

TRUSTEES OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1100 North Ave, Grand Junction, CO
Dominguez Hall, Gallegos Board Room
August 17th and 18th, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Griffin called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Dukes moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 19, 2023. Trustee Ramos seconded the motion for approval. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no public comments.

REPORTS

CHAIR: Chair Griffin welcomed everyone back to the new school year and mentioned what an exciting time of year it is to be back with everyone on campus. She highlighted the recent Colorado Commission on Higher Education summer retreat that was held at CMU and that she and Trustee Iwaniczko MacLeod had the opportunity to participate and attend. She heard from several commissioners that it was great for them to experience campus firsthand. Additionally, she expressed what a momentous occasion it was to unveil CMUTech and the feedback she has received in state and broader as we highlight the importance of, and our commitment to, career and technical education. She shared that she has personally connected with students that are coming to CMU as first year students and she encouraged everyone to connect with students in their communities to help the students understand the role of the Board as well as make a personal connection with students as they begin their journey at CMU.

PRESIDENT: President Marshall introduced **Human Scale University Champion Award for August 2023**, which was presented to Mr. Mike Carsten, Technical Instructor of Transportation Services at CMUTech for his numerous contributions to Colorado Mesa University and the broader community.

Following the adoption of the resolution, President Marshall acknowledged a couple of key personnel announcements including recognizing that Joan McDermott is no longer serving in an interim role but will be the full time Athletic Director. He acknowledged that Sharaya Cowan will serve as the inaugural Chief People officer at Colorado Mesa University. He also shared that Kelly Brough will serve as Vice President of Strategic Partnerships.

Additionally, President Marshall shared about welcome back activities and early start programs occurring as we welcome students back to campus. He shared excitement to preview the CMU Downtown space along with community partners later in the day. President Marshall shared that facilities projects of Wingate Apartments and the Theater project are on time and on budget.

He shared that CMU was able to highlight first generation issues while CCHE was on campus for their retreat and that he and Chancellor Tony Frank along with Brooke Potts, a first-generation student leader here at CMU, were panelists in a discussion focused on meeting the needs of first-generation students during the retreat.

President Marshall also mentioned a recent successful visit by the Colorado Development Committee and that CMU had the opportunity to share about the geo project and share information related to other supplemental requests.

Lastly, President Marshall informed the Board that former President Mike Gallagher passed away on August 17, 2023.

FACULTY TRUSTEE: Dr. Brian Parry expressed his gratitude for the Board's time and dedication to the Board. He introduced himself and shared about his educational journey highlighted the importance of serving the first-generation students. He also highlighted the 44 new faculty that have joined CMU this year and shared about the opportunity he had to speak with them at the new faculty orientation. He shared about the planning process faculty have undertaken to prepare for the semester. He shared that as he continues to work with President Marshall and Dr. Hendricks, he will continue to bring matters that concern the faculty to the Board, and he is looking forward to working with everyone to serve the university.

STUDENT TRUSTEE: Kylie Graham introduced herself and shared her excitement to work with and learn from the Board. She shared about a recent successful meeting she and other student leaders had with Vice President Diers and Student Life Director, Trey Downey. She shared about how the students are working to develop relationships with the broader community. She shared that ASG is excited to continue to work started to add additional counseling appointments through the Student Wellness Center. She shared excitement about the new Performing Arts building and feedback she has received from students about the programs it will impact. She shared about freshman welcome events and upcoming welcome week for campus.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Marshall asked for consideration to pull the Committee Appointments agenda item from the consent agenda and for it to be addressed separately. Trustee Foster moved. Trustee Dukes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Personnel
2. Designated Open Meeting posting
3. Committee Appointments
4. Transitional Retirement
5. Resolution 23-1

The remaining items on the consent agenda were considered for the consent agenda. Trustee Ramos motioned for approval. Trustee Fry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Appointments – Ron Davis was added to the Athletics committee. Trustee Dukes motioned for approval. Trustee Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Griffin motion to go into executive session for the purposes of discussing the details of the University's IT security arrangements pursuant to section 24-6-402(3)(a)(IV), C.R.S.

