

**TRUSTEES OF MESA STATE COLLEGE
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 17-18, 2006
Mesa State College
Grand Junction, Colorado**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elliott called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

Trustees Present:

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

Trustee Excused:

Trustee Meyer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Colgan moved to accept the minutes of the August 15-16, 2006 regular meeting and September 14, 2006 special meeting; Trustee Franke seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS

President: President Foster reported that the Colorado Commission on Higher Education was on campus recently. The visit was positive and the College was able to get its projects and continuation projects in good position on the priority list. Design West was chosen as the architect for the classroom building and Kiewit Construction is the builder for the parking garage/soccer field. Budget discussions are beginning and will be ongoing.

Faculty Trustee: Faculty Trustee O’Roark presented a written report. He reported that various faculty have given lectures at Gateway Resorts this past summer, that a committee consisting of faculty and staff has been formed to develop ideas for the “Year of the Classroom” initiative and Mesa State has received record dollars in outside grant funds this year.

Student Trustee: Student Trustee Soper submitted a written report. He highlighted that student leaders are hosting veterans at a Mesa State football game, that the students desire the new classroom building going green in some capacity, various politicians have visited the campus in the past month and parking and safety issues.

ASG President: Shannon Robinson reported that ASG held a safety fair and they will have an additional one next spring. They are pursuing the possibility of solar signs at crosswalks and are working on suicide prevention and a campus sustainability day.

Faculty Senate President: Tim Hatten highlighted interesting topics that the faculty are offering in their classrooms.

Board Chair: Lena Elliott reported that the CCHE visit was very positive and the hiring of an architect and builder has been very interesting.

Student Transfer Patterns: Vice President Futhey advised of student enrollment and transfer patterns with particular emphasis on where students enroll outside of Mesa State College. A National Student Clearinghouse study was passed out.

Chair Elliott recessed at 3:20 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

Defined Contribution Pension Plan: Tim Greene, in-house Retirement Plan Consultant, reported that the Mesa State College Board of Trustees have met all four steps identified in HB 04-1007. Therefore, they continue to maintain their fiduciary oversight and management responsibilities regarding the operation of their IRS Qualified Defined Contribution Pension Plan. Therefore, as stated in HB 04-1007, the governing board, its members, agents, employees and plan administrators, “shall have no liability whatsoever to participants in the plan”.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

Trustee Monfort moved to accept the consent agenda. Trustee Franke seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Financials

Vice President Doyle reported that the First Quarter Financials are very positive.

Trustee Feeley moved to accept the First Quarter Financials. Trustee Monfort seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Briefing

Vice President Doyle presented the FY 2007-2008 Budget Planning calendar. He briefed the board on the guiding principles that support the budget planning process and they are beginning to align next year’s budget them, “The Year of the Classroom” with the seven strategic goals the Board established for the College.

Variable Tuition

Vice President Doyle advised on the concept of variable tuition and in what forms it is currently used at Mesa State College and other Colorado colleges and universities.

Trustee Monfort moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:42 p.m. Trustee Franke seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Elliott reconvened on October 18, 2006, at 7:52 a.m.

Trustees Present:

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

Trustee Excused:

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Students, Shanin Olson, Kristopher Malnar and Jamie Cucuiat, from Western Colorado Community College gave an informative computer-aided drafting presentation using the new residence hall.

WUE Tuition Policy

Vice President Doyle recommended that the Mesa State Board of Trustees approve the WUE tuition policy which states: It is the policy of Mesa State College to charge eligible WUE students a tuition assessment that is the greater of 150% of a Colorado’s resident’s share of undergraduate tuition or the gross resident undergraduate tuition assessment (the student’s share plus the COF stipend amount) – whichever is greater. This policy is effective for the Fall 2007 semester.

Trustee Monfort moved to approve the WUE Tuition Policy as stated. Trustee North seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Tuition Window Re-Structuring

Vice President Doyle advised on the tuition window for FY 2007-2008.

Trustee North moved to approve that the tuition window for FY 2007-2008 be limited to credit hours 15 through 16. Trustee Colgan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Houston Hall Renovation Program Plan

Vice President Doyle presented the Houston Hall Renovation Program Plan.

Trustee Gallegos moved to approve the Houston Hall Renovation Program Plan. Trustee North seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Elliott recessed at 8:36 a.m. and reconvened at 8:45 a.m.

Distance Delivery – Online Presentation

Kristy Reuss and Judy Brock gave an online nursing classroom presentation that is currently being utilized at Mesa State College.

Peace Officers Standard and Training (POST)

John Reece updated the board on the newly formed Peace Officers Standard and Training program. This class should be available in 2007.

Chair Elliott recessed at 9:35 a.m. and reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

Legislative Update:

Gayle Berry reported on the budget, the capital construction process and the next step with the Capital Development Committee.

Jake Zambrano advised on investment authority, enlargement of the college board and PERA/Defined Contribution Plan employee options.

OTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED

Trustee Colgan reported that the Trustee Policy Manual committee met and reviewed the Trustee Policy Manual. This committee is recommending several minor changes. Those changes will be presented to the faculty and placed on the agenda at the next meeting of the Mesa State College Board of Trustee.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Monfort moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee North seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.