

TRUSTEES OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1100 North Ave, Grand Junction, CO
Dominguez Hall, Gallegos Board Room
December 16, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

In person: Chair Griffin, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Davis, Trustee Iwaniczko MacLeod, Trustee Ramos, Trustee Sanchez, Trustee Dukes, Faculty Trustee Casey and Student Trustee Aaron Reed. Trustee Buck and Trustee Foster attended virtually.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Ramos moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 22, 2021. Trustee Sanchez seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Sanchez moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting on December 1, 2021. Trustee Lentz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no public comments.

REPORTS

CHAIR: Chair Griffin welcomed and introduced new Trustee Charles Dukes to the Board. She expressed her excitement to be on campus and that she and the Board are able to participate in the fall commencement ceremony.

PRESIDENT: President Marshall began his report by introducing the Human Scale University Champion Award Resolution which was awarded to Dr. Lucy Graham for her contributions to the CMU Health Sciences Department and the School of Nursing as well as her ongoing work during the pandemic response. The board unanimously supported the resolution.

President Marshall reported that we are up in admissions applications and admits. He shared the Board will receive an in-depth COVID presentation at the January Board meeting. He also shared an update on the Community Hospital Unity Field unveiling as well as the SLC Educational Center building update. He gave an update on the 1330 Taskforce as well as his recent Capital Development Committee presentation and approval for the Spring Board grant CMU received recently. He expressed excitement and gratitude that the Board was in attendance for the custodial appreciation and campus holiday celebration later in the afternoon.

FACULTY TRUSTEE: Dr. Tim Casey also welcomed new Trustee Charles Dukes. He summarized the life of the faculty during finals week and commencement. Trustee Casey referenced the written report that was included in the Board packet and additional Casey, Marshall & YoU (CMU) meetings that occurred since the last report. He offered to follow up with anyone about details of the written report and shared that faculty members have expressed that they appreciate the Board is listening to them.

STUDENT TRUSTEE: Aaron Reed shared about the recent Maverick Marketplace, Swipe Out Hunger meal program, and that the student government is creating a business closet that will assist other students in dressing professionally for presentations and assist in their professional development. He also shared that a new Montrose Senator has been appointed. He shared that students have discussed needing additional space for the Alliances as well as a need for additional financial literacy. Additionally, he shared ASG recently based a bill in support of the Society for Hispanic Engineers attending a professional development trip.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Personnel Report

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

NURSING PROGRAM UPDATE: Bette Schans, Director of Health Sciences and Lucy Graham, Director of Nursing Education Programs, gave an update on the numerous Nursing programs and their accreditation status and the overall accreditation cycle.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Laura Glatt, Vice President for Finance and Administration presented the Treasurer's Report.

DASHBOARD: Laura Glatt, Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services, presented the Financial Dashboard dated November 30, 2021.

Chair Griffin called for a lunch break at noon. The meeting reconvened at 1:32 p.m.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FYE 6/30/21: Laura Glatt, Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services, and Joe Taylor, Controller, introduced auditors from Dalby Wendland & Co., P.C., who presented the draft CMU Financial and Compliance Audit.

A motion was made by Trustee Sanchez that the Board of Trustees approve the CMU Financial and Compliance Audit for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021, contingent upon approval by the Colorado Legislative Audit Committee (LAC) in January 2022. Trustee Ramos seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Prior to moving the next item on the agenda, Chair Griffin expressed appreciation from the Board and campus community for Joe Taylor's years of serves and acknowledged his upcoming retirement. The Board presented Joe Taylor, Controller, with a letter commendation.

DEBT POLICY APPROVAL AND DEBT PRESENTATION: Laura Glatt, Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services, presented a proposal to change the CMU debt policy. A motion was made by Trustee Sanchez that the Board of Trustees approve a change to the CMU Debt Policy, as described in the policy proposal. Trustee Lentz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM APPROVAL: Dr. Kurt Haas, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Tim Pinnow, Sr Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, presented information related to the need for a Masters of Social Work (MSW) program at CMU. Trustee Davis entered a motion to approve the Foundation, Masters of Social Work (MSW) for implementation in Fall 2022. Trustee Ramos seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CAMPUS CLIMATE PRESENTATION: Dr. Nikki Jones, PhD LP, Associate Professor of Psychology, shared an update on the timeline of the Campus Climate Research from the fall semester. She and President Marshall shared that there will be a more in-depth presentation at the January Board meeting.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: The Strategic Plan presentation was postponed and will be included on an upcoming meeting agenda.

FOUNDATION UPDATE: The Foundation Update presentation was postponed and will be included on an upcoming meeting agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to bring before the Board.

ADJOURN

Trustee Ramos motioned to adjourn and Trustee Iwaniczko MacLeod seconded. Chair Griffin adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.