

**TRUSTEES OF THE
METROPOLITAN STATE COLLEGE OF DENVER**

**Wednesday, April 2, 2003
8 a.m. – 12 noon
Tivoli Student Union, Room 320
Auraria Campus**

REVISED - MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:05 a.m. by Chair Benson.

Board of Trustees Present:

Trustee Bruce Benson
Trustee Gin Butler
Trustee Alex Cranberg
Trustee Mark Martinez
Trustee Adele Phelan
Trustee Ann Rice (Excused)
Trustee Pat Wiesner
Faculty Trustee Gene Saxe
Student Trustee Harris Singer

Metro State Cabinet Present:

Sheila Kaplan, President
Teri Bokn, Executive Assistant to the President
Michael Barnett, Vice President for Finance and Administration
Lee Combs, General Counsel
Gay Cook, Vice President for Executive Operations and Planning
Percy Morehouse, Executive Director, Equal Opportunity
Cheryl Norton, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Yolanda Ortega-Ericksen, Vice President for Student Services
Carolyn Schaefer Wollard, Vice President for Institutional Advancement

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. March 5, 2003, Board Meeting Minutes: It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2003, Board Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

III. REPORTS

- A. Board Chair: Chair Benson reported that the AHEC Board was not meeting until Friday, April 4, so there was no current report. The Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Higher Education was discussing Western, Adams, and Mesa State Colleges implementing their own

governing boards. He also stated that, “we” are just seeing the beginning” of the budget concerns.

- B. President: President Kaplan reported that as of today (April 2, 2003), Metro State’s share of the higher ed cuts is \$6.5 million starting July 1 and that is probably an optimistic sum. The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools focused visit on governance on March 31 and April 1, 2003, was very positive and the report should be received in about 5-6 weeks. The Nursing Program and the Foundation are making good progress raising private funds to support the program. Fifty-two Metro State students have been called to serve in Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- C. Student Government: Student Trustee Harris Singer distributed his report to the Trustees and highlighted areas, such as student fee policy and RIF policy as presented in the proposed MSCD Trustee Manual and MSCD Handbook for Professional Personnel.
- D. Faculty Senate: Joan Foster, President of Faculty Senate, opted to give her report during the OPEN HEARING part of the meeting.
- E. Legislative Report: Jep Seman, lobbyist, gave an update on the legislative session and how work on the budget will affect Metro State.

IV. OPEN HEARING

- A. Hearing on the Proposed MSCD Trustees Policy Manual and MSCD Handbook for Professional Personnel: Mr. Bruce Benson, Chair, Board of Trustees, led the open hearing regarding the proposed MSCD Trustee Manual and MSCD Handbook for Professional Personnel. Faculty, Staff, Administrators, and Students had previously submitted reports on their concerns and spoke on the main points.

During the hearing, the Board moved and seconded to strike the language from the handbook, Section 4.2 Tuition and Fees, Subsection B. “Mandatory fees shall not be used to fund ideological, political, or religious activities or groups.”, recognizing that the President will exercise good judgment in implementing the current policy.

V. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Overview of the General Studies Program (*Dr. Joan Foster, President of the Metro State Faculty Senate*)

It was decided to table this item until the May Board meeting to allow more time for discussion.

- B. Assessment of General Studies Program Goals (*Dr. Frieda Holley, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs*)

It was decided to table this item until the May Board meeting to allow more time for discussion.

VI. PERSONNEL INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Personnel Actions Delegated to the President: There was no presentation as this is an information item only.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel Gallegos, Student Representative/Honor Society, addressed issues related to the teacher evaluation process and advising as presented in the proposed MSCD Trustee Manual and MSCD Handbook for Professional Personnel.

Maureen Lancaster, Director for the Center of Individualized Learning, addressed issues related to Advising and the Affirmative Action Policy as presented in the proposed MSCD Trustee Manual and MSCD Handbook for Professional Personnel.

Jim Becker, President of the Classified Council, addressed the Board regarding the Classified staff's concerns about layoffs and the impact they are having on morale.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 12:25 p.m., it was moved and seconded to adjourn to Executive Session. The board convened into Executive Session to confer with the Board's attorney to receive specific advice on a legal question in accordance with 24-6-402(3)(a)(II), C.R.S.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at approximately 2:10 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.