

**TRUSTEES OF MESA STATE COLLEGE
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

November 17, 2004
Mesa State College
Grand Junction, Colorado

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elliott called the meeting to order at 9:36 AM.

Trustees Present

Trustee Meyer, Trustee Nesland, Trustee North, Trustee Wexels, Trustee Wist by phone, Faculty Trustee Slauson, Student Trustee Dukes, Chair Elliott; Trustee Hamilton joined the meeting at 1:17 PM.

Trustees Excused

Trustee Kaesemeyer, Trustee Monfort

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Nesland moved to accept the minutes of the October 21, 2004 regular meeting; Trustee Wexels seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

Trustee Wexels moved to approve consent items as presented; Trustee Meyer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS

President: President Foster reported on the status of the Performance Contract, campus development plans, and the Professional Personnel Employment Handbook; campus planning and tuition discussions; the priority of faculty salaries and budgeting to accommodate a proposed increase; and the Student Fee Allocation Committee work process. Fee Allocation Committee Chair, Mike D'Inecco, was recognized for a remarkable job with the process of hearings, communication, and soliciting and transmitting input, in order to bring a recommendation to the Board.

During President Foster's report, discussion was held on the need for a formal process for bringing Handbook change recommendations to the Board. Chair Elliott commented that recommendations for revisions to the Handbook should be presented to the Handbook Committee prior to being presented to the Board.

Faculty Trustee: Faculty Trustee Slauson reported on NCATE approval for the Teacher Education program; a funding opportunity for the Nursing program; the potential for a new business and computing building; vision statement and goals; concerns regarding base funding; department head model as a replacement for the dean model and associated authority issues;

need for Handbook procedures. Trustee Slauson expressed support for a process for bringing recommendations on Handbook revisions to the Board.

Student Trustee: Student Trustee Dukes reported on the Question & Answer event conducted by ASG with ASG President Wright, President Foster, and Student Trustee Dukes. Mr. Dukes also distributed and explained a survey and fact breakdown regarding student opinion on capital expansion and fee increases, and mentioned that many students attended the State of the Student address.

ASG President: ASG President Jared Wright distributed his written report and explained the Fee Allocation Committee proposals, including mandated (Student Recreation Center and Campbell College Center) and non-mandated (Technology/Wireless Network, Athletics, and ESCORT Program) priorities, that are to go to a vote this evening with proposed presentation to the Board at its February meeting. Also included in his report was an explanation of and proposed plans for the Student Controlled Reserve Fund. Mr. Wright also informed the Board on special projects being considered by ASG.

Chair Elliott asked that members of the ASG be invited to the next regular meeting.

Faculty Senate President: Senate President Kavanagh brought some additional concerns to the Board with regard to Handbook Section XII on Electronics Communications Policy. Vice President Futhey clarified that the Board had requested that sections in the Trustee Policy Manual on substance abuse and electronics communications policy be included in the Professional Personnel Employment Handbook.

Board Chair: Chair Elliott reported on the half-day conference with regional education county superintendents and the Teacher Education Department, along with President Foster, Vice President Futhey, and Associate Vice President Breckel; a conference call with presidents and the Board chairs of Metro, Adams, Western, and Ft. Lewis regarding the Performance Contract and sharing a lobbyist; and a meeting held with the Foundation Board, President Foster and Trustees Hamilton and Elliott.

Trustee North requested that Financials be included monthly to be discussed when needed.

Chair Elliott announced a change in the agenda to address items in revised order. Diane Lindner, CCHE representative, was introduced.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

College Opportunity Fund (COF) – Futhey

Vice President Futhey made a PowerPoint presentation that explained COF implementation, application, student and course eligibility, rates, calculation, and student and college implications. It was clarified that both “voucher” and “stipend” are used in describing the COF funds, that they are not financial aid, and that application may occur at any time. Questions were addressed on administration and audit of funds.

Performance Contracts – Foster

President Foster provided background on discussions with CCHE and subsequent revisions. Deadlines were clarified. Board discussion was held on the issues of core courses, grade inflation, retention, and capital construction.

