

TRUSTEE OF MESA STATE COLLEGE
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 14, 2005
Mesa State College
Grand Junction, Colorado

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Elliott called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Trustees Present:

Trustee Colgan, Trustee Kaesemeyer, Trustee Meyer, Trustee Monfort, Trustee Gallegos, Trustee Franke, Trustee North, Student Trustee Norman, Chairman Elliott.

Trustees Excused:

Trustee Wist, Faculty Trustee O’Roark.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Kaesemeyer moved to accept the minutes of the October 28, 2005 meeting; Trustee Meyer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Colgan moved to accept the consent agenda with the exception of the Proposal for Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Criminal Justice; Trustee North seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on the Proposal for Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Criminal Justice.

Trustee Colgan moved to accept the Proposal for Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Criminal Justice. Trustee Monfort seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS

President: President Foster reported the Residence Hall is progressing. The college is currently interviewing architects for the student center and parking garage. A number of faculty searches are underway and increasing faculty diversity is a goal. There have been numerous discussions on student retention and how to best accommodate each student at MSC. Mesa State was given a grant this week from the USDA.

Faculty Trustee: No report.

Student Trustee: Student Trustee Norman provided a written report. He advised that there will be a Martin Luther King celebration on campus. Student safety and parking are high priorities for the students.

ASG President: ASG President Joel Dyar advised they have established a Student Safety Committee and are working with the police department to hold a Student Safety Fair in the spring. World AIDS Day was a successful event. ASG will be watching the Joint Budget Committee and state legislature with interest and working with the Higher Education Action Team to provide a student voice in Colorado politics.

Faculty Senate President: Senate President Thomas provided a written report. She complimented President Foster and Vice-President Futhey for their meetings with the faculty; she felt faculty morale is up. Her report highlighted committee work in which faculty has been participating. Additionally, discussions were held on the new programs being added to Mesa, whether there is faculty currently on staff to facilitate those classes, student retention, and remediation.

Board Chair: Chairman Elliott advised on the progress of contacting potential donors within the community. There are weekly Residence Hall meetings with the contractor. Trustee Meyer and Trustee Gallegos have been very helpful in this regard.

Vice President Futhey: Vice President Futhey provided a written report regarding General Education. They have been meeting weekly for the last six to eight weeks and are making progress on the goals. They will be coming to the board later this year with a recommendation.

Trustee Colgan: Trustee Colgan attended a CCHE meeting. An informative presentation from the American Council of Trustees emphasized the roles and responsibilities of the trustees. A discussion on the Governor's budget was held and Trustee Colgan has recommended that this type of meeting be held all over the state.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Real Estate Foundation – Teck

Senator Teck explained the benefits of establishing a Real Estate Foundation. Specifically, it will help develop and facilitate the remaining parcels around the main campus and the 29 & D Road property.

Trustee Colgan moved to approve the creation of a Real Estate Foundation with the Operating Agreement to follow at a later meeting. Trustee Franke seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Elliott recessed at 10:47 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Admission Standards – Futhey

Vice-President Futhey introduced Sonia Brandon, Director of Institutional Research. They recommended approval of the admission standards for Mesa and highlighted the three components of this change for first-time students applying for admission to Mesa State College.

Trustee Franke moved to accept the higher admissions standards for Mesa State baccalaureate-seeking freshman, beginning index to 85; 2) offering provisional admission to students with an index of 75-84; and 3) admitting students, with an index of less than 75, to MSC's Western Colorado Community College. Trustee Monfort seconded.

Discussion on CCHE admission standards, provisional admission and the raising of the admission index.

Trustee Colgan called the question. Trustee Monfort seconded. The question passed 5-3. Trustee Franke, Trustee Kaesemeyer, Trustee Colgan, Trustee North, Trustee Monfort voted favorably. Trustee Gallegos, Trustee Meyer and Chairman Elliott opposed.

The Motion passed 6-2. Trustee Franke, Trustee Kaesemeyer, Trustee Colgan, Trustee North, Trustee Monfort, Chairman Elliott voted favorably. Trustee Gallegos and Trustee Meyer opposed.

Budget Discussion – Doyle

Vice President Doyle presented a revised FY2006 budget. The revision reflects six changes which were presented.

Trustee Colgan moved to approve the revised FY 2006 operating budget as submitted. Trustee Meyer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Elliott recessed at 12:03 p.m. and reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

Vice President Doyle recommended a cost of living adjustment for all exempt faculty and staff.

Trustee Monfort moved to approve a 2% cost of living salary increase for all exempt faculty and staff effective July 1, 2006. Trustee Franke seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Doyle provided an update on the NCHEMS faculty salary study.

Saunders Program Plan – van de Boogaard

Erik van de Boogaard presented the Saunders Multi-Use Facility Program Plan and reviewed the five phases of this plan.

Trustee Colgan moved to approve the Saunders Multi-Use Facility Program Plan in concept. Trustee North seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Greg Friesen, the campus architect, gave a power-point presentation of Mesa State College's Master Plan.

Jason Danek of Kiewit Construction updated the board on the progress of the Residence Hall and provided a written report.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Franke moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Monfort seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.