

TRUSTEES OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
GRAND JUNCTION, CO
November 17, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bechtel called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Trustee Bechtel, Bishop, Marquez, Martinez, Quimby, Reed, Ringel, Robinson, Wilson, Faculty Trustee Middleton and Student Trustee Flores were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

For clarification the reference to the Foundation was changed to the CMU Foundation. Trustee Bishop moved to accept the minutes. Trustee Reed seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

CHAIR. Chair Bechtel reported on the sessions of the HLC meetings that she, Trustee Ringel, Faculty Trustee Middleton and Student Trustee Flores attended. They seemed to be very positive sessions. Results will not be reported until February.

PRESIDENT. Campus events since the last meeting included the President's List awards, Homecoming and Hall of Honor awards. Engineering building is finishing soon. We were listed high on the Health Science Phase II (PA, PO, PT) and partially funded on the Electric lineman building. Marketing has designed a light rail wrap that will display in Denver area for eight weeks.

FACULTY TRUSTEE. Trustee Middleton spoke about the Faculty Professional Development Fund and specifically the process and funding and impact on students and faculty.

STUDENT TRUSTEE. Trustee Flores reported that ASG has formed a committee for supporting those impacted by DACA. He spoke about the ASG passing a resolution supporting DACA and other actions they have taken to show support. ASG President Ben Linzey spoke about ASG activities on campus. A health campaign called "Healthy Mavs are Happy Mavs" is being implemented offering education on health related matters including, tobacco use, drug, alcohol, mental and physical health. A Grand Valley Youth Council composed of local high school student presidents and ASG president is being formed. ASG is increasing its body from 26 to 34.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Naming Opportunities was moved from the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Reed moved to accept the Consent Agenda as adjusted. Trustee Quimby seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES. Liz Meyer, Vice President of Development presented two naming opportunities.

Trustee Bishop moved to approve the naming of current manufacturing technology lab and classroom facilities in the Youngblood building at Western Colorado Community College to the Sturm Family Manufacturing Center. Trustee Reed seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Marquez moved to approve the renaming of the North Avenue Student Housing to Lucero Hall. Trustee Quimby seconded. The motion passes unanimously.

SABBATICAL PRESENTATIONS. The following faculty approved for sabbatical at the January Board of Trustees meeting presented information on their work:

Dr. Denise McKenney, Professor of Biology

Dr. David Collins, Professor of Physics

Dr. Andres Aslan, Professor of Geology

Dr. Darin Kamstra, Professor of Music

Chair Bechtel called for a break at 10:48. Reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

TREASURER' REPORT. Trustee Wilson presented the report.

DASHBOARD. Laura Glatt, Vice President of Finance presented the financial dashboard.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY. Cynthia Pemberton, Vice President of Academic Affairs reported on the accreditation of the program.

DRAFT AUDIT. Joe Taylor, Controller, presented Jeff Wilson and Nate Fyock of Dalby, Wendland & Co., P.C. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Fyock discussed an unaudited draft (State review is not final) of the financials for FY 2016/2017.

OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PLAN (ORP). Laura Glatt, Vice President of Finance introduced Tim Greene, Associate VP for Retirement Plan Administration for the Four State Colleges/Universities in Colorado. Mr. Greene presented the Innovest Profolio review.

Following discussion, Trustee Quimby moved to form a committee composed of the trustees that serve on the Investment Committee to review the ORP and with the latitude of seeking outside professional advice in the form of legal or investment advisors. Trustee Ringel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Ringel moved to accept the ORP Report for 2017 as presented. Trustee Quimby seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Bechtel called for a recess for lunch at 12:33 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 1:27 p.m.

LEASE AGREEMENT – TELESCOPE SHED. Laura Glatt, Vice President of Finance introduced Dr. Jared Workman, Associate Professor of Physics who has been working to secure property for equipment provided by in a partnership with the Air Force.

Trustee Wilson moved to approve the lease of a telescope observatory shed to house the telescope for CMU students and faculty with the addition of an affirmative burden regarding the use of contractors and subcontractors. Trustee Reed seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ACADEMIC POLICY FOR AWARDING COLLEGE CREDIT FOR MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING. Cynthia Pemberton, Vice President of Academic Affairs presented the policy. Trustee Quimby moved to approve the Academic Policy for Awarding College Credit for Military Education and Training per Colorado House Bill 17-1004 formalizing the transfer process and credit articulation guidelines for military credit and to allow for upper division credits in transfer. Trustee Marquez seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO TRUSTEE POLICY MANUAL SECTION 4.5. Liz Meyer, Vice President of Development reported that a decision was made to have a written opinion from the Attorney General on the relationship between the Foundation and CMU.

Trustee Quimby moved to amend section 4.5 to include as paragraph two: “The public purposes of the Foundation are to assist the general public with higher education costs through the generation of scholarships, to stimulate economic development through capital campaigns, to develop properties for the University’s use, and to promote higher education and academic enrichment through procurement of endowed funds.” Trustee Reed seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND. Cynthia Pemberton, Vice President of Academic Affairs presented an update on the 2016-17 activities in the Fund.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM: MASTER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES. Cynthia Pemberton, Vice President of Academic Affairs presented the Master of Physician Assistant Studies.

Trustee Reed moved that the Trustees approve the Master of Physician Assistant Studies for implementation in Spring 2019. Trustee Martinez seconded. Trustee Bechtel recused because of conflict. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE. Tim Foster, President recommended an Honorary degree for Senator Jerry Sonnenberg.

Trustee Bishop moved in accordance with the CMU Trustee Policy Manual, Section 3.1 that the Trustees confer the honorary degree, honoris casua, on Senator Jerry Sonnenberg at the Fall 2017 CMU commencement.

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.