Trustee Sanchez seconded and the Board moved into Executive Session inviting President Marshall, Liz Howell, and Jeremy Brown to attend for the security briefing.

At the conclusion of the briefing by VP Jeremy Brown, Trustee Iwaniczko MacLeod motioned to end executive session, the motion was seconded by Trustee Ramos.

The Board resumed in public session beginning at 12:10 p.m. and took a recess to attend lunch at the campus-wide Welcome Back BBQ.

The meeting reconvened in public session at 1:35 p.m.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

TREASURER’S REPORT: Michelle Quinn, Vice President for Finance and Administration presented the Treasurer’s Report.

DASHBOARD: Michelle Quinn, Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services, presented the dashboard and cashflow statement through June 30, 2023.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE AND PLANNING: Kim Medina, AVP of Enrollment Management gave an enrollment update and provided an overview of the strategies being used currently. The Board had an in-depth discussion about enrollment trends, data, and statistics and recent initiatives specific to CMU. She previewed the CMU Promise and Merit Scholarship initiatives and given time constraints the **FINANCIAL AID & AFFORDABILITY** agenda item was tabled until Friday morning.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM REVIEW: Dr. Cher Hendricks, Vice President for Academic Affairs, gave an overview of the Program Review process and review cycle. She highlighted the Psychology and Mass Comm program reviews as well as recent specialized accreditation review findings for multiple programs.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS HLC REAFFIRMATION: Dr. Cher Hendricks, Vice President for Academic Affairs, reminded the Board of the 10-year accreditation cycle and the accreditation criteria. She explained the upcoming site visit to be held on October 2-3, 2023.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION: Dr. Cher Hendricks, Vice President for Academic Affairs, gave an update on the work being done to implement the Forming the Future Strategic Plan and gave an overview of the prioritization work being done for each of the pillars of the plan.

The Board recessed until Friday morning.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE AND PLANNING CONTINUED: Michelle Quinn, Vice President for Finance & Administration, Kim Medina, AVP of Enrollment Management and Lindsey Campbell, Executive Director of Financial Aid, Enrollment & Advising, resumed the Enrollment Update & Planning conversation.

Trustee Ramos motioned that the Board of Trustees approve and accept the financial aid packaging and merit scholarship plans for the fall class of 2024. The Board was encouraged by the CMU Promise and recognizes its alignment with CMU’s educational access and affordability

mission to be the leader in educational access and affordability for the region. Trustee Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL AID & AFFORDABILITY: Lindsey Campbell, Executive Director of Financial Aid, Enrollment & Advising, presented an overview of Financial Aid and Affordability and the Board had a lengthy discussion about the state of financial aid for higher education. The Board charged university leadership with exploring additional opportunities to support students navigate the changing landscape of financial aid and find creative pathways to make it possible for students to fund their educational expenses. Leadership will return with a presentation for the Board about this topic later this year.

President Marshall invited the students in his Freshman Early Start class to introduce themselves to the Board.

CLUB SPORTS: President Marshall and Joan McDermott, Athletic Director, acknowledged and highlighted the contributions and recent achievements of two Club Sports coaches:

1. Jesse Scott, Head Alpine Coach, named 2023 USCSA Coach of the Year.
2. Mackenzie Lewis, Women's Rugby Coach, 2023 Women's 7's Rugby National Champions.

LINEWORKER PROGRAM: Brigitte Sundermann, Vice President for Technical Education and Workforce Development, and Nick Reimer, Electric Lineworker Program Instructor, gave a presentation on Electrical Lineworker program and highlighted the history of the program, enrollment information, property and collaboration as well as the Hotline School that is hosted annually at CMUTech.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair asked for a motion to convene an executive session for the purposes of a litigation update pursuant to section 24-6-402(3)(a)(II), C.R.S, Trustee Iwaniczko MacLeod motioned, and Trustee Ramos seconded. President Marshall and Liz Howell were invited to attend.

Trustee Iwaniczko MacLeod motioned to end executive session; the motion was seconded by Trustee Ramos and the board resumed in public session at 11: 47 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Griffin adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.