

**TRUSTEES OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY**  
**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**August 13 & 14, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 1:46 p.m.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Trustee Anilionis, Brough, Griffin, Lentz, Iwaniczko MacLeod, Motter, Quimby, Ramos, Chair Reed, Faculty Trustee Owen-Ott and Student Trustee Bautista were present. Trustee Sanchez joined the meeting Friday, August 14.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Motter moved to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2020 meeting of the Trustees. Trustee Anilionis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Brough moved to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2020 special meeting of the Trustees. Trustee Griffin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Motter moved to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2020 special meeting of the Trustees. Trustee Motter seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS**

**CHAIR:** Chair Reed stated his appreciate for the efforts of President Foster, faculty and staff in getting the university open with students on campus.

**PRESIDENT:** President Foster reported that the Attorney General was on campus visiting with students today. He mentioned the Turning the Corner group that came together in the spring and includes community members, staff and leadership as well. He mentioned that based on a call with the Governor in May/June it was indicated schools would open. The Safe Together Committee was formed and working with resources in our community. Testing has gone relatively easy but not without challenges. Townhall meetings have been a successful tool for communicating with parents and students. The CDHE came to campus for a visit and were very impressed with the processes in place. He spoke on athletics as a powerful cultural element on campus and the challenges that the University Presidents are working through. The August 1 graduation was successful. The hour format was effective and required covid-19 regulations were honored.

**FACULTY TRUSTEE:** Susanne Owens-Ott reported that faculty is excited to be back on campus. Preparation for the new reality of higher education (i.e., attending webinars, learning new technology, adapting classrooms) made for a busy summer. Seeing students back on campus and adapting to the new requirements has made it worthwhile.

**STUDENT TRUSTEE:** Angel Bautista, acting Student Trustee, reported on the election process that had been disrupted by covid-19 in the spring and delayed to when students were back on campus. Completion of the process is set for September 2. He spoke about his experience on Turning the Corner Committee and the AG visit today. Student Life is having several social distancing events to welcome back and get students involved. Cultural Inclusion Committee is

also having tabling (sharing food, conversation) events to get information out to students on what opportunities are available on campus. The students running for ASG leadership have all agreed not to raise student fees.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Personnel Report
2. Designated Open Meeting posting
3. Continuation of Current Strategic Plan

Trustee Anilionis moved to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Lentz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Trustee Quimby presented the treasurer’s report.

**GRADUATION PRESENTATION:** Kurt Haas, Vice President of Academic Affairs, introduced Erin Rooks, Coordinator of Special Projects, who presented an overview of the three August 1 graduation ceremonies.

**PROGRAM REVIEW: BIOLOGY (B.S.) PROGRAM:** Kurt Haas, Vice President of Academic Affairs, introduced Dr. Carrie McVean, Department Head of Biology and Professor of Biology, who presented the review on the Biology program.

Trustee Motter moved that in accordance with the program review policies and procedures established by the faculty and approved by the President, the Board of Trustees acknowledge as received the Program Review for Biology programs. Trustee Iwaniczko-MacLeod seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**MARKETING AND ADULT STUDENT CAMPAIGN:** Mike Mansheim, Executive Director of Marketing, and Austin Kaiser, Assistant Athletic Director, presented marketing and adult student campaign.

Chair Reed call for a short recess at 3:30 p.m. The board reconvened at 3:40 p.m.

**TITLE IX POLICY:** Liz Howell, acting Vice President of Student Services, and Stephanie Rubinstein, acting Title IX Coordinator, presented a required addition to the Board Policy Manual regarding new regulations on Title IX.

Trustee Iwaniczko-MacLeod moved to approve the addition of Section 2.2 to the Board Policy Manual as stated below and in compliance with the US Department of Education Pursuant to Title IX. Trustee Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

**DASHBOARD:** Laura Glatt, Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services, presented the dashboard.

**ATHLETICS UPDATE AND FORECAST:** Brian Rooks and Kris Mort, Co-Directors of Athletics, presented an update on what is happening in the athletic department in light of covid-19 regulations.

Chair Reed called for a recess at 5:13 p.m.

Chair Reed reconvened the meeting at 9:28 a.m. at August 14.

**FREE SPEECH – MAVERICK GUIDE UPDATES:** Derek Wagner, Vice President of Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a resolution regarding freedom of speech that would update the existing Maverick guidelines on freedom of speech.

Trustee Iwaniczko-MacLeod move to adopt the Resolution as presented. Trustee Motter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**BUDGET UPDATE AND FINANCIAL OVERVIEW:** Whitney Sutton, Director of Budget/Food Service Programs, presented the budget update.

**OTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED:** President Foster presented a proposal from Albertson's on their property near campus to the University offering a purchase price of \$3M/60-day completion of the transaction. He was seeking input and direction. Following discussion, a verbal poll was taken of the Trustees: one approved with consideration of a timeline of 90 days, eight approved to move ahead, one not in favor.

**UPDATE SAFE TOGETHER – TESTING/RESULTS:** 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 on the efforts to return to campus. Particular emphasis on testing/results.

Chair Reed adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.