

TRUSTEES OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1100 North Ave, Grand Junction, CO
Dominguez Hall, Gallegos Board Room
March 10, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

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

TRUSTEES PRESENT

The following Trustees were present in person: Chair Griffin, Trustee, Trustee Buck, Iwaniczko MacLeod, Trustee Fry, Trustee Sanchez, Trustee Foster, Trustee Davis, Trustee Dukes, Trustee Reiff, Trustee Sekharan, Faculty Trustee Dr. Casey and Student Trustee Evan Piper. Trustee Ramos was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Dukes moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 17th and 18th, 2023. Trustee Fry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no public comments.

REPORTS

CHAIR: Chair Griffin welcomed everyone to campus and shared excitement to be in Grand Junction. She highlighted the appointment of Trustee Sekharan and the re-appointments of Trustee Ramos and Trustee Iwaniczko MacLeod and thanked them for their continued service to CMU and Colorado. Chair Griffin also recognized and thanked Trustee Casey for his work as Faculty Trustee and the increased engagement of the faculty that has been observed during his tenure in this role.

PRESIDENT: President Marshall began his report by introducing the Human Scale University Champion Award Resolution which was awarded to Dr. Elizabeth Sharpe for her contributions to the campus community and her work in the greater community, state, and country. The board unanimously supported the resolution.

President Marshall shared about the many activities occurring on campus the rest of the spring semester and invited participation in events including but not limited to Student Showcase, Unity Fest, Holocaust Awareness Week, Cesar Chavez celebration, and the Davis School of Business Speaker Series event. He shared excitement for the MPAC groundbreaking occurring later in the afternoon. Additionally, he shared an update on the Springboard Fellowship Program and highlighted the recent trip to Denver. President Marshall highlighted the Capital Conference that will be occurring June 13th -15th in D.C. and asked for those who are interested to express that interest in the near future as planning is underway. Lastly, he acknowledged the external positive feedback received related to his recent attendance at the State of the State and the State of the Union addresses. He expressed thanks to the Board for their foresight to support the university in being a convener in the community.

FACULTY TRUSTEE: Dr. Tim Casey echoed President Marshall's comments about how busy spring semester is and highlighted additional events such as History Day. He also commented about the collegiality of faculty and staff that is experienced working at CMU and how unique

and remarkable it is to have such supportive colleagues. He gave examples of how people often drop what they are doing to help each other with daily situations as well as during tough times. Additionally, he shared about how the sense of community and kindness is a benefit in the recruiting process when interviewing potential new faculty.

STUDENT TRUSTEE: Evan Piper updated on recent athletic competitions and wins. He shared updates from Student Life including Outdoor Program events, Mavs Take over the Mountain, the Cultural Inclusion Council Fashion Show, the HPA Luau, personal budgeting seminars, and many others. He shared that ASG is working on initiatives this semester including reviewing the student engagement software, ride share programs, governing documents, and preparing for MavAwards (annual student awards ceremony).

Additionally, Trustee Piper gave an update on the ASG biennial budget process explaining the oversight of the process and the framework of how the process works. He gave an overview of the allocation decisions made through this biennial process which will ultimately be approved by the Board along with the university budget in May. He answered questions about the process and student engagement with the organizations and opportunities offered to the students.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Sanchez moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Trustee Dukes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

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

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATE: Cher Hendricks, Vice President of Academic Affairs, gave an Academic Affairs update including sabbatical reports, teaching expectations and teacher-scholar model, as well as sharing about recent work to develop a Center for Teaching and Learning.

MONTROSE UPDATE: Derek Wagner, Vice President External Affairs, introduced David Reed, Montrose City Councilman, and previous CMU Trustee. VP Wagner and Mr. Reed gave an update on the CMU Montrose Campus including a history of the partnership and the development of the Montrose campus. Additionally, they shared about the recent development and announcement of the Montrose Permanent Fund of a \$2 million endowment to be established over five years.

A recess was taken for lunch between noon and 1:20 p.m. Representatives from the city of Montrose joined the Board of Trustees and Leadership team for lunch in UC 213.

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN UPDATE: Kent Marsh, Vice President of Capital Planning and Derek Wagner, Vice President External Affairs, shared information regarding historic context of the CMU Masterplan and growth of the campus. There was discussion about next steps in the master planning process and aligning it with the strategic planning work that is being done.

FORMING THE FUTURE – STRATEGIC PLAN: David Ludlam, Vice President of Communications, shared a recent video debuting the Future Summit phase of the Forming the Future process. He also

shared a recent example of students embracing the values, as defined through the Forming the Future process, when the Cultural Inclusion Council used them as the theme of the Spring 2023 Fashion Show.

VP Ludlam then summarized the work done to date, campus wide, to define the phrase Human Scale University, identify and define the Values, craft the Mission and Vision Statements and outline the pillars of the plan. He shared the layout of these components including the statutory mission for CMU.

Dr. Cher Hendricks, Vice President of Academic Affairs, summarized the recent campus contributions to the five pillars and objections of the plan and gave an overview of the Forming the Future Summit. VP Hendricks distributed the draft of the five pillars for review.

Chair Griffin opened the floor for discussion related to the Forming the Future plan and with no additional comments or discussion called for a motion related to the Mission and Vision Statements as presented.

Trustee Davis motioned to approve the Mission and Vision Statements as they were presented. Trustee Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

WCCC UPDATE: Brigitte Sundermann, Vice President of Community College Affairs gave an update on WCCC with an update on the impact of the Learn for Less initiative, a current look at enrollment including Tech Scholars, concurrent students and D51 college going rates. She shared information about Care Forward outcomes and Apprenticeship Partner Programs as well as Community Engagement at WCCC. Additionally, she announced, and invited, the Board to attend the upcoming Spring 2023 Technical Signing Day which will be held on May 3rd at 5:30 p.m.

WCCC REBRAND UPDATE: David Ludlam, Vice President of Communications, introduced Katlin Birdsall, Director of Marketing, who shared an update related to the ongoing qualitative and quantitative research that is occurring regarding the possible rebranding of WCCC. She gave a recap of the timeline and qualitative and quantitative data obtained to date and discussed next steps in the process.

Trustee Ron Davis made a motion to continue to move forward with the process of determining the rebranding of WCCC. Trustee Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET UPDATE: Michelle Quinn, Vice President for Finance and Administration, introduced Whitney Sutton, Budget Director, and shared about the budget process that has been occurring since November 2022. VP Quinn gave an overview of FY22 actuals as well as FY23 budget to date. She also shared a preview of FY24 budget with what information is currently available. Additionally, she explained that more information will be available, and the Board will be updated, pending JBC figure setting. VP Quinn also explained Colorado Public Higher Education funding and CMU's position.

OTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED

There was no additional business to be considered.

ADJOURN

Trustee Iwaniczko MacLeod motioned to adjourn, and Trustee Buck seconded. Motion passed unanimously and Chair Griffin adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

The Board attended the groundbreaking of the new performing arts facility directly after the Board meeting adjourned.