

**TRUSTEES OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY**  
**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY**  
**GRAND JUNCTION, CO**  
**April 20, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bechtel called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Trustee Bechtel, Anilionis, Bishop, Brough, Marquez (via phone conference), Motter, Quimby, Reed, Ringel, Wilson, Faculty Trustee Middleton and Student Trustee Flores were present. Trustee Eck joined via phone at 9:22 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Reed moved to accept the minutes of the January 16 & 17, 2018 meeting. Trustee Ringel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

John Beasley, student and combat veteran, spoke about the Veterans Laptop Computer Project that he initiated with his own resources and the assistance of funding from Associated Student Government (ASG). The program purchases laptops and starting next semester will rent them for \$50/school year to veterans. Mr. Beasley and ASG purchased six laptops through the university purchasing system. The supplier and HP contributed an additional two computers to the program. The \$50 rental fee will self-fund the program and replace computers as needed. The IT department has configured the computers and has a dedicated person to support the program. They would like to have twenty in the overall program.

Following Mr. Beasley's presentation, Trustee Ringel moved that the Trustees fund the remaining 12 computers for the program at \$9600. Trustee Anilionis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS**

**CHAIR.** Trustee Bechtel reported on attending the EDay event. She expressed appreciation for how well the program was organized and felt it was successful and well attended. She also spoke about the opening of Eureka and Confluence Hall and how well attended both these events were. During the opening of Confluence Hall, the Dean from CU and President Foster announced that the universities would be collaborating on an Electrical Engineering program. She announced that the Nomination Committee would meet prior to the May meeting if anyone would like to serve on a particular committee let the committee know.

**PRESIDENT.** President Foster reported that the Eureka fundraising committee is half way to reaching its goal with the assistance of the CMU Foundation staff. Colorado legislators passed the State Budget Long Bill, the Appropriation Bill and the Cyber Security Bill. CMU will benefit from funds provided through these bills. CMU Budget will be reviewed in May. CMU has an operator, MARS Hospitality, for the proposed Hotel. Our architects and contractors are working to present ideas of what the Hotel might look like and cost for review at the May meeting. Several local restaurateurs are interested in contracting to operate the food business. David Detwiler will present information on

summer projects including a project that will update the Maverick Center. Dr. Pemberton is leaving to take the role of President at Lewis Clark State College in Idaho. He acknowledged her contribution to CMU. Graduation keynote speaker will be Senator Bennett.

**FACULTY TRUSTEE.** Trustee Middleton congratulated Student Trustee Flores on his election to the position of President of Associate Student Government. He continued with information on the ninth annual Student Showcase emphasizing the importance of this event to student education and research. This year 441 students are participating in the Showcase. He introduced two senior Physics majors, Scott Jackson and Bret Brouse who will present at the Showcase.

**STUDENT TRUSTEE.** Trustee Flores introduced, Jeff Vela, the Vice-President elect for ASG. He continued to report on the inclusion of Woman's wrestling team. He expressed his appreciation for Trustees Motter and Wilson purchasing tables at the recent luau allowing students to attend. He introduced the new Student Trustee, Amara Hobbs. He mentioned the upcoming MAV Awards. He mentioned that ASG passed a Resolution in support of the hotel and that will be presented to the Trustees at the next meeting. Trustee Flores introduced Ben Linzey, ASG President, who spoke about a resolution passed by ASG supporting the increase in funding in support of Student activities on campus. He presented a recommendation from ASG requesting that the Trustees change the school color "maroon" to "MAVroon" with the only change being the change of name not the color.

Trustee Quimby moved to accept the recommendation of the students that Colorado Mesa University's official school colors be changed from white and maroon to white, and MAVroon. Trustee Ringel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**FACULTY/STAFF IN-SERVICE.** John Marshall, Vice President of Student Services, reported on the recent campus in service training. The topics covered were Inclusion, Campus Safety and Title IX and Sexual Harassment.

**HLC STATUS REPORT.** Dr. Cynthia Pemberton, Vice President of Academic Affairs, reported that after discussions with HLC and some clarification of their communications, we have fulfilled their requirements and we received confirmation from President of HLC. We are required to put applications in for change in programs. We have submitted the change for the PA program. We have applied for a new location as required for Telluride where culinary classes will be offered. The next review will start in six years.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

It was requested that the item on New Program: Addiction Studies, Professional Certification be moved from the consent agenda for clarification of program offering.

Trustee Bishop moved to accept the Consent Agenda as revised:

Personnel

Emeritus Faculty Recommendations

Curriculum items:

New Program: Applied Anthropology and Geology, BA

Substantive Change: Cultural Resource Mgmt., Prof Certificate

New Program: Web Applications - Prof Certificate

Debt Service resolution on Indirect Cost Recovery

Trustee Reed seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Addictions Studies certificate program is designed for students who desire a career within the addictions profession and health care industry. This program will be offered for those individuals enrolled in bachelor's degree program or already have a bachelor's or an advanced degree. It was expressed that this is a "counseling" program, licensed by the state and that should be clearer within the information.

