

TRUSTEES OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
GALLEGOS BOARD ROOM
DOMINGUEZ HALL
COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
GRAND JUNCTION, CO
November 18, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER – 10:00AM

- A. Roll Call – Trustees Bechtel, Bishop, Marquez, Martinez, Ringel, Robinson, Wilson, Faculty Trustee Palmer and Student Trustee Carmin were present. Trustees Eck, Herzmark, Price, and Chair Quimby were excused.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Special Presentation from Lt. Governor Joe Garcia
 - 1. Lt. Governor Garcia presented to the Trustees. Lt. Governor Garcia addressed how CMU is a key player to reach statewide goals. He reviewed the master plan goals which are to increase degree attainment, improve student success, reduce average time to completion and restore fiscal balance. The major goal is to focus on completion with special attention to minority and underserved populations. Lt. Governor Garcia also addressed the proposed \$20M cut to higher education and other ways to offset that reduction.
 - 2. Several Trustees asked for clarification on his presentation and there was a short discussion.
 - 3. Trustee Bechtel thanked Lt Gov Garcia and showed a special video about the El Pomar summer camps at CMU.
- D. Approval of Minutes (Action) –October 1, 2015 and October 9, 2015
 - 1. Trustee Bechtel requested a few changes to the minutes from the October 1, 2015 meeting. Trustee Bishop moved to approve the minutes with the stated changes. Trustee Robinson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Trustee Robinson moved to approve the Oct 9, 2015 minutes and Trustee Wilson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Public Comments
 - 1. There were no public comments.

II. REPORTS:

- A. Vice-Chair – Betty Bechtel
 - a) Trustee Bechtel reported that Chair Quimby participated in the Trustee Summit with other Trustees and that the summit was very beneficial to learn about many of the issues facing campuses today. Chair Quimby also participated in parent's orientation. Trustee Robinson said the summit was a reminder of how well we are doing at CMU. Trustee Ringel recognized Vice President John Marshall and his team.
 - b) Trustee Bechtel mentioned that Trustee Wilson was inspired by Business Honors Society students that raised money for the District 51 Lunch Lizards program and that the Trustees had agreed to match the amount the students had raised for the program.
- B. President – Tim Foster

- a) President Foster updated the Trustees on the events that occurred over the last few months. He noted that December Commencement is on December 11th and encouraged the Trustees to attend. President Foster reported that he participated in a filming of a mock MTV Cribs video to help promote the opening of the newly renovated Tomlinson Library. He also noted the next Trustee meeting will take place in January in Denver.
- C. Treasurer – Bob Wilson
- a) Trustee Wilson requested that copies of the Treasurer’s report be distributed to all Trustees in the future. He recognized Ashley Brenner for her efforts on the report. Trustee Wilson reported on the issue with PERA and how that would affect CMU. A short discussion occurred and Joe Taylor helped to clarify this issue for the Trustees.
- D. Faculty Trustee – Aparna Palmer
- a) Faculty Trustee Palmer presented a report on faculty sabbaticals. There was discussion amongst the Trustees regarding faculty sabbaticals at CMU.
- E. ASG Report – Student Trustee Jake Carmin
- a) Student Trustee Carmin presented the ASG report on behalf of Selina Najjar. Student Trustee Carmin reported on “stress relief week” hosted by ASG during finals week. ASG is also working on bike policy on campus. ASG has also been meeting with city planners, first responders and dispatchers to help with emergency response on campus.