Tuition – Doyle

Vice President Doyle distributed copies of the document to be presented to the JBC at its budget briefing and explained some of its purposes, e.g., existing rates/structure, comparison to other institutions, how COF affects tuition, credit hour rates, and MSC options. During the presentation, students Matt Soper and Jared Wright were invited to join the table with Trustee Dukes to provide a student perspective on tuition, along with VP Futhey and Associate VP Breckel. Discussion occurred on linear versus cost per credit hour, scholarships/financial aid/Pell grants, and COF implementation timing.

Trustee Cole left the meeting and Chair Elliott adjourned to lunch at 11:56 AM.

Chair Elliott reconvened at 1:17 PM and Trustee Hamilton joined the meeting. A recap of tuition issues was provided. The students offered their agreement on linear but not necessarily on the differential on upper division/lower division course costs. They also expressed a preference for a transition period versus immediate implementation.

Recruitment – Breckel/Bush

Associate VP Breckel presented a plan for recruitment 2005-06, titled “Achieving a Higher Degree as a Regional Education Provider.” Information included a forecast of high school graduate percentages in terms of minority students, geographical areas, public and non-public school graduates, and family incomes; the growing competition for Colorado students; private for-profit schools; enrollment goal for MSC; the focus, objectives and strategies for redirection to recruitment efforts that better match Mesa’s regional education provider role; and ways for Board members to get involved.

Chair Elliott called a recess at 1:50; reconvened at 1:56.

GIS Presentation on Proposed Parking Garage – Amanda Mayer/Professor Verner Johnson
Geography student, Amanda Mayer, made a presentation on locating a proposed parking garage using Geographic Information System technology. Discussion was held on the cost per space to pay for a 200-space parking structure.

Foundation – Foster

A proposed memorandum of understanding with the MSC Foundation was distributed. President Foster reviewed the issues of the agreement as discussed at the November 16 Foundation Board meeting, including budget approval, endowments, and voting representation on the investment committee. Discussion occurred regarding staffing, fundraising, and fees.

Trustee Nesland moved to agree to adopt the current MOU with the two changes discussed by President Foster; Trustee Wexels seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Chair Elliott announced the CCHE event, “Trustees for Better Teachers.”

- President Foster informed the Board of the \$50,000 gift received by Art Department Chair, Professor Susie Garner, and the \$800,000 grant for the Nursing Program and its associated press release.
- President Foster reviewed a proposed contract with Phaseline and Jake Zambrano in conjunction with Metro State College to monitor Joint Budget Committee and other actions.

Trustee Meyer moved to approve the contract; Trustee Hamilton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Jake Zambrano informed the Board on proposed legislation, “dream act”, regarding college entrance as in-state residents, and access to COF funds, for Colorado high school students who are not U.S. citizens but have attended a Colorado high school for four years and who pursue permanent residency, as a requirement of enrollment, when they turn 18.

Trustee Hamilton moved to support the bill, “dream act.” Trustee Wexels seconded. Discussion was held. Trustee Wexels made a substitute motion to delay until legislation is drafted, to review and then to conduct a conference call to discuss it. Trustee Hamilton seconded Trustee Wexels’ substitute motion. The vote was 5 in favor, one opposed. It was noted for the record that the Chair is a voting member.

- Discussion was held on the legislative proposals regarding securitization, deBrucing and Tom Plant’s (vice chair Budget Committee) proposal.

Trustee Nesland moved to instruct Jake Zambrano that this Board supports the idea of securitizing the tobacco funds settlement. Trustee Wexels seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Meyer moved to support the deBrucing amendment to Tabor; Trustee North seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Zambrano committed to researching the Tom Plant concept.

- Discussion was held on the calendar of meetings for January and February. It was agreed that the January meeting would be held in Denver, one- or two-day meeting to be determined, and that the February 16 meeting would be held in Grand Junction, rather than in Glenwood, and would include the ASG.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Nesland moved to adjourn; Trustee North seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:29 PM.