

TRUSTEES OF MESA STATE COLLEGE

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 24, 2004
Liff Auditorium
Mesa State College

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lena Elliott called the special meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Trustees Present

Trustee Lena Elliott; Trustee Jamie Hamilton; Trustee Tom Kaesemeyer; Trustee Steve Meyer; Trustee Carol Nesland; Trustee Jane North; Faculty Trustee Gayla Jo Slauson; Trustee Jim Wexels.

Trustees Excused

Trustee Luis Colon; Trustee Charlie Monfort.

Also in attendance was ASG Representative Joe Mulcahy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Nesland moved and Trustee Wexels seconded to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2004 regular meeting, the March 5, 2004 special meeting and the March 12, 2004 special meeting. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Nesland moved to approve the consent agenda with the stipulation that the Recommendation and Letter of Understanding be a single document representing the contractual agreement between the parties. Motion was seconded by Trustee Meyer and passed unanimously.

REPORTS

President: Tim Foster gave no formal report but said there will be lots of discussions during this first month of his presidency. He announced his plans to name Carol Futhey as Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs the first week of April.

Faculty Trustee: Trustee Slauson reported faculty is busy with the usual start-of-the-semester activities. Faculty advisors are helping students plan their classes to stay on track. The NCATE (National Commission for Accreditation of Teacher Accreditation) team is on campus this week.

Faculty Senate President: Faculty Senate President Walker relayed the faculty's sentiment that MSC is a vibrant, healthy institution and they stand ready to begin productive work with Tim and the board. He recommended Faculty Senate and Board of Trustees meet informally, possibly monthly. A discussion ensued and the decision was made to, at this time, leave the monthly meetings as they are.

ASG Student Representative: Student Representative Mulcahy welcomed Tim Foster. He reported on ASG's spring elections and student fee bills passed. Discussion followed on the fee for extended studies courses.

ASG President: ASG President Hensel followed with an explanation of how they'd arrived at the fee for Extended Studies courses. She reported on club and athletic activities; the College Center Renovation surveys; and their involvement in lobbying for Higher Ed legislation.

Classified Staff: No Report

Board Chair: Trustee Elliott welcomed Tim to Mesa State College. Her first point of business was to appoint Tim to the BOCES board. She asked Jake Zambrano to update the board on legislative bills regarding Higher Education. A discussion followed on the budget, possible tuition increases, TABOR amendment implications, and the College Opportunity Fund.

11:00 a.m. adjourned for 5-minute recess.

11:05 Chair Elliott reconvened the Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Budget Overview: Whitney Sutton presented a budget overview of the General fund, spending authority figures, tuition increase percentages, financial aid levels, and projected fixed and mandated costs. Discussion on inaccuracy of some of the figures the JBC is basing their calculations on followed. Next year's projections of state funding is uncertain at this point. Whitney explained that from the NCA (North Central Accreditation) process last year MSC has initiated a different budgetary planning and allocation process. A work session in Denver is set for March 29; Trustees are invited to attend.

Tuition Policy: Whitney Sutton presented the percentages supported by the General Fund and by tuition income. She clarified the difference in the institution's and Financial Aid's credit hour requirement for full time status. She explained how these requirements affect the add/drop activity in classes at the beginning of each semester. General discussion comparing MSC with peer institutions followed. A suggestion that the Board's financial committee do some research on this issue was made.

Foundation Presentation: Foundation Board of Directors President Joanna Little highlighted some of the Foundation's accomplishments. She discussed how the

Foundation is developing relationships with community members, letting them know they are appreciated, and keeping them informed about the current financial state of Higher Ed. Recognizing the need to receive more direction from the college in setting funding priorities, the Foundation amended its bylaws to include a liaison from the Board of Trustees. Trustee Nesland has been appointed to that position.

Foundation Executive Director Claudia Crowell welcomed Tim Foster and let him know the Foundation is ready to go where he wants to take them. Emphasizing that the partnership between the community, the county, the Foundation and the college is a very effective one, she detailed the Campus Expansion Project, reviewed the Foundation's revenues and costs and suggested the future direction of the Foundation should be a combined decision of the Foundation, MSC president, and Board of Trustees with state, county, and city monies taken into account.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Nesland made a motion to elect President Foster as the recording secretary and treasurer of the Board. Trustee Wexels seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Elliott took a moment to invite all at the Board meeting to an Appreciation Reception at 1:30 p.m. in honor of Sam Gingerich for serving as Interim President for last several months.

Financial Reports: Controller Larry Cackler discussed the Financials and narrative included in the agenda information. He noted that several of the totals were skewed and explained the factors that cause the skewing at this time in the year.

ADJOURN

At 12:20 p.m. it was moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.