

TRUSTEE OF MESA STATE COLLEGE
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 12, 2006
Mesa State College
Grand Junction, Colorado

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Elliott called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

Trustees Present:

Trustee Colgan, Trustee Meyer, Trustee Monfort, Trustee Gallegos, Trustee North, Trustee Franke, Trustee Feeley, Faculty Trustee O’Roark, Student Trustee Soper, Chair Elliott.

Trustee Excused:

Trustee Kaesemeyer

Chair Elliott advised that the agenda order would be changing. The new order will be Budget and Financials, Real Estate Foundation, Parking Report and then commence with the scheduled order on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Colgan moved to accept the minutes of the February 15, 2006, meeting; Trustee Franke seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

Quarterly Financials

Chief Financial Officer Richard Schweigert provided an update on the FY2006 Financial Report as of March 31, 2006. Revenues are up slightly and total expenditures are currently down due in part to salaries, wages and benefits. Overall, the College is financially in good shape and we are on a positive course.

Salary

Chief Financial Officer Schweigert provided background on the steps the College has taken to determine how to be as competitive as possible in its compensation of the College’s employees. He outlined the four categories that the comparison data had identified and explained the recommended adjustments in each category: cost of living adjustment (COLA), competitive pay adjustment, salary compression and merit pay.

Discussion on the merit pay evaluation and how this would work with faculty and exempt staff.

Richard Cowden, Vice President of Faculty Senate and a member of the theater faculty, provided history from a faculty perspective and indicated there was an overall positive response from the faculty on the salary discussions. He thanked the Board and Administration for addressing this issue.

Trustee Colgan moved to approve the proposed faculty and exempt staff salary increase for FY 2006-2007 as presented in this agenda item. Trustee Franke seconded. The motion passed 6-1. Trustee Colgan, Trustee North, Trustee Gallegos, Trustee Franke, Trustee Meyer and Trustee Feeley voted favorably. Trustee Monfort opposed and Chairman Elliott was excused from the vote.

Exemption from State Procurement Code

Chief Financial Officer Schweigert provided history on the State Procurement Code and related regulations.

Trustee Meyer moved, in accordance with law, to exempt the College from the requirements of the State Procurement Code, as listed in 24-101-105 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Further, that the Board adopt the Department of Higher Education Procurement Procedures as approved by the State Controller's Office, with the necessary changes to reflect references to the institution and that the Mesa State College Trustees will send a letter to the Colorado State Controller's Office informing them of this action. Trustee Monfort seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Real Estate Foundation

President Foster introduced Peter Black, an attorney from Traylor, Tompkins, Black & Gaty. President Foster explained the benefits of establishing a Real Estate Foundation for the College. President Foster advised that the board members on this foundation would have specific knowledge and background in real estate.

Trustee North moved to adopt the Articles of Incorporation of the Mesa State Real Estate Foundation and By-Laws of Mesa State College Real Estate Foundation; and appoint Mr. Raymond Anilionis, Mr. Robert Bray, Mr. William Vollbracht, Mr. Arnold Butler and Mr. Michael Feeley as directors of the Mesa State College Real Estate Foundation with noted changes. Trustee Feeley seconded.

Discussion on the proposed changes in the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.

Trustee Feeley moved that instead of the pending motion that we ask Peter Black, Trustee North and anyone else who would like to be involved to outline the necessary changes to the Articles of Incorporation of the Mesa State College Real Estate Foundation and By-Law of Mesa State College Real Estate Foundation and adopt such Articles and By-Laws by conference call prior to our next meeting (May 22, 2006). Trustee North seconded. The motions were tabled and a special meeting will be called prior to the May 22, 2006, meeting to discuss the Real Estate Foundation.

REPORTS

Carl Walker, Inc. – Parking Report

Leo Whitely and Scot Martin gave a power point presentation on the Mesa State College Parking Study and summarized the pros and cons of the three potential parking sites.

Board Chair: Chair Elliott advised that she had copies of Mesa State College Foundation Financial Statement and Reports by Independent Certified Public Accountant dated June 30, 2005 for those interested.

President: None

Faculty Trustee: None

Student Trustee: Written

ASG President: Written

Faculty Senate President : Written

Trustee North moved to recess for lunch until 1:00 p.m. and reconvene in executive session at 1:45 p.m. for the following purpose:

Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402(3)(b)(1) provides that governing boards of state institutions of higher education may, upon their own affirmative vote, hold executive sessions to consider the appointment or employment of a public official or employee, or the dismissal, discipline, promotion, or compensation of a public official or employee. The purpose of this executive session is to discuss personnel matters.

Trustee Franke seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Elliott reconvened at 2:39 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Fountain Selection

Cindy Lueb, Director of Sponsor Programs for the College, gave background on the fountain selection process. The committee consisted of faculty, staff, students and community members. The four finalists gave their presentations to the committee last week and the committee recommends the fountain entitled *Where Rivers Meet* by artists Ryan Watkins and Melanie Doerpholz.

Trustee Franke moved to ratify the decision of the Fountain Committee for the Selection of *Where Rivers Meet* by artists Ryan Watkins and Melanie Doerpholz. Trustee Meyer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

General Education Curriculum

John Redifer advised that a working group was established to review a variety of issues relating to general education. He updated the board on the CCHE requirements as well as the general education goals that support Mesa State's philosophy. Their recommendations have received an endorsement from both the College's Curriculum Committee and the Faculty Senate.

Discussion on time deadlines for approval of these new recommendations, the possibility of adding an accounting/economics requirement to the general education curriculum and discussion of specific requirements the Board may wish to add which meet the goals and philosophy of Mesa State College.

Trustee North moved to accept the General Education Working Group's presentation of the recommended catalog and curriculum changes regarding the general education curriculum as presented. Trustee Franke seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Franke moved to accept the consent agenda items 1-6, noting that on item 5 Peace Officer Safety Training should be reflected as Peace Officer Standards Training. Trustee Meyer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Franke moved to accept consent agenda item 7 and approve the changes to the MSC Handbook for Professional Personnel relating to the tenure process as recommended by the Handbook Revision Committee, effective July 1, 2006. Trustee Colgan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Colgan moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Monfort seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.