

TRUSTEES OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1100 North Ave, Grand Junction, CO
Dominguez Hall, Gallegos Board Room
April 5, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fry called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

In person: Chair Fry, Trustee Iwaniczko MacLeod, Trustee Buck, Trustee Griffin, Trustee Reiff, Trustee Ramos, Trustee Davis, Trustee Foster, Trustee Moreno, Trustee Sekharan, Faculty Trustee Dr. Brian Parry, and Student Trustee Kylie Graham.
Trustee Dukes was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Foster moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 30 and 31, 2024. Trustee Ramos seconded the motion for approval. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Ramos moved to approve the minutes of the special board meeting on February 14, 2024. Trustee Buck seconded the motion for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no public comments.

REPORTS

CHAIR: Chair Fry welcomed everyone to campus and shared excitement to be back together. He welcomed Trustee Moreno to the board and highlighted his appointment as well as Ron Davis and Charles Dukes being reappointed and confirmed in February. He shared a few things that have happened since the Board was last together including CMU Tech being the recipient of a \$1.62 million dollar Opportunity Now grant and thanked Alison Griffin and Kelly Brough for representing the Board at the public announcement event. He also congratulated Brigitte and her team for the work that went into receiving the grant. He shared about the Dignity and Dialogue event series and thanked those involved in bringing that to CMU campus. He shared the completion of Wingate 2 apartments and thanked Kent Marsh and his team for bringing that in on time and under budget.

He also highlighted the naming opportunities that are before the board in the consent agenda and shared about the impact that those individuals have had on campus and in the community.

He shared about the recent announcement of the CMU Foundation partnering with the Aspinall Foundation and acknowledged the Wait if Over campaign and the work being done to address affordability and access to education. Lastly, he gave a quick update that the executive committee will be working on the president's evaluation and that he will be sharing a feedback evaluation tool in the near future. A contract and compensation review will occur at the May board meeting.

PRESIDENT: President Marshall introduced **Human Scale University Champion Award for April 2024**, which was presented to Mackenzie Lewis, who exemplifies the values of CMU's Human Scale Campus and works tirelessly to support students at Colorado Mesa University.

Following the adoption of the resolution, President Marshall shared about the loss of student Andy Smith and highlighted the impact that Andy made on campus and ways that his legacy will continue. He shared about the launch of the Wait is Over campaign and communication strategy as well as an update on the CMU Promise tour. He shared a legislative update including an update on the approval of the First Gen bill. Additionally, he highlighted the partnership with Rocky Mountain Health Plans and the City of Grand Junction and called out the impact that the partnership and increase in scholarships available will have on the region. He also shared about the Dignity and Dialogue series and the Holocaust Awareness week events and thanked all those involved in that important work. Lastly, he shared an athletics update and noted that all winter sports attended national tournaments and that the second annual Maverick Meat up event is taking place in the near future to kick off rodeo week.

FACULTY TRUSTEE: Dr. Brian Parry shared about the privilege of having Andy Smith in his class and noted Andy's inspiring determination as a Psychology student and how he will be missed. He shared an update on the work of the faculty at this time in the semester and shared an update on the faculty evaluation process. He also shared that the faculty Salary and Benefits committee is looking at ways to reward and retain instructor lines. He also shared about the success of the recent faculty author showcase and that the first teaching showcase event is coming up on May 3rd.

STUDENT TRUSTEE: Kylie Graham began her report by also touching on the impact that Andy Smith had on students at CMU. She also shared about recent Student Life events such as Mavs Take over the Mountain at Powderhorn, the Cultural Inclusion Fashion Show, the Grand Valley Job Fair, and that MavAwards is coming up later in the semester. She also highlighted the Biology club that was reestablished after several years of no membership or presence on campus and the national recognition they have received in a short period of time and how students are benefiting from the work the club is doing. She also shared about student government meeting with representatives from the Dignity Index as a part of the Dignity and Dialogue event and she shared about the conversations the students are continuing to have about how to integrate the Dignity Index on campus. Lastly, she passed out a current list of student clubs and asked that Board members who are interested in engaging with student clubs to let her know and she can help coordinate ways for board members to mentor, speak with, or assist student clubs.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Fry asked for consideration of the items on the consent agenda:

1. Personnel
2. Naming Opportunities
 - The Diamond at Hamilton Ball Park
 - Dave and Mary Wood Plaza at the CMU Theater
 - Ann Sanders Dance Studio at the Moss Performing Arts Center
3. Board Calendar 2024-2025
4. Committee Appointments

Trustee Iwaniczko MacLeod motioned for approval. Trustee Ramos seconded. The consent agenda items were approved unanimously.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

BOARD GOVERNANCE: Chair Fry led the board in discussion related to the changes implemented in the committee appointments. There was conversation about the Nomination committee being expanded to be the Nomination and Governance committee and the work that committee will do to bring forward recommendations for guidelines and best practices related to nominations, timing and terms of officers as well as other related items. The committee will meet and bring forward recommendations to the full board at a future meeting.

