

**TRUSTEES OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY**  
**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY**  
**GRAND JUNCTION, CO**  
**August 15, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bechtel called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Trustee Anilionis, Bechtel, Bishop, Eck, Marquez, Motter, Reed, Ringel, Wilson, Faculty Trustee Middleton and Student Trustee Hobbs were present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Eck moved to accept the minutes of the May 24, 2018. Trustee Ringel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS**

**CHAIR.** Chair Bechtel thanked Dana Nunn, Director of Media Relations, for her years of service to the university. She reminded Trustees of the Hoedown, a fundraiser for the Athletic department, on August 24.

**PRESIDENT.** President Foster commented on Capital Conference particularly mentioning the attendance of CMU students and community members. He mentioned the visit of the 100-year-old alumni from the class of 1938, Paul Foster, and Paul's 96-year-old sister, Vera Pierce, alumni from class of 1940. He also thanked Dana Nunn for her service and introduced David Ludlam who is the new Director of Media Relations.

**FACULTY TRUSTEE.** Trustee Middleton welcomed the new student Trustee Amara Hobbs. He spoke about the new faculty orientation and the 39 new members to the CMU community. He gave a synopsis of backgrounds, accomplishments, why they chose CMU and other information about their jobs.

**STUDENT TRUSTEE.** Trustee Hobbs provided an update on the Associated Student Government. She spoke about the First Year Engagement events for students and a new program that awards students for attending events. She mentioned her experience at Capital Conference.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Personnel

Designated Open Meeting Posting

Reinstatement of Dr. Aparna Palmers Tenured Professor of Biology, concurrent with new Position as Assistant VP Academic Affairs.

Trustee Bishop moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Trustee Ringel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

**TREASURERS' REPORT.** Trustee Anilionis provided a summary of the report.

**PREVIEW OF STRATEGIC PLAN METRICS.** Kurt Haas, Vice President of Academic Affairs, discussed the process of the 2020 Strategic Plan Metrics. Data indicating progress with the plan will be presented at a later meeting.

**FY 19-20 STATE CAPITAL REQUEST AND CONTROLLED MAINTENANCE.** Laura Glatt, VP of Finance and Administration, presented the request for submitting the request for construction and controlled maintenance. This is not approval for the start of construction.

Trustee Eck moved to approve the FY19-20 Capital Construction Request as presented, affirming that the program plans:

- (a) conform with the institutional master plan as well as the academic plan,
- (b) benefit the educational program housed in the facility,
- (c) include operating and capital costs that are appropriate to the educational program and to the source and method of financing and
- (d) are included in the institutional five-year construction program schedule.

Furthermore, approve the FY 2019-20 Controlled Maintenance Request as proposed.

Trustee Ringel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Bechtel called for a short recess at 11:21 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

**SABBATICAL REPORT: LUIS SILVA-VILLAR.** Professor Silva-Villar reported on his sabbatical during which he wrote and published a textbook for the new curriculum.

**PROGRAM REVIEWS: ART.** Dr. Suzie Garner presented the Program Review for Art and Design.

*Program Review for Master of Business Administration tabled to the October meeting.*

Chair Bechtel called for a recess for lunch at 12:02 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 1:06 p.m.

Kris Mort, Co-Director of Athletics introduced the new athletic staff for 2018: Travis Mercado, Women's Wrestling Coach; Mike DeGeorge, Men's Basketball Coach; Rob Courtney, Assistant Athletic Director Events/Ticketing; Matt Key, Event Coordinator; Carley Maher, Office Manager. (Shanta Loecket, Women's Lacrosse Coach was not present.)

**STUDENT SERVICES UPDATE.** John Marshall gave an overview of Student Services.

**RETIREMENT PLAN UPDATE.** Kristen Hague, Professor of English, Meghan Bissonnette, Assistant Professor of Art, members of the Retirement Plan Committee, and Kevin Price, Insight Financial Solutions and advisor to the committee, presented an update on the Employee Retirement Plan.

**REFINANCING 2009A BOND ISSUE.** Laura Glatt, Vice President of Finance and Administration introduced Stephanie Chichester of North Slope Capital Advisors. Ms Chichester presented refinancing alternatives for the 2009A bond series.

Trustee Wilson moved to pursue Option 1 following some clarification of details by staff and North Slope and further discussion at a special meeting of the Board within the next two weeks. Trustee Reed seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**DASHBOARD.** Laura Glatt, VP of Finance and Administration presented the dashboard. Trustee Wilson provided a Cash Flow Statement and explanation of the details to discuss with the Board.

Chair Bechtel called for a break at 3:05 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 3:20 p.m.

*Payroll Conversion Update tabled to the October meeting.*

**HOTEL UPDATE.** David Detwiler, Acting Director of Facilities, and Brian Erickson, Davidson Partnership, presented conceptual drawings of the proposed Maverick Hotel.

Trustee Quimby joined the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Trustee Reed moved to go into Executive Session for purpose of an employee evaluation discussion and contract negotiations, pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(a)(v) & (3)(b) (11). Trustee Wilson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

At 4:30 p.m., Trustees went into Executive Session. At 4:57 p.m. President Foster joined the Executive Session. At 5:19 p.m. the Executive Session was adjourned.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Bechtel adjourned the meeting at 5:19 p.m.