

TRUSTEES OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Virtual Meeting
January 20, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Anilionis called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

In person: Chair Anilionis, Trustee Lentz, Buck, Sanchez, Faculty Trustee Owen-Ott and Student Trustee Cordova; via zoom: Ramos, Brough, Davis, Foster, Griffin, Iwaniczko-MacLeod.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Davis moved to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2020 meeting of the Trustees. Trustee Iwaniczko-MacLeod seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

CHAIR: Chair Anilionis introduced and welcomed new Trustees Lori Buck and David Foster.

PRESIDENT: President Foster mentioned the Trustee orientation, the success of the live December commencement, the Bill of Rights Day, the proposal to be presented by the Enrollment Management group, the CDC and the importance of talking with legislators regarding the PA/PT/OT building, welcoming students back to campus next week, the process of vaccinations on campus, and he expressed gratitude to the board on behalf of faculty and staff for the extended holiday vacation,

STUDENT TRUSTEE Jacqueline Cordova and ASG President, Angel Bautista, reviewed the ASG biennial budget.

FACULTY TRUSTEE Suzanne Owens-Ott spoke of the faculty excitement for being back on campus and ready to go for spring semester. She mentioned the importance to faculty of the process of obtaining tenure and rank promotions as a part of their development as educators.

LOBBY UPDATE: Jordon Sanchez (Brandeberry McKenna Public Affairs) and Jake Zambrano (76 Group) discussed 2021 Funding Overview, Capital Projects and 2021 legislation of interest to higher education.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Sanchez moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Trustee Brough seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Personnel Report

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

DASHBOARD / CASH FLOW: Laura Glatt, Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services, presented the dashboard and cashflow statement through December 31, 2020.

Faculty Tenure Recommendations: Kurt Haas, Vice President of Academic Affairs, presented the candidates recommended by the President for tenure. All have demonstrated sustained promise across the four faculty evaluation categories of teaching, scholarship, service and advising.

Trustee Griffin moved to grant faculty tenure, effective with Academic Year 2021-2022, to the following:

Mr. Eric Elliott, Associate Professor of Art and Design
Dr. Kathleen Hall, Assistant Professor of Nursing
Ms. Sarah Lanci, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering
Dr. Stephen Merino, Assistant Professor of Sociology
Dr. Eric Miles, Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Dr. Brad Montgomery-Anderson, Assistant Professor of English
Dr. Zeynep Ozsoy, Assistant Professor of Biology
Mr. Matthew Schlieff, Assistant Professor of Theatre
Dr. Matthew Stansbury, Assistant Professor of Biology
Dr. Johanna Varner, Assistant Professor of Biology
Dr. Jun Watabe, Associate Professor of Music

Trustee Ramos seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

TECHNOLOGY MASTER PLAN: Jeremy Brown, Vice President of Information Technology, presented an update on the Technology Master Plan for university.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Griffin presented the treasurer's report.

INVESTMENT INCREASE TO COMMERCE PORTFOLIO: Laura Glatt, Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services, presented a recommendation from the Investment Committee to move cash holdings to the investment portfolio.

Trustee Sanchez moved the board approve an addition of \$15M of CMU cash to Commerce Bank's investment portfolio. Trustee Lentz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SABBATICAL LEAVE REQUESTS: Kurt Haas, Vice President of Academic Affairs, presented the requests for sabbatical leave. Note: Some of these were approved for 2020-21 but delayed during the pandemic.

Trustee Sanchez moved to approve the following recommendations from the President and Vice President of Academic Affairs for sabbaticals in FY 21-22.

Dr. Timothy Hatten, Professor of Business Administration
Dr. Erika Jackson, Associate Professor of History
Mr. Araan Schmidt, Associate Professor of Art and Design
Dr. Stephen Stern, Associate Professor of Biology
Dr. Richard Vail, Professor of Business
Dr. Kristen Yeon-Ji Yun, Professor of Music

Trustee Griffin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY: Liz Howell, Acting Vice President of Student Affairs, introduced Sharaya Cowan, Director of Admissions; Lindsey Campbell, Deputy Director of Financial Aid; Anna Nichols, Director of Integrated Services/Advising, who presented a new process for impacting enrollment in a more fluid manner to meet the needs of students.

ACADEMIC RANK PROMOTIONS: Kurt Haas, Vice President of Academic Affairs, presented information on the faculty that have been recommended for academic rank promotions.

Chair Anilionis called for a lunch break at 12:12 p.m. The meeting resumed at 12:46 p.m.

NAMING OPPORTUNITY: Liz Meyer, Vice President Development/Foundation CEO, informed the Trustees of a naming opportunity for the PA/PT/OT building. This naming opportunity has been approved by the CMU Honors and Naming Committee and is in accordance with the naming guidelines of the CMU Trustees and the CMU Foundation.

Trustee Davis moved to approve the naming of the new PA/PT/OT Center to be the St. Mary's SCL Health PA/PT/OT Center. Trustee Ramos seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FY20 FINANCIAL & COMPLIANCE AUDIT: Finalizing the audit was delayed by State Audit Committee until February 2.

CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 UPDATE: John Marshall, Vice President of Student Services, and Amy Bronson, Physician Assistant Program Director/Assistant Professor. Acting as Co-Directors of the Safe Together task force presented an update covering the safe return to campus including testing and vaccine plans going forward.

OTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED

Trustee Lentz moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (f) (1). Trustee Davis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Trustees went into Executive Session at 1:24 p.m.

The Trustees reconvened in general session at 2:12 p.m.

With no action required, Chair Anilionis adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.