MARKETING MOMENT: David Ludlam, Vice President for Communications, introduced student Liban Shongolo and shared a video about the recent CMU Promise tour visits to high schools on the front range.

COACH MICKEY WENDER, HEAD SWIM COACH: President Marshall introduced Head Swim Coach, Mickey Wender and several of the competitive swimmers who earned national recognition for becoming 2024 RMAC swimming and dive champions.

At 11:30 a.m. the Board recessed for lunch and toured the new Performing Arts Center building that is under construction. The CMU Mariachi Band performed a short set, and the Shaw Team gave a tour of the building and answered questions about the project. The meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m.

DEBT POLICY REVISION: Michelle Quinn, Vice President for Finance and Administration presented a proposed motion to approve a revised CMU Debt Policy as included in the board packet. Trustee Foster motioned to approve. Trustee Iwaniczko MacLeod seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2024A BOND REFINANCING FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION: Michelle Quinn, Vice President for Finance and Administration shared the summary of details related to the bond refinancing and proposed the Board of Trustees approve the attached First Supplemental Resolution, which delegates to the Pricing Delegate (defined as the Chair of the Board, the President of the University, or the Vice President for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer of the University), and in consultation with the Board Finance Committee, the authority to execute all documents pertaining to the issuance of the Series 2024A Bonds subject to the parameters set forth in the Supplemental Resolution and the Sales Certificate.

Trustee Foster motioned to approve, and Trustee Ramos seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

401 (A) LOAN OPTION: Michelle Quinn, Vice President for Finance and Administration introduced a recommended motion to approve the implementation of an employee loan option utilizing funds from their 401(a) retirement plan.

Trustee Buck motioned to approve; Trustee Ramos seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATE – EMERITUS STATUS: Dr. Cher Hendricks, Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented a recommendation to award Emeriti Status to the following faculty members:

1. Mr. Britt Mathwich

2. Dr. Phil Gustafson
3. Dr. Calvin Hofer
4. Dr. Lisa Friel-Redifer

Trustee Ramos motioned to approve the recommended motion and Trustee Buck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FORMING THE FUTURE UPDATE: Dr. Cher Hendricks, Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented an update on the Forming the Future strategic plan work that has occurred year to date.

SPECIAL GUEST: Joan McDermott introduced Coach Chris Hanks who had the honor of introducing alum and Major League Baseball All-Star, Sergio Romo who shared with the Board about his tenure at Colorado Mesa University and highlighted his path as a professional baseball player as well as what it means for him to be returning to CMU for a visit.

TREASURER'S REPORT & BUDGET UPDATE: Michelle Quinn, Vice President for Finance and Administration presented the Treasurer's Report. She also gave an update on the budget for current fiscal year and process for developing the next fiscal year's budget to be brought before the Board for approval at the May meeting.

STUDENT SERVICES: Kim Medina, AVP of Enrollment Management and Lindsey Campbell, Executive Dir. of Financial Aid, Advising, and Enrollment Management gave a Fall 2024 Enrollment and Financial Aid update sharing general updates, early aid offers and an update on the CMU Promise. The board discussed the information presented and gave directional feedback regarding expanding the CMU Promise which will be brought forth to the board embedded in the budget proposal at the May meeting.

BECOMING CMU TECH: Brigitte Sundermann, VP of Technical Education & Workforce Development gave an update on the work done to date to update the Bishop campus to CMU Tech following the official name change from WCCC to CMU Tech.

Trustee Foster expressed support for the work being done at CMU Tech campus and motioned that in future meetings CMU Tech be an earlier agenda item. Trustee Iwaniczko MacLeod seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no additional business to be discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Sekharan motioned to adjourn. Trustee Ramos seconded. Chair Fry adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.