

**TRUSTEES OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY**  
**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**1100 North Ave, Grand Junction, CO**  
**Dominguez Hall, Gallegos Board Room**  
**December 12, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Fry called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Chair Fry, Trustee Buck, Trustee Iwaniczko MacLeod, Trustee Ramos, Trustee Davis, Trustee Foster, Trustee Sekharan, Trustee Griffin, Trustee Reiff, Trustee Dukes, Faculty Trustee Dr. Brian Parry, and Student Trustee Kylie Graham were in attendance. Trustee Moreno attended virtually.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Buck moved to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting October 18, 2024. Trustee Ramos seconded the motion for approval. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Buck moved to approve the minutes of the special Board meeting November 18, 2024. Trustee Ramos seconded the motion for approval. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no public comments.

**REPORTS**

**CHAIR:** Chair Fry highlighted Team Limelight for their XPrize win and congratulated the team for their success. He thanked the board members who participated in the BOT Athletics committee meeting recently and shared that they will continue to meet throughout the spring semester to cover topics related to college athletics. He recognized the success of the Asteria Theatre and the impact it is having on the local community.

**PRESIDENT:** President Marshall introduced the **Human Scale University Champion Award for December 2024**, which was presented to Mr. Pua Utu in recognition of his tireless efforts and profound contributions to the safety of Colorado Mesa University. The Board and Leadership Team took time to recognize and express gratitude for Mr. Utu's enduring commitment, exemplary service and the transformative impact he has had on the CMU community.

Following the adoption of the resolution, President Marshall thanked Kelly Brough for her service to Colorado Mesa University and presented her with a CMU Challenge Coin.

Continuing his report, President Marshall mentioned recent fundraising successes by the CMU Foundation. Additionally, President Marshall reminded the board that the campus is closed between Christmas and New Year as a part of the alternative holiday schedule that is observed. He also shared that the Board will be back together in January for the board meeting and legislative reception at the Art Hotel.

**FACULTY TRUSTEE:** Dr. Brian Parry shared that the faculty success committee is looking into attendance policy revisions that will be advanced after additional conversations. Additionally, he shared that faculty success committee and faculty senate have reviewed course evaluations and

those will be administered to students in February. He also shared about other institutions that are offering three-year bachelor's degrees in Utah and the attention that is getting in higher education across Colorado. Faculty Senate has signed onto a joint letter with other Faculty Senate's across Colorado endorsing the opposition to calling such a decree received with less than 120 credit hours something other than a bachelor's degree. Dr. Parry also shared an update on in person vs. online overload compensation. There will be more discussion related to that issue going forward.

**STUDENT TRUSTEE:** Kylie Graham shared about the excitement of fall commencement ceremony and highlighted several students who have secured employment opportunities following graduation. She noted that a lot of the December graduates tend to stay in Grand Junction and pursue graduate degrees. She mentioned student study spaces across campus and needs to enhance them especially during finals. She highlighted that the ASG biennial budget process has wrapped up by passing both the House and the Senate and will be advancing to the board as a part of the annual budget process. She also introduced ASG President Leilani Domingo and Vice President Myles Newble and they introduced themselves and shared about their experience in ASG this year.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Personnel
2. Sabbatical Leave Reports

Trustee Ramos motioned for approval and Trustee Griffin seconded. The consent agenda items were approved unanimously.

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

**BOARD GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE & TRUSTEE POLICY REVISIONS:** Trustee Ramos thanked the committee members for their participation on the committee. The committee sent out an email asking for nominations or self-nominations for executive committee officers for the 2025 year. A slate of officers will be advanced at the January Board meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Michelle Quinn, Vice President for Finance and Administration presented the Treasurer's Report. President Marshall and VP Quinn also gave the board an update on FY25 Institutional Financial Aid.

**FORMATION DISTRICT MASTER PLAN:** Derek Wagner, VP of External Affairs and Chief of Staff, introduced Eric Buchanan of the OliverBuchanan Group, and they gave a presentation summarizing the charrette planning process that occurred earlier in the fall and shared ideas that came from that process.

**CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE:** Robin Brown, VP of Development and CEO of CMU Foundation, gave an overview of the CMU 100-year celebration planning process and shared that Trustee Kasia Iwaniczko MacLeod and Trustee Charles Dukes will be representing the board in the planning process.

*At noon, the Board recessed for lunch and were joined by local elected officials and community leaders from Grand Junction, Palisade and Fruita.*

**MARKETING MOMENT:** As a part of the lunch hour, David Ludlam, Vice President for Communications showed the CMU Water Tower Mav Month video and shared Admissions recruitment materials. VP Ludlam and President Marshall highlighted the importance of relationships in the work we are doing to support students and thanked the guests for the continued relationships with CMU.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Chair Fry motioned to convene an executive session for the purpose of discussing the mid-year employment performance review of President Marshall pursuant to section 24-6-402(3)(b)(I), C.R.S. Trustee Ramos seconded. The Board went into Executive Session at 1:30 p.m. and invited President John Marshall to join. Following discussion, executive session ended and the Board return to general session. There was no action taken.

**INSTITUTIONAL NEUTRALITY:** Derek Wagner, VP of External Affairs and Chief of Staff, shared Resolution 24-01 regarding Institutional Neutrality. After discussion, Trustee Dukes motioned to adopt the resolution. Trustee Ramos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ENROLLMENT ANALYSIS:** Jody Diers, Vice President for Student Services introduced Kim Medina, VP of Enrollment Management and Lindsey Campbell, Executive Director of Financial Aid, Advising and Enrollment Management, who gave an Enrollment Analysis update.

**STATE FUNDING FORMULA:** Michelle Quinn, Vice President for Finance and Administration led a discussion about the current landscape of state funding for higher education.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no additional business to be discussed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Ramos motioned to adjourn. Trustee Dukes seconded. Chair Fry adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.