

**TRUSTEE OF MESA STATE COLLEGE
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 20, 2005
Mesa State College
Grand Junction, Colorado**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elliott called the meeting to order at 9:32 A.M.

Trustees Present:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Wist moved to accept the minutes of the February 16, 2005 regular meeting; Trustee Monfort seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS

President: President Foster reported on the hiring of a campus architect and the progress made with the City on vacating the streets and alleys. The College will appear before the City Council on May 4, 2005, to secure final approval. The College has received more donations than this time last year and an external third-party was brought in to review the Business School.

Faculty Trustee: Faculty Trustee Slauson reported that 60 students were honored at the Who's Who's of Students, the new hires are a very positive addition and she attended the Friends of Montrose Campus. Trustee Slauson introduced Doug O'Roark, who will be the new Faculty Trustee joining the Board.

Student Trustee: Student Trustee Dukes announced the ASG elections will take place next week and thanked everyone for their effort on behalf of Mesa State College.

ASG President: ASG President Jared Wright reported on the Student Fee Responsibility Act, The Colorado Student Association and ASG elections. He concluded his report by thanking all the Trustees and stating it had been a privilege and honor serving with them.

Faculty Senate President: Senate President Kavanagh was unable to attend, but asked Chair Elliott to report that things are progressing well at MSC. There are still some concerns about the Policy Handbook and some items the committee has left out, but they are continuing to work on those issues.

Board Chair: Chair Elliott reported they are moving ahead on many issues. Chair Elliott and President Foster met with Tom Keller regarding his concerns on the Student Handbook and the appeal process. Mr. Keller has done extensive research on other Handbooks and it is suggested that our Student Handbook include a written form for a formal appeal.

Trustee Gallegos suggested we have a short report on outstanding accomplishments of Mesa State College students at the beginning of each meeting.

Trustee Kaesemeyer recommended that the Student Trustee include such accomplishments in their report.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Personnel -- Futhey

Vice President Futhey provided background on the new appointments and the three faculty members being recommended for emeritus status.

There was discussion on the recommendation process for emeriti status and the benefits if given this honor.

Trustee Meyer moved to grant these faculty members emeritus status and approve the administrative appointments. Trustee Colgan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Performance Contract -- Foster

President Foster reported significant progress had been made and outlined the high points in the Performance Contract.

Trustee Kaesemeyer moved that the Performance Contract be accepted with the adjustment that on Page 6, Section 1, Item 1:1, removing the word "public" and after institutions insert ". . . for which the Commission has data". Trustee Franke seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Handbook -- Foster

President Foster outlined and summarized the petitions for change to the *MSC Handbook for Professional Personnel*.

Trustee Meyer moved to accept Item 1 on the Process Change (Petition Change 1) and the Technical Changes (Petition Change 2, and Petition Change 5.) Trustee Kaesemeyer seconded.

Discussion on Petition Change 1, 2, and 5 and the procedure for reviewing proposed changes.

Trustee Franke called the question on the Motion regarding Items 1 and 2, which include Petition Change 1, 2 and 5. Trustee Kaesemeyer seconded. The question passed 6-3.

Trustee Gallegos, Trustee Meyer, Trustee Franke, Trustee Monfort, Trustee Kaesemeyer, Trustee Colgan voted favorably. Trustee North, Trustee Wist and Chair Elliott opposed.

The Motion passed 5-4. Trustee Gallegos, Trustee Meyer, Trustee Franke, Trustee Monfort, Trustee Kaesemeyer voted favorably. Trustee Colgan, Trustee Wist, Chair Elliott, Trustee North opposed.

Trustee Franke moved that Petition Change 3: Minimal Faculty Qualifications be approved. Trustee Gallegos seconded.

Discussion on minimal faculty qualifications for teaching at MSC and how it would affect the current faculty.

The Motion passed 6-3. Trustee Colgan, Trustee Franke, Trustee Gallegos, Trustee Kaesemeyer, Trustee Meyer, Trustee North voted favorably. Trustee Monfort, Trustee Wist and Chair Elliott opposed.

Trustee Meyer moved to accept Petition Change 6: Guaranteed Raise with Promotion. Trustee Franke seconded.

Discussion on guaranteed raise with promotion, academic rank and grandfathering in past faculty receiving promotions.

The Motion passed 8-1. Trustee Colgan, Trustee Franke, Trustee Gallegos, Trustee Kaesemeyer, Trustee Meyer, Trustee Monfort, Trustee North, Trustee Wist voted favorably. Chair Elliott opposed.

Chair Elliott recessed at 11:25 a.m. and reconvened at 11:31 a.m.

Mesa State College Enterprise Designation – Doyle

Vice President Doyle discussed the advantages of becoming an Enterprise and recommended the Board of Trustees approve the attached Resolution.

Trustee Colgan moved to approve the attached Resolution designating Mesa State College Enterprise Status. Trustee Franke seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget/Tuition – Doyle

Vice President Doyle gave an update on tuition revenues, rate increases and pricing structure changes. Vice President Doyle discussed the budget process and a final recommendation will be presented to the Board in May.

Chair Elliott recessed for lunch at 11:51 a.m. and reconvened at 1:27 p.m. The entire Board was present.

Discussion was held on facilities, institutional scholarships and student fees.

Quarterly Financials – Doyle

Vice President Doyle reported the 3rd quarter financials are very positive. The expense side is being well-managed and the revenues are ahead of budget.

Healthcare Benefits – Doyle

Vice President Doyle stated that last summer the College advised CHEIBA that MSC was possibly opting out of the contract with them. He introduced Richard Rush from Leif and Associates who was hired to conduct a cost comparison and analysis of the current healthcare benefits to ensure protection of the College and its employees.

Mr. Rush presented a power point presentation on CHEIBA renewal and the other alternatives.

New Housing Expansion Plan – Doyle

Vice President Doyle discussed housing demands, overflows, on-campus living and student housing preferences.

Trustee Wist moved that pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402 the Board convene in executive session for two purposes. First, to discuss personnel matters under 24-6-402(3)(b)(1) and secondly, to receive legal advice from the Attorney General's office on pending or imminent court action and/or specific legal questions in accordance with CRS section 24-6-402(3)(a)11. Trustee Franke seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Elliott convened executive session in the Fletcher Room at 2:01 p.m.

Chair Elliott reconvened the regular session at 4:39 p.m. in the Krey/Ziegel Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Wist moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Franke seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.