III. POSSIBLE ACTION/DISCUSSION

- A. Consent Items (Action) –Pat Doyle/Laura Glatt
- 1. Personnel
 - C> Trustee Bechtel mentioned that Jennifer Seal will be moving to Greely and that this will be her last meeting and they thanked her for her hard work with the Trustees.
 - D> Trustee Bishop moved and Trustee Marquez seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Budget/Financials- Pat Doyle/Laura Glatt
- 1. Financial Summary(Information)
 - C> CFO Laura Glatt mentioned this would be Pat Doyle’s last Board of Trustees meeting and that she appreciated his guidance.
 - D> Joe Taylor went over the Financial Summary report and reported on a favorable outlook and that expenses are expected to come in under budget. He did report that cash is behind because there is not a signed fee for service contract but that it was expected to be signed soon.
 - 2. Budget Planning Process Briefing—FY 2016/17 (Information)
 - C> CFO Laura Glatt reported on the upcoming annual budget process. The final annual budget will be available for the Trustees in May for approval after being vetted through the Executive Team of CMU. Glatt mentioned that they will have to take into consideration the \$20M cut in funding to higher education and it is likely to result in a reduction of \$800,000 for CMU. She noted it will be a more difficult budget process this year.
 - c. There was a short discussion regarding the provider fee.

3. Proposed Series 2015 Bonds – Revised Parameters Resolution (Action) – Pat Doyle

C> CFO Pat Doyle provided background on this resolution to the Trustees. Trustee Wilson moved to approve the recommendation and Trustee Ringel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Sabbatical Reports (Information)- Carol Futhey

1. This agenda item was tabled for the March meeting.

D. CMU Greek Life Update (Information)- John Marshall

1. Vice President John Marshall updated the Trustees on the progress of Greek life on campus. Several students representing Greek life presented to the Trustees about their participation in Greek life and the next steps for the program.

E. Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology Program Approval (Action)- Carol Futhey

1. Provost Carol Futhey distributed an additional letter of support of the program to the Trustees.
2. Deb Bailey provided an overview of the needs for this program. She reported there is a substantial amount of interest from the community for this program. There was a discussion amongst the Trustees as to how this program would be funded. The Trustees also discussed program growth over the next few years.
3. Trustee Robinson moved to approve the Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology Program. Trustee Ringel seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
4. Deb Bailey mentioned there would be an Open house Dec 1st and Dec 3rd for the Trustees to attend.

F. Substantive Curriculum Change- MET Accreditation (Action)- Carol Futhey

1. Provost Carol Futhey clarified this request is a change in name only. Trustee Marquez moved to approve and Trustee Martinez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Higher Education Funding Model Version 2 (Information)- Jeanne Adkins

1. Jeanne Adkins reported on the impact to CMU due to the changes in this year's funding model. She reported that even though CMU did well on performance measures, the current funding model will be problematic for CMU. She highlighted that enrollment growth has the biggest effect on that change. There was discussion between the Trustees and President Foster regarding the ramifications of this change and how CMU should respond.

H. Strategic Plan Proposal (Action)- Strategic Plan Committee

1. The Strategic Planning Committee joined the meeting to present an update on the Strategic Plan. This update did not include the measurement and implementation portion, which will be presented to the Trustees in January for formal adoption. Trustee Bechtel highlighted changes to some of the goals in the plan and also recognized the committee for all of their hard work.

2. Trustee Jake Carmin mentioned that from a student perspective, he was very excited to see the commitment to student research and engagement in the strategic plan.
3. Trustee Robinson questioned where technology fits into this plan and that perhaps it can be included in the implementation report of the plan.
4. Trustee Ringel stressed the importance of getting the community more involved on campus. She highlighted a few examples from DU for the committee to take into consideration when finalizing the strategic plan.
5. A discussion about adding a 4th goal was considered to address Trustee Bishop's concerns to include critical and analytical thinking skills in written and oral communication. The committee agreed to incorporate this suggestion and will present it at the January meeting.
6. Trustees agreed not to vote on anything during this meeting. The suggestions would be taken into consideration and a formal vote would be taken during the consent items at the next meeting in January.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED

a. Trustee Ringel moved that the Trustees go into Executive Session for the purpose of:

- i. 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 Bishop seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Trustees went into executive sessions at 3:42pm and reconvened at 3:47pm.

- b. Trustee Bishop moved and Trustee Ringel seconded to honor the Boettcher Foundation by naming the conference room in Tomlinson Library the 'Boettcher Foundation Conference Room.' Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Trustee Ringel moved and Trustee Bishop seconded to honor Preston Ellis by naming hallway in the facilities building in his name. Motion passed unanimously.

V. ADJOURN at 3:49 pm