

TRUSTEES OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DENVER METRO CHAMBER of COMMERCE BLDG
1445 Market Street, Denver, CO 80202
January 21-22, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 1:19 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Trustee Anilionis, Brough, Davis, Lentz, Iwaniczko MacLeod, Motter, Quimby, Ramos, Sanchez, Chair Reed and Student Trustee Hobbs were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Ramos moved to accept the minutes of the November 14, 2019 meeting. Trustee Brough seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Anilionis moved to accept the minutes of the special meeting of the Board on December 9, 2019. Trustee Motter seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

CHAIR. Chair Reed welcomed everyone. He congratulated Trustee Brough on her reappointment to the Board and welcomed the two new Trustees, Alex Sanchez and Ron Davis. Each one said a few words about their background as introduction to the group.

PRESIDENT. President Foster mentioned graduation in December and thanked those Trustees who participated in the ceremony. He mentioned that a number of legislative meetings have occurred during December and January requiring university participation. A reception was held to honor the artist, Jac Kephart, who recently passed and has given generously to the university. December included a number of holiday celebrations. Today is the first day of the spring semester.

STUDENT TRUSTEE. Trustee Hobbs reported that ASG had \$2000 left in their budget at the end of last semester and is considering utilizing the money for research opportunities for students. She mentioned several student events including the first generation students that traveled to Denver to speak to JBC; the opportunity for students to meet with the City Manager; the Martin Luther King Day events.

ACADEMIC RANK PROMOTIONS. Kurt Haas, Vice President of Academic Affairs, in accordance with the Trustee policy (Section 3.3), informed the Trustees of the faculty promotions approved by President Foster for the 2020-21 academic year.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Personnel

Trustee Sanchez moved to accept the consent agenda. Trustee Ramos seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

DASHBOARD. Joe Taylor, Controller, presented the December 31, 2019 dashboard.

FACULTY TENURE RECOMMENDATIONS. Kurt Haas, Vice President of Academic Affairs, presented the slate of candidates who put their names forward for the Academic Year 2020-21.

Trustee Quimby moved to accept the President's recommendations to grant the following faculty tenure effective with Academic Year 2020-2021.

Mr. Karl Castleton, Associate Professor of Computer Science

Dr. Theresa Chase, Assistant Professor of Nursing.

Dr. Ann Gillies, Assistant Professor of Education.

Ms. Olga Grisak, Assistant Professor of Radiologic Technology.

Mr. Eli Hall, Associate Professor of Graphic Design.

Dr. Brian Hosterman, Assistant Professor, Physical & Environmental Sciences – Physics.

Dr. Eliot Jennings, Assistant Professor of Political Science.

Mr. Maurice LaMee, Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts.

Dr. Samuel Lohse, Associate Professor of Chemistry.

Dr. Christine Noel, Assistant Professor of Business.

Mr. Benjamin Reigel, Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts.

Trustee Sanchez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

FACULTY TENURE PRESENTATION. Dr. Christine Noel, Assistant Professor of Business, presented on Tenure.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Trustee Quimby presented the Treasurer's report.

FY 20/21- BUDGET COLA ADJUSTMENT. Joe Taylor, Controller, presented the COLA request for purposes of budget planning for FY20-21.

Trustee Brough moved to approve a 2% cost of living (COLA) salary adjustment for faculty and exempt administrative staff, effective July 1, 2020. Trustee Ramos seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SABBATICAL LEAVE REQUESTS. Kurt Haas, Vice President of Academic Affairs, presented the recommendations for sabbatical leave in FY20-21 and reported these were approved by the President.

Trustee Brough moved to approve the recommendations of Academic Affairs and the President for the following faculty to take sabbatical leave in FY20-21.

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

Trustee Sanchez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Reed called for a recess at 2:44 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 3 p.m.

INCREASE IN DISCRETIONARY DAYS. Tim Foster, President, presented information being considered on awarding additional discretionary days to employees at specific points in their career path at CMU. This will be presented as an action item later in the year as it is a change to the Employee Handbook.

LOBBY REPORT. Jake Zambrano, Senior Project Manager for EIS Solutions; Megan Wagner and Jordan Sanchez, Lobbyist for Brandeberry/McKenna – Public Affairs; presented an update on legislative matters relative to the university. Items discussed included: PA/PT/OT building – no new projects made the CDC list; First Generation Students – funding formula from CDHE was not accepted by JBC; Senate Bill 170 –passed waiting to see how it will be implemented. Other issues including rural jumpstart and cyber security were mentioned.

Chair Reed called for a recess at 3:34 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:02 a.m., January 22, 2020.

Trustees Present: Trustee Anilionis, Brough, Davis, Lentz, Iwaniczko MacLeod, Motter, Quimby, Sanchez, Chair Reed and Student Trustee Hobbs were present.

FY19 FINANCIAL & COMPLIANCE AUDIT. Joe Taylor, Controller, and Jeff Wilson of Dalby, Wendland PC, reported that there were no current year audit findings and no audit adjustments proposed or made to the financial statements of the University.

Trustee Anilionis moved that the Trustees receive and place on file the Colorado Mesa University Financial and Compliance Audit for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2019. Trustee Motter seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Ramos joined the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

FACULTY TENURE PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Benjamin Reigel, Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts.

Dr. Samuel Lohse, Associate Professor of Chemistry.

Dr. Brian Hosterman, Assistant Professor, Physical & Environmental Sciences – Physics.

Mr. Eli Hall, Associate Professor of Graphic Design.

Dr. Ann Gillies, Assistant Professor of Education.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Reed adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.