

TRUSTEES OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
GALLEGOS BOARD ROOM
DOMINGUEZ HALL
COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
GRAND JUNCTION, CO
March 19, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER – 10:00AM

A. Roll Call

Trustees Bechtel, Bishop, Marquez, Price, Quimby, Ringel, Faculty Trustee Slauson, Student Trustee Chiles and Chairman Robinson were present. Trustees Eck, Herzmark, Martinez and Wilson were excused.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Approval of Minutes (Action) –January 22-23, 2015

Trustee Quimby moved for the approval for the January 22-23, 2015 minutes and Trustee Ringel seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

D. Public Comments

No one signed up to make public comments.

II. REPORTS:

A. Chair – Dan Robinson

Chairman Robinson attended an event for Pat and Tillie Bishop and also a Partners event for Joe Higgins. He spoke about receiving comments on CMU hosting the Energy Expo event and it was clarified that a small group organized the event and picked the speaker. They did not involve CMU in the details.

B. President – Tim Foster

President Foster reported on a long list of activities which included: athletics was doing well and CMU recently received their first NCAA Championship. There was a naming event for the Maverick Pavilion and two days of in-service trainings for faculty/staff. Recently there was a plaque event for the Federal Mineral Lease gift and a neighborhood meeting to touch base with neighbors. Capital Conference is June 3-5. He traveled to Montrose regarding the purchase of the building. Also a few students will be starting a gardening club.

C. Treasurer - Betty Bechtel

Trustee Bechtel reported the state revenue report looks good and she updated the Trustees on the latest with the JBC budget. There was an investment meeting with Bank of the West and Trustee Bechtel discussed where CMU is with investment accounts.

D. Faculty Trustee – Gayla Slauson

Faculty Trustee Slauson was excited for the Trustees to meet the faculty members that were joining at the lunch. She proceeded to recite a story by memory.

E. ASG President – Connor Boe

PACC has thrown over 48 events this year. Sustainability is gearing up to figure out how the composting facility fits into the University. The Outdoor Program has planned 71 trips this semester and the Crite has received a new design and is aiming for some new awards. ASG has been working on suicide prevention efforts. Elections will be coming up this spring and the goal is to have over 1,000 students voting.

Trustee Bishop asked about how ASG is working with the Veterans. Boe said that they are sending a letter to the VA to see how they can assist veterans during breaks. They are also looking at adding a non-traditional Senate seat for veterans. There is a new study lounge in Houston Hall and they are working with ESA for veterans in classrooms who have returned from war.

Trustee Robinson asked about the smoking policy changes. Boe said they had previously edited the policies to say a student can't smoke within 40 feet of the buildings. They have been working with organizations on campus to see about making it a smoke free campus. There's also the issue of enforcement and what to do regarding the 40 foot rule or smoke-free campus. They will have to do a town hall meeting with students to get feedback.

Student Trustee Chiles talked about the student CARES committee to help clubs with fundraising who regularly rely on fees.

F. Legislative Update—Lobbyists

Jake Zambrano reported the JBC so far has allocated \$9 million for the health sciences building. Anything can change so this is not guaranteed. Zambrano also talked about the tax-fee Colorado bill and gave an overview on the concept.

There is also a bill on sexual assault prevention and CMU has the best current program and has been working on the bill. There is a package of bills (13) that are part of a work-force readiness package that they are working on and the funding model (HB14-1319) from last year is still being discussed and tweaked. President Foster gave an overview of what is happening with discussions with the Department of Higher Education.

III. POSSIBLE ACTION/DISCUSSION

A. Consent Items (Action)

1. Personnel- Pat Doyle
2. Emeritus Status Recommendation- Carol Futhey
3. Restructuring of Theatre Arts Degrees and Programs- Carol Futhey
4. Honorary Degree to be Awarded to Paul Pletka- Carol Futhey
5. Trustee Meeting Calendar 2015-16- Tim Foster

Trustee Bishop asked if the Theater Arts program is cost neutral and it was clarified that it is. Trustee Marquez questioned the curriculum of the Theater program to make sure the students get an overall “good” education. Dr. Futhey clarified that about 1/3 is considered “general education” classes and is similar to any other baccalaureate degree.

