

**TRUSTEES OF MESA STATE COLLEGE
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 23, 2011
Mesa State College
Gallegos Board Room**

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chair Elliott called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Trustees Present:

Trustee Eck, Trustee Gonzales, Trustee Hernandez, Trustee Marquez, Trustee Price, Trustee Robinson, Trustee Skinner, Faculty Trustee Atkinson, Student Trustee Hendershot, and Vice Chair Elliott.

Trustee Excused:

Chair Monfort.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Robinson moved to approve the amended minutes of January 26-27, 2011. Trustee Eck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Eck moved that pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes Sections 24-6-402(3)(a)(VIII) and 24-6-402(3)(b)(I) the Mesa State College Board of Trustees convene in executive session to discuss the discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of an employee, and the consideration of nominations by the institution for the naming of a building or portion of a building for a person or persons. Trustee Robinson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Elliott convened in executive session at 9:10 a.m. and reconvened the regular session at 10:15 a.m.

Trustee Eck moved to approve the engagement of Adam J. Goodman, Ph.D., to perform a leadership assessment with the appropriate confidentiality protection. Trustee Robinson seconded.

Trustee Eck, Trustee Gonzales, Trustee Hernandez, Trustee Marquez, Trustee Price, Trustee Robinson, Trustee Skinner and Vice Chair Elliott voted favorably. The motion passed 8-0.

INFORMATION:

Vice President Sundermann reported on the promotion of Jack Yon, Technical Instructor of Technology Integration.

The board of trustees discussed the importance of bachelor degrees versus experience and the impact that has on accreditation.

REPORTS:

Vice Chair: Vice Chair Elliott reported on the success of the Renaissance Feast. Further, the College hosted the redistricting committee last weekend.

President: President Foster provided an update on the MSC Montrose Campus renovation, legislative process, Tele-Town Hall participation on the name change issue, consideration of fraternity/sorority as a part of the campus and a recognition for our honor students. It was further discussed that the President's Office would send out a tentative agenda three weeks prior to the scheduled meetings to allow trustees to make their comments and/or additions to the agenda.

Faculty Trustee: Faculty Trustee Atkinson discussed the role and engagement of part-time faculty at the College. He further commented that the faculty are involved in numerous searches.

Student Trustee: Student Trustee Hendershot provided a written report and further reported on the name change discussions they have been having with the students. The primary concern is that the College's core strengths not change.

ASG President: ASG President Lopez reported that ASG passed a Joint Resolution in support of a name change for the College. On April 6, 2011, they will be hosting a community event in Montrose for the MSC students, community and elected officials. Finally, ASG is working on providing access to a fitness facility for the MSC Montrose students.

Faculty Senate President: Gayla Slauson reported on her participation in the Tele-Town Hall on March 22, 2011. Faculty Senate and President Foster offered five faculty forums to discuss the name change issue. The primary concern is that the College remain a teaching institution.

Legislative Report: Jake Zambrano, Julie McKenna and Jenifer Brandeberry provided an update on the classified staff bill, in-state tuition bill for non-residents, COF Equalization, SB70 which engages higher education in the transition with special education students, and SB52 which relates to performance funding.

They further reported on the budget and its effect on higher education and the possible MSC name change.

TENURE PRESENTATIONS:

Suzanne Lay, Darin Kamstra, and Adam Ballif provided informative presentations on their background as well as what tenure means to them.

Vice Chair Elliott recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:32 p.m.

EXTERNAL PROGRAM REVIEWS:

Dr. Morgan Bridge, Department Head of Business, and Dave Rogers, Professor of Accounting, provided a report on the external review of B.S. Accounting.

Dr. Barry Laga, Department Head of Languages, Literature and Mass Communication, provided a report on the external review of B.A. English.

CONSENT:

Trustee Price moved to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Gonzales seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET/FINANCIALS:

Vice President Doyle provided an update on the budget planning process.

Trustee Price moved to approve that in compliance with the Colorado Revised Statute 23-53-103.6, the trustees reaffirm their acknowledgment of the Board's fiduciary responsibility with respect to oversight of the investment policy of Mesa State College. Trustee Eck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Elliott recessed at 3:00 p.m. and reconvened at 3:05.

UNIVERSITY/NAME CHANGE:

President Foster and Director of Marketing and Recruitment, Rick Taggart, gave a presentation on the name change issue.

The board of trustees discussed the name change issue and instructed President Foster to proceed with the process.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The board of trustees discussed the board policy regarding legislation.

Meeting adjourned 4:05 p.m.