Following discussion, Trustee Brough moved to accept the New Program: Addiction Studies, Professional Certification. Trustee Ringel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT.** Trustee Wilson presented the report.

**DASHBOARD.** Joe Taylor, Controller, presented the March FY18 report.

**FACILITIES UPDATE.** David Detwiler, Acting Director of Facilities, presented a PowerPoint of the projects completed this year and upcoming projects for the summer. David Jahnke, Acting Assistant Sports Information Director, presented the new upgrade to the athletic buildings to improve the fan experience.

Trustee Eck left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Chair Bechtel called for a break at 10:46 a.m. Reconvened at 10:53 a.m.

### **TENURE & SABBATICAL REPORTS.**

Dr. Jonathan Hinkle, Assistant Professor of Music – Tenure Report

Dr. Kristen Yun, Assistant Professor of Music - Tenure Report

Dr. Steve Norman, Associate Professor of Business – Tenure Report

Dr. Susan Becker, Professor of Psychology – Sabbatical Report

Dr. Markus Reitenbach, Associate Professor of Mathematics – Sabbatical Report

Dr. Johnny Snyder, Professor of Business - Sabbatical Report

Trustee Marquez left the meeting at 12 noon.

Chair Bechtel called for a lunch break at 12:07 p.m. The Trustees reconvened at 1:17 p.m.

Trustee Eck rejoined the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Dr. David Weinberg, Assistant Professor of Chemistry – Tenure Report

**FOUNDATION FUND REPORTING.** Liz Meyer, Foundation CEO, gave a presentation on the 2017-18 year activity, including gifts received, scholarship supporting students, Alumni program and the activities engaged in for raising support for CMU.

**FINANCIAL HARDSHIP GRANTS.** John Marshall, Vice President of Student Services, introduced Lindsey Campbell, Financial Counseling Manager and Curt Martin, Director of Financial Aid. Ms. Campbell and Mr. Martin spoke about two financial hardship programs that assist students with unusual needs. The Home Loan Hardship program offsets unexpected expenses during a student's education process. The "Finish It" Grant helps students who could not pay their bill but are so close to completing and just need a little assistance.

**EMERITUS BENEFITS PROPOSAL** Cynthia Pemberton, Vice President of Academic Affairs, reported that currently there is not a consistent understanding of the benefits for Emeritus Faculty. Faculty

Senate engaged a review of the universities past emeritus benefits practices, as well as benefits awarded by comparator institutions. The Faculty Senate has made the following recommendation for emeritus benefits to the President to obtain approval of the Trustees.

- a. Events Email List for emeritus faculty.
- b. General Parking Pass available for purchase at current faculty cost.
- c. 5% discount on *continuing education* class registration.
- d. Listing for ten years in the University Catalog as emeritus faculty.
- e. Picture placement in the permanent display of emeritus faculty in the University Center. The cost of the picture and framing shall be paid by the University.
- f. Continuance of an ID (Mavcard) with identification as emeritus professor.
- g. Permanent library privileges equal to those of full-time faculty.
- h. Access at faculty cost to campus facilities, food service, fitness center, athletic events, fine and performing art events, and all other scheduled events.
- i. Invitation to graduation ceremonies, homecoming, social functions, symposia, and lectures.
- j. Consideration for teaching courses in which part-time instruction is needed and for which the emeritus professor has appropriate background.

Trustee Bishop moved to approve the implementation of the requested emeritus benefits. Trustee Reed seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**PROGRAM ADDITION/ENROLLMENT REVIEW.** Cynthia Pemberton, Vice President of Academic Affairs, presented a review of new degree/ certificate programs as well as substantive changes to existing programs approved by the Trustees between 2013-14 and 2016-17. A periodic review of enrollment actuals compared to program approval predications is best practice in terms of helping to ensure alignment between program viability and resource allocations (e.g., faculty, staff, budgets, etc.).

**PROGRAM APPROVAL: AAS & (3) TECHNICAL CERTIFICATES IN GERONTOLOGY.** Brigitte Sundermann, Vice President of WCCC, reported that with the aging population local healthcare advocates have requested programs that provide education in Gerontology. Trustee Wilson moved to approve the. Associates of Applied Science in Gerontology: Gerontology Specialist; Technical Certificates in Gerontology: Activity Assistant; Gerontology: Behavioral and Cognitive Care; Gerontology: End of Life Care and Support for implementation in fall 2018. Trustee Quimby seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.