

**METROPOLITAN STATE COLLEGE *of* DENVER  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Wednesday, April 2, 2008  
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Tivoli Student Union Room 320  
Auraria Campus**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. The meeting was called to order at 8:34 am.

**Trustees Present:**

Trustee Phelan, Trustee Garcia Berry, Trustee Harris, Trustee Cohen, Trustee Martinez, Trustee Lucero, Trustee Esquibel, Trustee Bookhardt, Faculty Trustee Gene Saxe, Student Trustee Kevin Harris

**Trustees Absent:**

Trustee Robinson

**Metro State Personnel Present:**

Stephen Jordan, President; Lee Combs, General Counsel; Carl Powell, Vice President for Information Technology; Kathy MacKay, Vice President for Student Services; Linda Curran, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Natalie Lutes, Vice President for Administration and Finance; Cathy Lucas, Associate Vice President for Communications; Sandra Haynes, Dean, School of Professional Studies; Kathy Heyl, Assistant Dean, School of Professional Studies; Joan L. Foster, Dean, School of Letters, Arts and Sciences; John Cochran, Dean, School of Business; Hal Nees, Faculty Senate President; Julie Sharer-Price, Administrative Assistant to the President; Brandi Saturley, Administrative Assistant to the President; and others.

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. The Board convened into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters in accordance with 24-6-402(3)(b)(I), C.R.S. or to possibly confer with the Board's attorney to receive specific advice on legal questions in accordance with 24-6-402(3)(a)(II), C.R.S.
- b. The Board was in Executive Session from 8:35 am – 9:53 am.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. The minutes of February 6, 2007 were approved as recorded.
- b. A clarification of Robert's Rules of Order provided that non-voting members hold the same privileges as voting members except for those

expressly taken away by statute. Therefore, non-voting members may move and second motions.

#### IV. REPORTS (OPTIONAL)

- a. **Chair's Report - Chair Adele Phelan** reported that the recent Metro State Caucuses had focused on the Aviation Department and the Art Department. She also attended the February Foundation Board meeting in Trustee Robinson's stead and the Tri-Institutional Board meeting with over fifty other Board members. A result of the Tri-Board retreat is that the three Board Chairs, along with rotating staff and members, will now be meeting on a regular basis. Chairwoman Phelan also attended the David Skaggs/CCHE Reception.
- b. **AHEC Board – Trustee Maria Garcia Berry** provided an update on the funding for the science building, and thanked Student Trustee Kevin Harris for his service in testifying at the Capitol, noting the skill and relevance he brought to the task.
- c. **President – Dr. Stephen Jordan**
  - i. Jordan thanked Christine Staberg, Mary Marchun, Cathy Lucas, Trustee Garcia Berry and CU President Benson for their considerable contributions over the past few days in responding to the Science Building funding crisis.
  - ii. Jordan invited the Trustees to Metro State's May Day celebration and announced that previous Trustees Butler, Osborn and Tonner would be joining the next Board meeting for a service recognition ceremony.
  - iii. Jordan reported that he had been asked to serve on the Governor's Job Cabinet, which will serve to align the educational offerings K – 16 and provide an educational system that is responsive to the skills and technology required by the economy. Jordan noted that he was pleased for the opportunity to work on this Cabinet.
  - iv. Jordan also noted the recent airing of an NPR special on Tools of the Mind, an early education program developed by Metro State psychology faculty Deborah Leong.
  - v. Jordan welcomed newly-hired VP for IT Dr. Carl Powell, and thanked him for his hard work early on recovering the server system from the recent hardware crash.
  - vi. Jordan reminded Board members of the upcoming 9News Leader of the Year Award honoring Dr. Carrie Besnette.
  - vii. Jordan announced that Dr. Luis Torres has accepted the new Deputy Provost Position.
  - viii. **Legislative Report:** Christine Staberg provided the legislative report, noting that the funding crisis had developed from a dramatic change in the economic forecast of the projected revenue. The Federal Mineral Lease Bill will be introduced today into the Senate, which will create a potential funding source for the Science

Building. Three bills will be critical to secure this funding, so there is a lot of work to be done before the end of the legislative session. Trustee Garcia Berry, President Jordan and Capstone Representatives discussed the various bills, potential pitfalls, internal fundraising and tuition increases as it related to higher education funding and the Science Building.

