

TRUSTEES OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1100 North Ave, Grand Junction, CO
Dominguez Hall, Gallegos Board Room
May 19, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Griffin called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Alison Griffin
Lori Buck
Kasia Iwaniczko MacLeod
Tim Fry
Daniel Ramos
Alex Sanchez
David Foster
Ron Davis
Charles Dukes
Gary Reiff
Joyce Sekharan

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, and to discuss the employment performance review of President Marshall pursuant to section 24-6-402(3)(b)(I), C.R.S.

Trustee Sanchez motioned and Trustee Foster seconded. The Board went into executive session at 9:06 a.m.

The Trustees reconvened in general session at 10:00 a.m.

Faculty Trustee Dr. Tim Casey and Student Trustee Evan Piper joined the meeting following executive session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Following a correction to the minutes to list Trustee Lori Buck in attendance only one time, as her name was listed twice, Trustee Dukes moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 10, 2023. Trustee Fry seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no public comments.

REPORTS

President Marshall presented Senator Kyle Mullica with the 2023 GEO Hero Award in appreciation for his work to advance CMU's geothermal project.

The Board read and approved the Human Scale Champion resolution acknowledging Head Baseball Coach Chris Hanks and his contributions to creating a human scale university.

CHAIR: Chair Griffin shared a note from the Montrose campus thanking the Board for their role in the new endowment created for the Montrose campus. She also expressed excitement to be in attendance for the commencement ceremony and shared a personal testimony of meeting parents of a graduating student who shared their appreciation for CMU and the scholarships their daughter received while attending.

Chair Griffin also expressed appreciation that commencement will be highlighting all learners receiving credentials ranging from certificates to four-year degrees and graduate degrees.

PRESIDENT: President Marshall introduced Joan McDermott, the interim Athletic Director. He highlighted spring athletic successes and the recent naming of Foster Fieldhouse. He highlighted other spring campus events such as E-Day and Student Showcase. He also shared that Governor Polis will be attending commencement as the guest speaker chosen by students in ASG.

Additionally, he spoke about the excitement to host the Colorado Capital Conference and take leaders from across the state to Washington D.C. in collaboration with CU and CSU as well as Senator Bennet and Senator Hickenlooper.

David Ludlam shared a marketing moment video of students highlighting the embodiment of the values from the Forming the Future initiative.

FACULTY TRUSTEE: Dr. Tim Casey shared and read a letter reflecting on his experience as faculty trustee and his gratitude for the opportunity. Additionally, he introduced Dr. Brian Parry as the new Faculty Trustee. The Board expressed their thanks for his service and how much they enjoyed working and serving with Dr. Casey.

STUDENT TRUSTEE: Evan Piper gave an update on the events that ASG has hosted over the last couple of months. He expressed his thanks for the experience of serving as student trustee and his appreciation for the knowledge he gained through the experience. Additionally, he introduced student Kylie Graham as the incoming Student Trustee. The Board expressed their thanks for Trustee Piper's service and congratulated him on his graduation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Reiff motioned the items of the consent agenda be approved. Trustee Dukes seconded. The following items were approved unanimously:

1. Personnel – April 2023
2. Investment Policy Statement Annual Review
3. Transitional Retirement
4. Emeritus Faculty
5. Curriculum
Year End Substantive Changes to Programs

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

RODEO PROGRAM: Mr. Brandon Edwards, Rodeo Coach, introduced students from the CMU Rodeo Team and gave an update on rodeo program.

TREASURER'S REPORT & DASHBOARD: Michelle Quinn, Vice President of Finance and Administration, presented the Treasurer's Report and Financial Dashboard.

Michelle Quinn, Vice President of Finance and Administration and Whitney Sutton, Budget Director, presented the proposed budget, tuition & fee rates & Institutional plan.

Michelle Quinn, Vice President of Finance and Administration presented on the 401(a) & 403(b) Matching Contribution Increase and the Annual Cash Pooling Option.

The Board then considered and approved the following motions:

FY24 CMU BUDGET & TUITION & FEE RATES & INSTITUTIONAL PLAN:

Trustee Sanchez motioned to approve Fiscal Year 2023-24 operating and capital budgets, including tuition, fees, room and board rates and approve CMU's Institutional Plan for Student Fees (IPLAN). Trustee Ramos seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

401(a) & 403(b) MATCHING CONTRIBUTION INCREASE:

Trustee Ramos moved that the CMU Board of Trustees approve 1) a 401(a) university match increase from 11.4% to 12.4% and 2) a 1:2 403(b) university match up to 1.0%. Trustee Sekharan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONAL CASH POOLING OPTION:

Trustee Dukes motioned to allow CMU Administration to invest cash funds in excess of short-term needs with CSAFE and/or COLOTRUST. Trustee Ramos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 12:30 p.m. the board took a short recess for lunch and were joined by Tenure and Promotion Faculty recipients.

FY25 STATE CAPITAL & CONTROLLED MAINTENANCE SUBMISSION

REQUESTS: Kent Marsh, VP of Capital Planning, presented the FY25 State Capital & Controlled Maintenance Submission Request. Trustee Fry motioned that the Board of Trustees approve the following:

- FY2024-25 Capital Construction Capital Renewal Project Request – Five Year Plan
- FY2024-25 Controlled Maintenance Request – Summary
- Performing Arts Expansion and Renovation, Phase 2 of 2, Program Plan
- Allied Health Relocation Program Plan
- Three-year program plan waiver for the Electrical and Computer Engineering project

Trustee Dukes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Dr. Cher Hendricks, Vice President for Academic Affairs, gave an overview of the work done to finalize the Forming the Future Strategic Plan initiative. Trustee Ramos made a motion that the CMU Board of Trustees approve the Forming the Future, Strategic Plan. Trustee Dukes seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATE: Dr. Cher Hendricks, Vice President for Academic Affairs, gave an update on Academic Affairs recognizing Emeritus Faculty, Curriculum changes, and the upcoming HLC Accreditation visit in October 2023.

Chair Griffin transitioned the role of chair of the meeting over to Vice-Chair Lori Buck as she

A short recess was taken at 1:55 p.m.

CMU FOUNDATION BUDGET: Robin Brown, Vice President of Development, presented the FY24 operating budget for the Colorado Mesa University Foundation. Trustee Foster motioned to approve the presented budget. Trustee Fry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Iwaniczko MacLeod motioned to convene in executive session and to discuss the employment performance review of President Marshall pursuant to section 24-6-402(3)(b)(I), C.R.S. Trustee Reiff seconded the motion, and the Board went into executive session at 2:55 p.m.

The Trustees reconvened in general session at 3:00 p.m.

Following reconvening in general session, Trustee Reiff motioned that President Marshall be granted the full bonus as outlined in President Marshall's contract. Trustee Fry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

LINE WORKER PROGRAM – This agenda item was deferred to the next meeting agenda.

HOTEL MAVERICK ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET: Derek Wagner, VP External Affairs Introduced Gareth Brown, Director of Operations, Charlestowne, who gave an update on the hotel budget and annual plan for the upcoming year.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to bring before the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

In Chair Griffin's absence, Lori Buck Vice Chair, adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.