

TRUSTEES OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1100 North Ave, Grand Junction, CO
Dominguez Hall, Gallegos Board Room
December 14, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

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

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 campus and shared excitement to be back together. She congratulated Trustee Dukes for his successful win in his campaign for City Council in Commerce City. She shared appreciation for President Marshall and Liz Howell for support of the Board for the 2023 year. Additionally, she recognized Trustee Sanchez and thanked him for his service to the Board of Trustees as his term has ended. She presented him with a Maverick Bronze in recognition of his tenure on the board.

PRESIDENT: President Marshall introduced **Human Scale University Champion Award for December 2023**, which was presented to Professor of History Doug O’Roark, Professor of Political Science Tim Casey and Assistant Professor Holly Oberle exemplified the values of CMU’s Human Scale Campus by facilitating a difficult conversation surrounding the ongoing conflict in Israel in front of over five hundred members of the community on October 24, 2023.

Following the adoption of the resolution, President Marshall reiterated that the panel was one of the largest civic forum events to date. Additionally, he highlighted that since the last meeting, CMU was able to host the Tri-Ute convening in the fall as a follow up to last January’s board meeting with guest speaker Mr. Earnest House, Jr.

He also highlighted CMU Tech signing day event and thanked Trustee Fry for attending and supporting the event and the students. He shared about the CMU Promise launch. He shared about his time at the Capital Development hearing and the opportunity to share about CMU’s priorities for the upcoming year. President Marshall also shared about townhall meetings with campus to communicate upcoming budget season information to campus.

FACULTY TRUSTEE: Dr. Brian Parry shared a story about a graduating student and supporting her during her final week prior to graduation. He shared an update of what faculty are working on at this time in the semester. He highlighted progress on the establishment of a technical

faculty award and that a committee will be established to see it implemented. He shared about other faculty awards given for faculty recognition. He also shared about his work with Dr. Hendricks to update the faculty evaluation process to a more uniform and consistent process based on faculty status. He shared about the net promoter pulse survey that is being implemented to gather feedback about the campus culture which will be in addition to broader surveys done less frequently. He shared about the work being done to update the Employee Handbook. Lastly, he shared about the excitement of celebrating graduation and looking forward to the upcoming semester.

STUDENT TRUSTEE: Kylie Graham shared about the excitement and stress of finals. She shared that the students appreciate the support put in place to help them be successful such as stress awareness week and the study support in the library. She highlighted the success of students who have found employment before graduation. She also shared a couple of recent club highlights including that the percussion club was one of eight United States universities invited to attend and perform at a festival in Valencia, Spain. She also highlighted the PA Program and that they were invited to a regional and national PA competition and that the students were successful and enjoy these opportunities. She shared about how students, professors, and community members are working together through the Ethics Fund through the Daniels Fund program to learn about and incorporate ethical behavior through a series of learning lessons and that students are eligible to receive a certificate recognizing they have completed all eight of the lessons in the program. She also shared about the excitement of graduation and end of the semester.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Personnel
2. Naming Opportunity – Dr. Joel Bechtel School of Physician Assistant Studies
3. CDL Program Approval

Trustee Iwaniczko MacLeod motioned for approval. Trustee Ramos seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Trustee Ramos and Trustee Davis shared that the nomination committee is working on outlining the process related to officer nominations and that a slate of officers will be brought to the Board for consideration at the January 2024 meeting.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATE – SABBATICAL REPORTS: Dr. Cher Hendricks, Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented the 2022-2023 Sabbatical Reports and highlighted the work of the faculty members.

STUDENT SERVICES: Jody Diers, Vice President for Student Services, gave an update on the work being done to support students outside the classroom and highlighted the work being done by the Student Services Departments.

Stephanie Rubinstein, Title IX Director also presented about her work as the CMU Title IX Director and shared about rule changes impacting Title IX. She also shared the initiatives she is working including trainings, updating procedures and partnering with the local school district.

At 11:45 a.m. the Board recessed for lunch and were joined for lunch by the Women's Soccer team and the faculty and staff who served on the HLC Steering Committee as well as Criterion chairs. The meeting resumed at 1:33 p.m.

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 year's budget to be brought before the Board for approval at the May meeting.

MODERNIZATION OF BOND RESOLUTION: Michelle Quinn, Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services, recommended the CMU Board of Trustees approve the updated master resolution contained in the board packet. Tim Fry motioned for approval. Ron Davis seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

CMU FISCAL RULES: Michelle Quinn, Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services gave an overview of the materials covered in the board packet related to updating the CMU Fiscal Rules. She and the Controller recommend changes to dollar thresholds for "commitment vouchers" as shown in the memo and redline (in the packet). These changes will streamline small dollar purchases and take broader advantage of purchase orders, saving contracts for high dollar and/or complex procurements.

Trustee Reiff requested that if the President overrides the limits they be noted in the Treasurer's Report and presented to the Board at the next meeting.

Trustee Dukes motioned to approve. Trustee Reiff seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE: Kelly Brough, Vice President for Strategic Partnerships, shared about her work in raising the profile of the university by developing strategic partnerships. She also shared about the work she is doing with the Human Resources Department to further develop the Human Scale University through work with women leaders on campus.

MARKETING MOMENT: David Ludlam, Vice President for Communications, shared a video and described the framework for sharing the CMU Promise across western Colorado.

ATHLETICS UPDATE: Joan McDermott, Athletic Director, gave an update on Athletics at Colorado Mesa University.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no additional business to be discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Ramos motioned to adjourn. Trustee Dukes seconded. Chair Griffin adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.