

TRUSTEES OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 25-26, 2012
Magnolia Hotel
Denver, Colorado

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Price called the meeting to order on January 25, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Trustees Present:

Trustee Eck, Trustee Elliott, Trustee Hernandez, Trustee Herzmark, Trustee Marquez, Trustee Ringel, Trustee Robinson, Trustee Wilson, Faculty Trustee Wilhelm, Interim Student Trustee Kawcak, and Chair Price.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Robinson moved to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2011 meeting. Trustee Eck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

WESTERN STATE COLLEGE NAME CHANGE:

Jay Helman, President of Western State College, and Todd Wheeler, Trustee and Alumni of Western State College, updated the trustees on their potential name change.

A discussion ensued on possible names, the process that they are undergoing and future updates and communication with Colorado Mesa University.

Rick Taggart, Executive Director of Marketing and Recruitment, presented a report on analyzing the brand confusion and perception issues created by Western State College's potential name change.

INFORMATION:

Vice President Futhey presented the Faculty Promotions and Transitional Retirements.

Vice President Futhey provided a brief overview on Degree Qualifications Profile.

Chair Price recessed at 3:30 p.m. and reconvened at 3:35 p.m.

REPORTS:

Chair: Chair Price reported that RMPBS taped a show on post-secondary education.

President: President Foster reported that a new football coach was hired, Russ Martin. Further he provided an overview on the December Commencement, budget reductions, Alan Simpson's appearance on campus and the Federal Mineral Lease Grant. Finally, he advised that the Elliott Tennis Center plaque will be updated.

Faculty Trustee: Faculty Trustee Wilhelm provided a written report.

Interim Student Trustee: Interim Student Trustee Kawcak provided a written report.

Faculty Senate President: Faculty Senate President Steve Bradley provided a written report.

Legislative Update: Jake Zambrano reported on legislation involving higher education: in-state tuition for undocumented students (SB12-015), Western State College's name change and video lottery terminals.

Trustee Robinson moved to endorse and support SB 12-015. Trustee Marquez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PWR Endorsed Diploma Criteria: Matt Gianneschi, Deputy Executive Director, Department of Higher Education, provided an overview of postsecondary and workforce readiness for high school diplomas.

Chair Price recessed at 4:45 p.m. and reconvened at 4:50 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee Elliott moved to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Eck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Price recessed at 6:00 p.m. on January 25, 2012, and reconvened on January 26, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.

Chair Price appointed Trustee Bob Wilson to the Colorado Mesa University Real Estate Foundation.

BUDGET/FINANCIALS:

Vice President Doyle reported on the budget planning process, financial dashboard and Phase V Student Housing – Anderson Strickler Student Housing Demand Study.

Mike Nelson from Chadwick, Steinkirchner, Davis & Company provided a report on the Mesa State College audited financial statement for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

Trustee Wilson moved to accept the Mesa State College Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2011. Trustee Eck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Marquez moved to approve the Authorizing Parameters Resolution, which delegates to the President or Vice President for Finance and Administration, the authority to approve all documents and forms required to complete the issuance of the 2012 Refunding Bonds—within the parameters stated in the Resolution. Trustee Eck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

INSTITUTIONAL SELF-STUDY PROCESS:

Vice President Futhey provided an update on the self-study process and what accreditation entails for Colorado Mesa University.

FOUNDATION REPORT:

Peggy Lamm, Director of Development, provided an update on the Foundation and in particular the various fundraising efforts.

ADMISSION INDEX:

Vice President Futhey provided an overview on CMU's admission index.

FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE GRANT:

President Foster reported on the Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District and authorization to provide matching funds.

Discussion on the Federal Mineral Lease selection process and research projects.

Trustee Robinson moved to approve Colorado Mesa University Resolution 12-001, Acceptance of Funding from Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District and Authorization to Provide Matching Funds. Trustee Herzmark seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

GREEK LIFE UPDATE:

Vice President Marshall provided an overview of the interest for Greek Life on the campus. Further, CMU students expressed their interest in Greek Life at CMU.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. on January 26, 2012.

