

TRUSTEES OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1100 North Ave, Grand Junction, CO
Dominguez Hall, Gallegos Board Room
October 18, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fry called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Buck moved to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting August 15th & 16th, 2024. Trustee Ramos seconded the motion for approval. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no public comments.

REPORTS

CHAIR: Chair Fry highlighted the excitement around welcoming our largest freshman class. He also highlighted the work being done on campus to welcome families as well as the volunteerism that occurs on campus. He also commented on the successful opening of the Astoria theatre and thanked board members for participating in the events at the theatre this fall and in the work done to highlight the arts in western Colorado. He also acknowledged and thanked the students, faculty and staff on the work done to create the environment and culture at CMU.

PRESIDENT: President Marshall introduced **Human Scale University Champion Award for October 2024**, which was presented to Mr. Maurice LaMee & Dr. Darin Kamstra in recognition of their tireless efforts and profound contributions to bringing the transformative power of the arts to our campus, region, and state.

Following the adoption of the resolution, President Marshall thanked Mo Lamee and Darin Kamstra for their work over the last two years to design, build and bring to life the Astoria Theatre. He highlighted the work being done to bring elected officials and voter registration and other civic related events during election season to campus. He shared about the recent visit to campus by previous governors Owens and Ritter and their positive reactions to being on campus recently. He shared about continuing the CMU Promise tour and over recruiting efforts that continue on the heels of welcoming this large incoming class. Additionally, President Marshall shared about the success of announcing and ticket sales for the upcoming Neil Degrasse Tyson event and the excitement in the community around the event. He shared about the upcoming design charrette process that will be occurring in the near future and that Trustee Foster and Trustee Buck will be representing the board during that process.

FACULTY TRUSTEE: Dr. Brian Parry also shared the excitement around welcoming this new class of students. He highlighted that the campus climate survey just closed, and they are in the process of reviewing the data. The information will be presented to the board at an upcoming

meeting. He shared the faculty salary and benefits committee is in the process of considering how to recognize instructor line positions and that there are recommendations that are being considered as proposed revisions for the personnel handbook. He also shared about work the faculty success committee is doing related to the course evaluation tool. Additionally, he shared that a discussion has been initiated about compensation overload pay and the faculty will continue to work with Dr. Hendricks and President Marshall to continue the discussion.

STUDENT TRUSTEE: Kylie Graham shared about the Homecoming events occurring and how the students are excited to participate in the events and celebrate Homecoming. Grocery bingo, Arcadia events, and the beer mile event. She also shared that the parade will feature 45 different floats. She also highlighted the Spirit of the Maverick theme for homecoming and how it illustrates the positive energy felt on campus with the large class of students. Student Life is reporting historic participation numbers in activities and club memberships. She also highlighted the Outdoor Program and the work they do to help students experience the outdoors during their college experience. This fall the OP has had 85% participation in each of their trips this fall which is also an increase in student engagement. She also shared that while there has been discussion amongst administrators about the housing needs the students have enjoyed their various living experiences. Lastly, she highlighted student government work and the work done to date on the biennial budget process.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Personnel
2. Tenure Recommendation
3. Board Calendar revision

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

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

BOARD GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE & TRUSTEE POLICY REVISIONS: Chair Fry presented the revisions to the Board Policy Manual as presented in the board packet. Trustee Iwaniczko MacLeod motioned to approve and Trustee Sekharan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ENTREPRENEURIAL OPERATING SYSTEM (EOS) UPDATE: President Marshall shared and update on the Entrepreneurial Operating System (EOS) that has been implemented at CMU.

FINANCIAL DASHBOARD: Michelle Quinn, Vice President for Finance and Administration presented the Fall 2024 Financial Dashboard.

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

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATE: Dr. Cher Hendricks, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Brigitte Sundermann gave an update on the Cultivating Collaboration and Innovation Pillars of the CMU Forming the Future Strategic Plan. Dr. Hendricks also shared an update on the Davis School of Business strategic plan goal.

At noon. the Board recessed for lunch and were joined by Dr. Tom Walla and other members of Limelight Rainforest Team for a presentation of their work competing for the XPrize.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chair Fry asked for a motion to convene an 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 Ramos made a motion and Trustee Foster seconded. The Board went into Executive Session at 1:30 p.m. and invited President John Marshall, VP Jeremy Brown, Faculty Trustee Brian Parry, Student Trustee Kylie Graham, and Liz Howell to join.

Jeremy Brown shared the university's IT annual security briefing There was no action taken.

Following discussion, Trustee Sekharan motioned to end executive session and return to general session. Buck seconded and the board returned to general session.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPDATE: Jeremy Brown, VP of Information Technology, shared and informational report on the work of the Information Technology department during 2024.

MARKETING MOMENT: David Ludlam, Vice President for Communications highlighted recent media coverage of the CMU Promise Tour. He also shared a video about the Wait is Over campaign and the positive response received across the state with President Marshall's visits. VP Ludlam and President Marshall highlighted the importance of relationships in the work we are doing to recruit students.

DAVIS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS: Dr. Cher Hendricks, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Kelly Brough, VP of Strategic Partnerships, gave an overview of the recent Davis School of Business Strategic Planning Session and considerations to consider going forward.

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 Foster seconded. Chair Fry adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.