Trustee Bishop talked about Paul Pletka’s artwork. Trustee Price also enjoyed seeing his name and was happy the honorary degree was brought forward. Trustee Robinson agreed as well.

Trustee Price moved for approval of the consent agenda. Trustee Ringel seconded the motion. Motion to approve the consent agenda passed unanimously.

B. Budget/Financials (Information)- Pat Doyle

1. Financial Dashboard
2. Budget Planning Process Briefing FY 2015-16

Vice President Pat Doyle presented the dashboard. Trustee Price asked about application numbers for next year and President Foster explained the trends enrollment is seeing. Trustee Robinson asked about auxiliary expenses and where student debt shows up in the budget. Doyle explained the debt process is all set by the Federal Government. Trustee Price asked about the salary and compensation comparisons and he asked Doyle to bring comparisons at the next meeting.

C. Sabbatical Report (Information)- Carol Futhey

Julie Bruch presented her sabbatical report via PowerPoint.

D. Professional Personnel Handbook (Action)- Barbara Case King

Barbara Case King presented an overview of the changes proposed to the Professional Personnel Handbook. Trustee Bechtel asked if they cross-checked with the Trustee handbook for any conflicts. Barbara responded that she had checked them and didn’t find any conflicts.

Motion to approve the changes to the Professional Personnel Handbook made by Trustee Bechtel. Trustee Bishop seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Tenure Presentations (Information)

1. Margot Beckett, Assistant Professor, Biological Sciences

Margot Beckett presented a power point on her current research.

2. Michael Delaney, Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice

Michael Delaney talked with the Trustees about what tenure means to him.

F. Retention—Part I: Time to Degree (Information)- Carol Futhey

Dr. Carol Futhey presented a power point on retention. The focus centered on the amount of time it takes a student to complete their education. Trustee Robinson asked what factors they can actually change and various options were mentioned. Dr. Futhey discussed that the biggest predictor is motivation.

G. Grant Applications Support Resolutions (Action)- Derek Wagner

Derek Wagner presented the FML Grant letter of support. Trustee Bishop moved for the approval of grant 1001 for technology upgrade. Trustee Marquez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

H. Piñon Hall Remodel (Action)- Kent Marsh

Kent Marsh presented a power point on the restoration of Piñon Residence Hall. John Marshall presented additional information on the apartments and housing options that would be available. The Trustees talked about the idea of the innovation center.

Trustee Marquez moved to accept the Piñon Hall project with two amendments. First, there must be a “~” over the first n any time the word “Piñon” is written. And secondly, that everyone must learn the proper pronunciation of the word. Trustee Bishop seconded the motion as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED

Trustee Bishop moved that the Board of Trustees enter into Executive Session for specified items consistent with Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402.

- a) Discuss personnel matters

Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402(3)(b)(1) provides that governing boards of state institutions of higher education may, upon their own affirmative vote, hold executive sessions to consider the appointment or employment of a public official or employee or the dismissal, discipline, promotion or compensation of a public official or employee.

b) Discuss naming of buildings or portion of a building

Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402(3)(a)(VIII) provides that governing boards of state institutions of higher education may, upon their own, affirmative vote, hold executive sessions to discuss consideration of nominations for naming of buildings or portion of a building for a person or persons.

Trustee Quimby seconded the motion. The Board of Trustees went into Executive Session at 2:33pm.

Board of Trustee reconvened at 3:10 pm. Trustee Ringel moved for the approval of the naming of the Ruth Powell Hutchins Water Center. Trustee Bishop seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Trustee Ringel moved to designate the Dominguez Hall Terrace in honor of Dr. Carol Futhey. Motion was seconded by Trustee Bechtel. Motion passed unanimously.

V. ADJOURNED AT 3:15PM