

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

**Wednesday, May 7, 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 approximately 8:30 am.

**Trustees Present:**

Trustee Phelan, Trustee Harris, Trustee Cohen, Trustee Martinez, Trustee Lucero, Trustee Bookhardt, Trustee Robinson, Faculty Trustee Gene Saxe, Student Trustee Kevin Harris

**Trustees Absent:**

Trustee Esquibel, Trustee Garcia Berry

**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; 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; Gerie Grimes, Alumni Representative; 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 convened into Executive Session from 10:14 am until 11:30 am.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. The minutes of April 2, 2008 were approved as recorded.

#### IV. REPORTS (OPTIONAL)

- a. **Chair's Report - Chair Adele Phelan** reported that she was able to attend the Association of Governing Boards' annual meeting with Trustee Martinez, Trustee Esquibel, and President Jordan. Trustee Martinez noted the significant benefits of having newer trustees attend a conference such as this, and commented that this type of training would be beneficial to the Board as trustee turnover occurs. Chair Phelan also reported that several Board members were able to attend the Governor's Reception, at which they discussed funding and goal-setting for higher education.
- b. **AHEC Board – Trustee Maria Garcia Berry:** President Jordan reported that the Master Plan contains a proposal for public-private partnership development located at the ball fields, which could impact sports and academic programming. The AHEC Board is considering options to either address moving the ball fields or the location of the public-private proposals.
- c. **President – Dr. Stephen Jordan:** President Jordan noted the quality and perseverance of the legislators, staff and lobbyists who had worked to propel Metro State's image and cause within Colorado's governing entities throughout the legislative session. Jordan noted the concepts driving the budget proposal. President Jordan presented video footage of the 9News Leader of the Year Award honoring Dr. Carrie Besnette, and reminded Board members to take a moment to review the president's Written Report to the Board and numerous successes mentioned therein. Jordan noted the success of the Apprentice Challenge, and the positive experiences had by the participants, the sponsors and staff. Lastly, Jordan noted the details relating to the upcoming Spring Commencement.
  - i. **Legislative Report:** Mary Marchun and Christine Staberg provided the Board with an end-of-session report, which included a summary of bills affecting Metro State and the Federal Mineral Lease funding proposal. Marchun and Staberg also noted the positive support of Senator Windels and Representative Carrol. Additionally, Senator Sandoval and Representative Massey were honored at the Board meeting for their work and support in developing Senate Bill 79.
- d. **Student Government – Student Government Assembly President Jack Wylie** reported that the Student Government recently completed their elections, and a new government staff would be serving at the next Board meeting. Mr. Wylie provided an update on the textbook legislation, and the Board thanked him for his years of service. Student Trustee Kevin Harris the introduced Student Trustee-elect J.C. Pickens.
- e. **Finance Committee – Trustee Mark Martinez** reported that the April 23 Finance Committee Meeting focused on the 08-09 budget and resulted in the approval of the budget presentation before the Board today. He also reported that the Committee reviewed the internal audit results. The new VP of IT Carl Powell also presented to the Committee on the status of

Information Technology initiatives, which will be an ongoing consideration of the Committee.

- f. Academic and Student Affairs Committee – Chair Adele Phelan** reported that this Committee will be meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May.
- g. Public-Private Partnerships – Trustee Ellen Robinson** reported that P3 Committee had met on Monday and discussed the Metro State Master Plan and the Metro State neighborhood. The development of the plan is approximately one-third completed, and should be completed by the end of July. Trustee Robinson also reported that the Committee is working with President Jordan to develop appropriate financing options. Discussion at the committee meeting also related to the athletic fields and the hotel learning center.
- h. Foundation Report - Trustee Ellen Robinson** reported that the Foundation has been working on Master Plan projects as well, and setting the Foundation up to raise money for these initiatives.
- i. Faculty Senate – Dr. Hal Nees** reported that the Faculty Senate motion relating to domestic partnership insurance coverage was still a priority for the faculty, and Chair Phelan responded that the Board would in fact be discussing that item within Executive Session. Dr. Nees provided an update on the General Studies project and noted that there are more committees being formed along this initiative. Dr. Nees also provided an update on the pay-for-performance initiative, noting that the committee, now called the Faculty Evaluation Committee, is meeting weekly. Dr. Nees reported that the Senate would have its last meeting of the semester that afternoon, that it was his last Board meeting as Faculty Senate President, and thanked President Jordan for his leadership of the College. President Jordan, Faculty Trustee Saxe, Student Trustee Harris and Board Trustee Chair Phelan expressed their appreciation and gratitude for Dr. Nees' service, abilities and quality of work.
- j. Council of Chairs – Mr. Greg Watts** reported that a committee tasked with formalizing the role of the Council of Chairs had made its final recommendations to President Jordan and hoped to implement some of those recommendations shortly.
- k. Alumni – Alumni Representative Gerie Grimes** reported that the Apprentice Challenge had experienced extraordinary success and noted the considerable contributions of the alumni staff. Ms. Grimes noted that Alumni would be participating in commencement activities, and invited everyone to get more involved in alumni initiatives.

- V. Recognition of Service of Former Trustees Tonner and Butler:** Ex-Trustees Tonner and Butler were honored with a plaque from the Board and the Faculty Senate, and thanked for their service.

## **VI. ACTION ITEMS**

**The following item is recommended by the Office of Legal Counsel:**

- a. **Handbook Amendment: Reduction In Force For Financial Exigency:**
  - i. This item was **approved**. The motion **passed** unanimously.

**The following item was added as a late agenda item by a unanimous vote of the Board:**

- b. **Motion to request Judy Zewe represent Metro State in front of CHEIBA and vote affirmative for the insurance benefits of domestic partnerships:**
  - i. This item was **approved**. The motion **passed** unanimously.

## **VII. CONSENT ITEMS**

**The following item(s) are presented by the Office of Student Services and the Office of Academic Affairs:**

- a. **Requested Program Fee changes for Fall 2008 Implementation**
  - i. This item was **approved**. The motion **passed** unanimously.

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

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

## **VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**The following item(s) are presented by the Office of Administration and Finance:**

- a. **FY2009 Budget Assumptions And Guidelines**

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

- b. **Personnel Items**

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

- c. **President's Written Report to the Board**

## **IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. **N/A**

## **X. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. **N/A**

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. **The meeting adjourned at 11:48 am.**