

TRUSTEES OF MESA STATE COLLEGE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

March 5, 2004
Liff Auditorium
Mesa State College

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lena Elliott called the special meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

Trustees Present

Trustee Lena Elliott; Trustee Jamie Hamilton; Trustee Tom Kaesemeyer (via telephone); Trustee Steve Meyer; Trustee Charlie Monfort (via telephone); Trustee Carol Nesland; Faculty Trustee Gayla Jo Slauson; Trustee Jim Wexels (via telephone).

Trustees Excused

Trustee Luis Colon; Trustee Jane North.

Also in attendance was ASG Representative Joe Mulcahy.

AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Elliott stated the purpose of the special call meeting was to consider making an offer of employment to presidential candidate finalist Tim Foster.

Faculty Trustee Slauson read a letter addressed to the Board from the Mesa State Chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

Gene Starbuck and Jeanne Durr presented an overview of finalist Tim Foster's visits with campus constituents and community groups on February 24 and February 25, 2004. Stating that the meetings were very well attended, the two read comments based on analysis of feedback received from the visits interspersed with each requirement of the job description as posted. The Board expressed appreciation to Starbuck and Durr for coordinating the meetings and for their presentation.

ACTION

Trustee Nesland put forth a motion that the Board of Trustees offer the position of President of Mesa State College to finalist Tim Foster. Nesland further moved that Trustee Jim Wexels be responsible for working with legal counsel on the terms of an employment contract and negotiating with Mr. Foster, with the goal of presenting a contract recommendation for the Board's consideration by March 12, 2004. Faculty Trustee Slauson seconded the motion. Chair Elliott requested a vote by roll with Trustees Hamilton, Kaesemeyer, Meyer, Monfort, Nesland, Wexels, Slauson and Elliott answering yes for a unanimous vote to approve.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Meyer moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss negotiations of an employment contract with Mr. Foster and to give instructions to the Board negotiators pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(3)(a)(V); and also to receive legal advice from our attorney on specific issues regarding the contracting process and terms of employment, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(3)(a)(II). Trustee Nesland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Board adjourned into executive session at 11:50 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Chair Elliott reconvened the public session at 1:09 p.m. Trustee Meyer moved to adjourn. Trustee Nesland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.