structure for the Board of Trustees supercede any committee structure that may exist in any trustee manual or policy manuals and leave to the Chair the option to appoint committees at will as needed. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

#### **V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- A. Budget and Financials: Trustee Meyer recapped the charge to him and Trustees Monfort and Nesland to work with CCHE staff, Dr. Gingerich and Dr. Curran in financial reporting formats with 2003 numbers balanced and tied to schedules. Chair Elliott proposed that another special meeting be held to finish the process.

#### **VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At approximately 12:40 p.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.

#### **VII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

Chair Elliott reconvened at 2:05 p.m.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Mike Nyikos, member of the School of Mines board, expressed his positive appraisal of the achievement of an independent board for Mesa State College and thanked the Board for its commitment.

State Representative Gayle Berry, presented to President Gingerich the pen used by Governor Owens to sign into law the independence of Mesa State College. Representative Berry stated in her comments that House Bill 03-1093 allows Mesa State to focus on its students, and that independent governance provides great challenges and greater opportunities.

**IX. CONTINUED DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- A. Report on Executive Session: It was moved and seconded to approve routine personnel items. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Budget and Financials: Controller Cackler distributed an unofficial, unaudited balance sheet and statement of cash flows for the Board's information.
- C. Review of Policies: Chair Elliott distributed, then read, a statement from Trustee Hamilton regarding the policy manuals and College role and mission. She indicated that role and mission would be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- D. Policies Governing Prioritization and Reporting of Facilities Projects: It was moved to accept the recommendation. There was no second. The motion was withdrawn and the issue tabled until the next meeting.

**X. OTHER ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE BOARD**

Trustee Kaesemeyer, on the recommendation of Tim Foster, brought to the Board the subject of the Grand Junction ice rink. He suggested that Mesa State College and its community may be interested in discussions with planners who are just short of their financial goal.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 2:30 p.m., it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.