

**TRUSTEES OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 20, 2013
COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
GALLEGOS BOARD ROOM
GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Trustees Present:

Trustee Bechtel, Trustee Eck, Trustee Hernandez, Trustee Marquez, Trustee Price, Trustee Ringel, Trustee Wilson, Faculty Trustee Wilhelm, Student Trustee Velarde, Chair Robinson.

Trustees Excused:

Trustee Herzmark, Trustee Pinto, Trustee Quimby.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Ringel moved to approve the minutes of the January 23-24, 2013 meeting. Trustee Eck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Chair: Chair Robinson congratulated the CMU Women's basketball team on their advancement to the Elite Eight.

President: President Foster announced that Tom Spicer has been hired as CMU's new Athletic Director. He further provided an update on online courses and the recent house explosion which injured CMU students.

Faculty: Faculty Senate President Richard provided a written report. She further reported that the faculty is supportive of increasing the attendance of international students to Colorado Mesa University.

Student: ASG President Storbeck provided updates on the Capital Conference in Washington DC, MavFest and the 4th Annual Remembrance Day. Additionally, ASG hosted a forum with the candidates running for City Council and will host a future forum on the possible library renovation.

CONSENT:

Trustee Eck moved to approve the consent agenda with the following amendment to agenda item Proposed Changes to the CMU *Handbook for Professional Personnel* to:

Title: Proposed Changes to the CMU *Handbook for Professional Personnel*

Section IV.I, Page/Lines IV-4 (lines 106-162,168-172)

Proposed Revision:

Insert sentences:

Professional Personnel may have tuition waived for job-related and career enhancement undergraduate, graduate or noncredit courses that are offered by the University. The University recognizes that courses that may not be in the employees' field may still provide enhancement. Tuition waivers are limited to ~~nine~~ twelve semester hours per academic year for employees with an appointment of, or employed at, 0.5 FTE or greater. Tuition waivers are limited to classes with space available without eliminating a tuition-paying enrollee. Approval must be in writing and must be received before the employee enrolls in the course or training. No request shall be approved unless the President or delegate concludes that enrollment in the course or training will benefit the State and enhance the employee's performance. If the class meets during regular work hours, employee must have prior written approval of the supervisor to either make up the time lost or charge it to vacation leave. Personnel who fail to earn a passing grade (defined as a 'C' or higher) will be required to repay the cost of course tuition for that course. Tuition waiver forms are available in the Business Office. Pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code and Revenue Rulings, the monetary value of any tuition waiver may be subject to income taxation.

Trustee Bechtel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ACBII UPDATE:

Kevin DeKold from CRSA, Architects, provided an update on the Academic Classroom Building II.

Black Bickham, Tyler Anderson, Cynthia Chovich, Kyle McQuade, Richard Ott, and Markus Reitenbach gave their tenure presentations.

Chair Robinson recessed at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:25 p.m.

BUDGET/FINANCIALS:

Vice President Doyle reported on the Financial Dashboard and the budget planning process for FY2013-2014.

Trustee Bechtel moved to approve increasing the University's investment allocation amount to Bank of the West by \$2,000,000. Trustee Ringel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

HLC SELF-STUDY:

Vice President Futhey reviewed the draft of the Strengths and Recommendations for CMU Self Study for the Higher Learning Commission and the draft chapter on Compliance with Requirements of the U.S. Department of Education as Articulated in Policy by the Higher Learning Commission.

LIBRARY UPDATE:

Bennett, Wagner and Grody, Architects, presented information on the library renovation.

CMU GRANT RESOLUTION:

Derek Wagner, Director of Strategic Initiatives, reported on the grant resolution.

Trustee Wilson moved to approve Colorado Mesa University Resolution 13-001 as written. However, the signatories will include the student trustees. Trustee Marquez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CMU RETENTION PLAN:

Vice President Marshall provided a presentation on CMU Student Retention.

HONORARY DEGREE:

Trustee Eck moved to confer the degree of Doctor of Public Service honoris causa, on Lena Elliott at the Spring 2013 CMU Commencement. Trustee Hernandez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Bechtel moved pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes Section 24-6-402(3)(b)(I) the Colorado Mesa University Board of Trustees convene in executive session to discuss personnel matters. Trustee Ringel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Robinson convened in executive session at 3:05 p.m. and reconvened the regular session at 4:15 p.m.

Trustee Marquez moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Hernandez seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.