

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

January 19, 2005  
Shaw Construction  
Denver, Colorado

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Elliott called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M.

Guests introduced: Diane Lindner, CCHE; Mary Vader, Daily Sentinel; Jared Wright, MSC ASG president; Joyce Lambert, recording secretary

Three new Board members were welcomed: Glen Gallegos, Celeste Colgan, and Norm Franke, replacing Jim Wexels, Carol Nesland, and Jamie Hamilton

**ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT**

Trustee North moved that Cole Wist be elected to fill former Trustee Wexels' unexpired term of vice president; Trustee Monfort seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**ROLL CALL**

Trustees Present

Trustee Colgan, Trustee Franke, Trustee Gallegos, Trustee Meyer, Trustee Monfort, Trustee North, Trustee Wist, Faculty Trustee Slauson, Student Trustee Dukes, Chair Elliott

Trustees Excused

Trustee Kaesemeyer

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Monfort moved to accept the minutes of the November 17, 2004 regular meeting; Trustee Wist seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

President Foster and Chair Elliott answered questions on the facility naming recommendations, the new Athletic Director, and transitional retirements.

Trustee Monfort moved to approve consent items as presented; Trustee Franke seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS**

**Faculty Trustee:** Faculty Trustee Slauson reported that classes for spring semester had started. She also mentioned that Martin Luther King Day activities at the college and in the community were supported, although classes were in session, and suggested that consideration be given to discontinuing holding classes on Martin Luther King Day. Discussion was held and it was clarified that the calendar committee was the appropriate group to address that issue.

In response to solicitation of questions and comments, Trustee North commended those who worked on the strategic plan document, specifically Vice President Futhey, and commented that the list of faculty community involvement in the back of the document is particularly significant. Ms. North suggested that the list or similar list be submitted to CCHE with the Performance Plan. Copies of the strategic plan and/or the executive summary were offered to the Trustees for distribution.

Discussion was held on the January term/wintermester.

**Student Trustee:** Student Trustee Dukes reported that spring enrollment is up 98 students, many of which are returning students, and that residence halls are full. Trustee Dukes also mentioned that, regarding the ASG survey on residence hall complaints (top three: internet, heating/cooling, response time on room maintenance), he plans to provide results at a subsequent meeting. Trustee Dukes concurred, on behalf of the students, with the suggestion that classes not be held on Martin Luther King Day, nor the Monday after winter break.

President Foster provided further information on enrollment, recruitment, transfers, size of freshman vs. senior class, local perceptions of MSC as an institution, the Governor's Initiative on pre-collegiate core high school courses, and The Century Program.

**ASG President:** ASG President Wright reported that he had met the new Athletic Director Nick Adams and was impressed, that he concurred with Trustees Slauson's and Dukes' suggestion that classes not be held on Martin Luther King Day. Mr. Wright also reported on current discussions regarding the student fee reserve.

**Board Chair:** Chair Elliott reported that an agreement had been reached with the Foundation. President Foster provided further details on the history and role of the Foundation, the searches for Foundation director and MSC development director. Trustee North asked that the success of the Monfort Matching Fund be acknowledged for the record. Trustee Monfort and former Trustee Hamilton were acknowledged for their proactive efforts on that project.

Ms. Elliott informed the Board on the Chamber Leadership class on education and President Foster's presentation.

Discussion occurred regarding the spring calendar of Board meetings. It was tentatively agreed that meetings would be held February 16, April 20, May 16 following Commencement, and June 14-15 retreat. Trustees were invited to attend Commencement, May 15, at 9:00 A.M., and discussion was held regarding speakers and logistics options for future Commencements. June retreat topics and Commencement speaker ideas were discussed and recommendations were solicited for the February meeting.