- d. **Student Government – Student Government Assembly President Jack Wylie** reported that students were returning from Spring Break and preparing to transition into the next year, including planning the elections for next year’s leaders. The RTD student referendum vote is today and tomorrow, and the SGA is encouraging students to participate.
- e. **Finance Committee – Trustee Mark Martinez** reported that the Finance Committee reviewed the revised 2008 operating budget, which includes an estimated budget of \$30,000 a year for trustee educational opportunities. This budget is essentially intended to provide educational opportunities through symposiums and seminars to address incoming board members’ steep learning curve. Trustee Martinez reported that Metro State is expecting \$5 million in additional COF funding and fee for service revenues, along with an expected tuition increase of 7.5 percent. Another topic of discussion was determining that Trustees are considered employees of the College for liability purposes while performing activities in behalf of the College.
- f. **Academic and Student Affairs Committee – Chair Adele Phelan** reported that the committee met with the Athletic Representative and will be having regular conversations about the athletic program. The committee also received an update on Appendix A, instructional program fee recommendations, and the financial exigency policy.
- g. **Public-Private Partnerships – Trustee Ellen Robinson – President Jordan** provided this update in Trustee Robinson’s absence. The P3 Committee has been meeting and the Request for Proposal Process is moving forward.
- h. **Foundation Report - Trustee Ellen Robinson - VP Besnette** reported that there will be a full Foundation Board Meeting on Tuesday.
- i. **Faculty Senate – Dr. Hal Nees, President** reported that the Faculty Senate has an upcoming election for President and he will not be a candidate. The work on Pay for Performance continues with several open faculty meetings. The Faculty Senate has also met regarding core/general studies. At the March 5 meeting, a motion passed in the Faculty Senate to support domestic partner benefits at Metro State. This motion has received support from the employee’s councils and the Faculty Senate. The motion requests that the Board of trustees make a motion encouraging CHEIBA to support this as well.
  - i. **Trustee Martinez** moved to have Executive Director of HR Judy Zewe report back to the Board with the legal and financial background on supporting such a motion at the next Board meeting

in order to prepare the Board to pass a motion to share with CHEIBA. The motion **passed** unanimously.

- j. **Council of Chairs – Mr. Greg Watts** – Trey Fleisher, Economics Chair, reported in Mr. Watts’ place. The Council of Chairs supports the above-referenced Faculty Senate Motion. Dr. Fleisher also noted that the Council of Chairs Executive Committee appreciated the inclusion and consultation in the development of the Core Curriculum/General Studies documents.
- k. **Alumni – Alumni Representative Gerie Grimes** reported that there was an Alumni meeting yesterday, and that the alumni network had contributed considerably to the push to support more funding for the Science Building. Ms. Grimes also reported that Alumni wanted to stay involved in the HSI Task Force recommendations and activities. Ms. Grimes also reminded Board Members of the upcoming Apprentice Challenge Finale on May 1<sup>st</sup> in the Tivoli Turnhalle.

## V. ACTION ITEMS

**The following item is recommended by the Administration and Finance:**

- a. **Revised Fiscal Year 2008 MSCD Operating & Auxiliary Budgets**
  - i. This item was **approved**. The motion **passed** unanimously.

## VI. CONSENT ITEMS

**The following item(s) are presented by the Office of Human Resources:**

- a. **Personnel Items**
  - i. This item was **approved**. The motion **passed** unanimously.

**The following item(s) are recommended by the Office of Academic Affairs:**

- b. **Proposal for a New Minor and Certificate in Cinema Studies**
  - i. This item was **approved**. The motion **passed** unanimously.
- c. **Proposal for a New Pre-Healthcare Minor**
  - i. This item was **approved**. The motion **passed** unanimously.
- d. **Proposal for a New Certificate in International Business**
  - i. This item was **approved**. The motion **passed** unanimously.
- e. **Proposal for a New Magazines Concentration in Journalism**
  - i. This item was **approved**. The motion **passed** unanimously.
- f. **Proposal for a New Air Traffic Control Concentration**
  - i. This item was **approved**. The motion **passed** unanimously.
- g. **Proposal for an International Studies Concentration in the Individualized Degree Program**
  - i. This item was **approved**. The motion **passed** unanimously.
- h. **Proposal for a New Certificate in Accounting**
  - i. This item was **approved**. The motion **passed** unanimously.

- i. Proposal for a New Geographical Information Systems Minor**
  - i. This item was **approved**. The motion **passed** unanimously.
- j. Proposal for a New Study Abroad Course – Geography and Mapping in China**
  - i. This item was **approved**. The motion **passed** unanimously.

**VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**The following item(s) are presented by the Office of Human Resources:**

- a. Personnel Items**

**The following item(s) are presented by the Office of the President**

- b. President’s Written Report to the Board**

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. There were no requests for public comment.**

**IX. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. There were no future agenda items requested.**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:25 am.**