

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

**Monday, June 16, 2003
*5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Administrative Building, Room 570
1201 5th Street
Auraria Campus**

**(The Executive Session is expected to last approximately 1 hours, and the Open Session is expected to begin at approximately 6:15 p.m.)*

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5.35 p.m. by Chair Benson. Chair Benson welcomed two of the three newly appointed trustees, Ms. Maria Garcia Berry and Mr. Sean Tonner. John Osborn was not able to attend.

Board of Trustees Present:

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

Metro State Cabinet Present:

Teri Bokn, Executive Assistant to the President
Michael Barnett, Vice President for Finance and Administration
Lee Combs, General Counsel
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. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 5:37 p.m., it was moved and seconded to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters in accordance with 24-6-402(3)(b)(I), C.R.S. and to confer with the Board's attorney to receive specific advice on a legal questions in accordance with 24-6-402(3)(a)(II), C.R.S. The motion passed unanimously.

At approximately 7:00 p.m., the open meeting was re-convened.

III. Board approval of President Kaplan's resignation: It was moved and seconded to accept President Kaplan's resignation and approve the resignation and release agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Board approval of President Emerita title for President Kaplan: It was moved and seconded to approve the title of President Emerita effective July 1, 2003, for President Kaplan. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Benson remarked that "we all owe Sheila a great deal. She came here in pretty tough times 10 years ago, brought order to the college, brought in new people, took us way up, and so we want to thank her for all her efforts." This comment was followed by applause.

V. Board approval of sabbatical plan for President Kaplan: It was moved and seconded to approve the sabbatical plan for President Kaplan as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Other

Chair Benson said that the board is beginning to discuss the search process. He said, "We are going to be hiring a search firm so we can do a good national search. This is in process. We did not make any decisions today concerning the search, because we don't want to make fast decisions without careful deliberation. We want to find out who's available, talk to them, and solicit their proposals. The other item we discussed in great length and did not come to closure on is Interim President. I would guess that within a week we will meet again to discuss this issue."

Chair Benson thanked Pat Wiesner, who has been appointed to Board of Trustees for Western State, for his service to the Metro State Board of Trustees.

At approximately 7:10 p.m., it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.