**Vision – Trustee Meyer:** Trustee Meyer reported on discussions regarding the Vision/Strategic Plan and solicited input. Clarification was provided on the history and content of the "Achieving a Higher Degree of Leadership" document, the current Vision/Strategic Plan, and the relationship

between the two. President Foster offered that the timeline provided for input on the Vision/Strategic Plan is the next thirty to ninety days.

Chair Elliott recessed at 10:40 A.M. and reconvened at 10:50 A.M.

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2004 – Doyle**

Vice President Doyle reported that there were no audit findings, comments, or recommendations on the 2004 compliance and financial audit. Mr. Doyle also presented on assets, liabilities, transfer of Foundation properties, working capital, operating revenue and loss, state appropriations, and enterprise activities. Discussion was held on the Foundation component of the audit, fundraising, enterprise status, state funding, and perceptions of support for higher education. Mr. Doyle's conclusion was that the financial position had improved, that controls seemed to be strong, and that the audit opinion was unqualified.

Trustee Monfort moved to accept the audit as presented; Trustee Meyer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2005 Financials – Doyle**

Vice President Doyle reported on revenues, expenses and fund balances. Discussion was held on bookstore, recharges, contract wages on auxiliary food service, accrued liabilities, and student activity fees.

#### **Tuition Update – Doyle**

As an update on the Tuition Committee, which is one of the three College Opportunity Fund committees, Mr. Doyle made a presentation that included guiding principals, mandatory costs, access, tuition and fees rates and ranks, addressing the credit hour/tuition "window", comparisons with other institutions, WUE, impact of COF, and estimated tuition increases. Discussion was held on history of enrollment funding; costs per number of credit hours and timing of changes; inclusion of salaries as part of mandatory costs; expected risk management costs; student fees as a part of tuition; College Opportunity Fund.

Recessed to lunch at 12:15 P.M. and reconvened at 1:45 P.M.

#### **Program Approvals – Futhey**

Vice President Futhey provided history and information on programs presented for approval: the proposed B.A.S. degree in Business Administration and additions, modifications, and deletions in Fine Arts, Music, and Theatre.

Trustee Monfort moved to approve programs as presented; Trustee North seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Out-of-State/Country Instruction Approval – Futhey**

Vice President Futhey provided clarification on out-of-state/country programs and requested that future approval be delegated to the president.

Trustee Meyer moved to approve Biology and Political Science out-of-country programs; Trustee Wist seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Colgan moved to delegate authority for these approvals to the president. Trustee Monfort seconded. Discussion was held on policy requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Projected Academic Program Additions/Deletions – Futhey**

Questions and comments were solicited on this information item. Clarification was made on the process of addressing high- and low- demand programs.

### **Performance Contract – Foster**

President Foster brought the Board up to date on most current changes. It was proposed that a teleconference be held with Trustees, pending further changes, to address final approval.

In response to a request that retention information include private institutions as well as public, President Foster agreed to propose that inclusion. Discussion was held regarding a process for future negotiation prior to the 2009 date, the selection of accrediting bodies, GE25 core and grade distribution and assessment.

### **Student Fees – Doyle, Wright**

Mr. Wright presented a general overview of the fee allocation process and timeline and expressed appreciation for administrative involvement and the learning process for students. He also provided information on which organizations receive funding from student fees. Mr. Doyle made a presentation on current funding levels for boards and explained reallocations and proposed increases. Discussion was held on fees for wind energy, the transit system, and part-time vs. full-time students; ranking in comparison to other institutions; and priorities and athletic program funding possibilities.

### **Legislative Agenda – Zambrano**

Jake Zambrano was thanked for his part in organizing the dinner with legislators. Mr. Zambrano provided information on committee leadership, higher education lobbyists, proposed legislation for the 2005 session, and budget issues of note.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Trustee North informed the Board on the current status of the form for evaluation of the president, a proposed formal review at the April meeting, and discussion at the June retreat.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Meyer moved to adjourn; Trustee Monfort seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 P.M.

Trustee Meyer was thanked for hosting the meeting.