

**TRUSTEES OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
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GRAND JUNCTION, CO
March 10, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Quimby called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Trustee Bechtel, Bishop, Eck, Marquez, Price, Quimby, Ringel, Robinson, Faculty Trustee Palmer and Student Trustee Carmin were present.

TRUSTEES EXCUSED:

Trustees Brough, Martinez, and Wilson were excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Robinson moved to approve the minutes of the January 28-29 meeting. Trustee Eck seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

There were no public comments.

REPORTS:

Chair: Trustee Quimby had nothing to report.

President: President Foster reported that the new Vice President of Academic Affairs, Cynthia Pemberton, will start on July 1st. Carol Futhey will remain for the transition. Liz Meyer has been promoted to CEO of The CMU Foundation. The Architectural firm of Bennett Wagner & Grody have been selected for the Engineering Building and Shaw Construction as the Contractor.

Treasurer's Report: Trustee Wilson was not present but provided a written report.

Faculty Trustee: Trustee Palmer reported that a presentation would be given by faculty returning from their sabbaticals as well as tenure presentations. She also reported on the work done by faculty on the proposed changes to the handbook and proposed feedback on Faculty Department Head evaluations.

Associated Student Government (ASG) President - Selina Najar reported on a successful fundraiser that gives back to the community. ASG elections will be after spring break.

Student Trustee: Trustee Carmin reported that Laura Glatt volunteered to be the advisor for the Fee Allocation Committee (FAC).

CONSENT ITEMS

Trustee Bishop moved to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Ringel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Quimby recessed at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A MASTER OF SCIENCE, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT.

Dr. Futhey presented the proposed development of a program for a Master of Science, PA Studies with an implementation date estimated for 2019.

Trustee Robinson moved to approve the application process for the development of the Master of Science, Physician Assistance as presented. Trustee Price seconded. In a vote of seven in favor and one abstained (Trustee Bechtel due to potential conflict of interest) the motion was passed.

FY15 FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT

Steven Hoyland, Auditor from Dalby, Wendland & Co. P.C. provided a review of the audited financial statements for FY15.

Trustee Ringel moved that the FY15 Financial and Compliance Audit be approved. Trustee Bishop seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT HANDBOOK

Carol Futhey presented the proposed changes to the Professional Personnel Employment Handbook.

There was a general discussion regarding page 52 of the Board Packet, where the change reads: *“Feedback will be anonymous to the Academic Department Head.”*

Trustee Bechtel moved to strike the word “Feedback will be anonymous to the Academic Department Head” on page 52 of the board packet. Trustee Bishop seconded the motion. On a vote of two in favor and four opposed the motion failed to pass.

Trustee Robinson moved that the proposed changes to the Professional Personnel Employment Handbook be approved as proposed. Trustee Ringel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED

Chairman Quimby asked if it was necessary to go into executive session to discuss the two items on the agenda. The Executive Committee agreed that the items could be approved in the general session.

NAMING OF BUILDINGS OR PORTION OF BUILDING

Trustee Ringel moved that the Verma compost Bins, located at WCCC, be named in honor of Dr. John Heideman. Trustee Bechtel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7.2 OF POLICY MANUAL

Proposed Amendment: If the President’s performance has exceeded expectations for three consecutive years, the board may, in its discretion, substitute at least two executive committee discussions during a fiscal year of the President’s performance in lieu of the evaluation procedures described in Section 7.2.

Trustee Price moved that Section 7.2 of the Policy Manual: Evaluation of the University President, be amended as proposed by Trustee Ringel. Trustee Eck seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Quimby adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.