

**TRUSTEES OF MESA STATE COLLEGE
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 2-3, 2008
Mesa State College, Grand Junction, Colorado**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Monfort called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Trustees Present:

Trustee Colgan, Trustee Elliott, Trustee Feeley, Trustee Franke, Trustee Gallegos, Trustee North, Trustee Kaesemeyer (September 2, 2008), Trustee Skinner, Faculty Trustee O’Roark, Chair Monfort.

Trustee Kaesemeyer excused September 3, 2008.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Colgan moved to accept the minutes of the May 29-30, 2008 and the August 18, 2008 meetings. Trustee North seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Board Chair: Chair Monfort welcomed everyone back and is looking forward to a great year.

President: President Foster reported on an increase in enrollment and thanked everyone for their hard work in the past and is anticipating another productive year.

Faculty Trustee: Doug O’Roark reported how appreciative the faculty is for their salary increases and all the positive changes at the College.

Student: Susanna Morris advised on the positive feedback she is getting regarding the New Classroom Building. The students had a successful Welcome Back Week and student elections will be held in two weeks.

ASG President: ASG is currently involved in their budget process and the current fall elections. He further reported that seeing Houston Hall and the Library on the Capital Construction list is very positive.

Faculty Senate President: Steve Werman reported that the Faculty Senate would be addressing the Senate’s Policy and Procedure Manual, the Handbook and student evaluations of faculty.

Athletics: Butch Miller and Jamie Hamilton presented the highlights of Mesa State College's athletic programs. Additionally, they reported on the academic success rate, community services hours, and emerging sports.

District #51 School Bond Issue: John Williams and Stacy Mascarenas, community representatives for the School District, discussed the need to pass the School Bond and Mill Levy.

Trustee Elliott moved that the Mesa State College Board of Trustees support the District #51 Bond and Mill Levy Issue. Trustee Franke seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Update: Gayle Berry advised that the major issues this upcoming legislative session will be the higher education funding formula, special allocations to the College, and the capital construction requests.

Chair Monfort recessed at 2:40 p.m. and reconvened at 2:50 p.m.

WCCC/MSC (Retreat Follow-Up): Vice President Marsha Arzy and Vice President Carol Futhey reported on the role of the Community College and how to link it with Mesa State College.

Branding and Communication (Retreat Follow-Up): Director of Development, John Marshall, as well as representatives from Caroline Watson Media/Xuma, provided an update on marketing and advertising for Western Colorado Community College and Mesa State College.

Chair Monfort recessed at 4:31 p.m. and reconvened on September 3, 2008 at 7:45 a.m.

Program Quality Priorities and Productivity (Retreat Follow-Up): Vice President Futhey reported on academic program quality and the process used to assess this information.

Initiative 113: Ray Baker, a representative from the Governor's office, presented Initiative 113.

Trustee Skinner moved that the Mesa State College Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting on or before September 12, 2008 to vote on Initiative 113. Trustee Franke seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT:

Trustee Elliott moved to accept the consent agenda excluding the 32 Road Acquisition item, A(2). Trustee North seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on 32 Road Acquisition. The Director of Development, John Marshall, will provide additional information on the lease before a vote is taken.

BUDGET/FINANCIALS: Vice President Doyle presented the budget planning process briefing FY2009-2010 and the current financial report as of June 30, 2008.

29 AND D ROAD: Michael Baker of The Acquisition Group reported on the progress of the development of the 29 and D Road property.

FACILITIES UPDATE: Kent Marsh advised on the progress of the ongoing capital construction and controlled maintenance projects.

CAPITAL PROJECT PRIORITIES AND PROGRAM PLAN: Vice President Doyle presented capital construction requests and FY2009-10 controlled maintenance request.

Trustee Feeley moved to approve: 1) the Mesa State College FY2009-2010 – Capital Construction Request; 2) the FY2009-2010 Controlled Maintenance Request; 3) the Program Plan for the Houston Hall Renovation and CM/ME Annex; 4) the Program Plan for the Expansion of Tomlinson Library; and 5) the Program Plan for a Student Access Parking Structure. Trustee Colgan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

32 ROAD PROPERTY LEASE: Director of Development, John Marshall, provided additional information on the lease agreement.

Trustee North moved to approve a resolution, as presented, authorizing the President of Mesa State College to enter into a lease agreement with the Bureau of Land Management on 208 acres of its land in order to relocate WCCC programs such as Electric Lineworker, as well as POST Training, among others. Trustee Elliott seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

STATE CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION FOR WUBBEN AND SCIENCE CENTER ADDITION: Vice President Doyle provided an update on the status of the state's COP program that will serve as a source of funds for the Wubben Hall Renovation and Science Center Addition.

APPROVAL OF THE IRS REQUIRED UPDATE TO THE FOUR STATE COLLEGES IN COLORADO SECTION 403(B) TAX SHELTERED ANNUITY RETIREMENT: Vice President Doyle introduced Tim Greene, Associate Vice President for Retirement Plan Administration. Mr. Greene discussed the need to update the current plan documents required by new IRS regulations.

Trustee Colgan moved to approve the updated Four State Colleges in Colorado Section 403(b) Tax-Sheltered Annuity Retirement Plan Document, as presented, to be effective on January 1, 2009, which is mandated by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Be it further resolved that the Board authorizes the Plan Administrator(s) or his/her designee to

make non-substantive changes to this document in instances where administrative efficiencies can be gained. Trustee North seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

INVESTMENT MANAGER SELECTION: Trustee Elliott introduced Knute Knudson, Jamie Hamilton and Pat Duncan, community members of the Mesa State College Investment Advisory Committee. Also serving on this committee are Trustee Elliott and Trustee Skinner. Trustee Franke removed himself from the discussion as well as the vote.

Trustee Skinner moved to approve 1) the Investment Guidelines Statement that will govern the investment of Mesa State College fiscal assets; 2) that \$10 million of the College's cash be allocated to a Long Term Investment Pool; 3) that Bank of the West and Alpine Bank be selected to serve as Investment Managers of the College's Long Term Investment Pool; and 4) that \$7 million be placed with Bank of the West and \$3 million with Alpine Bank. Trustee Elliott seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FOUNDATION BUDGET: Director of Development, John Marshall, introduced Clay Tuflly, Mesa State College Foundation Board President. The Mesa State College Foundation proposed budget and annual report was presented.

Trustee Franke moved to approve the Mesa State College Proposed Foundation Budget 2008-2009 as presented. Trustee North seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ALUMNI/DONOR BASE DATA REPORT: Director of Development, John Marshall, provided an update on the progress of the donor data base.

Rick Adleman, Director of Alumni Relations, reported on alumni activities and donors. He further reported on future plans for the MSC Alumni.

MSC INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERM LIMITS: Director of Development, John Marshall, presented term limit options.

Trustee Skinner moved to appoint Mesa State College Investment Advisory Committee members, all of whom would be subject to the review of and reappointment by the Mesa State College Board of Trustees, annually. Trustee Colgan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Elliott moved to adjourn. Trustee Skinner seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.