

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

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

10:00 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 9:56 am.

Trustees Present:

Trustee Phelan, Trustee Butler, Trustee Tonner, Trustee Lucero, Trustee Robinson, Trustee Esquibel, Trustee Osborn, Trustee Martinez, Faculty Trustee Gene Saxe, Student Trustee Kevin Harris

Trustees Absent:

Trustee Garcia Berry

Metro State Personnel Present:

Stephen Jordan, President; Lee Combs, General Counsel Myron Anderson, Associate to the President for Diversity; Linda Curran, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Steve Beaty, Interim Vice President for Information Technology; Carrie Besnette, Vice President for Institutional Advancement; Cathy Lucas, Associate Vice President for Communications; Joan M. Foster, Associate Provost for Institutional Planning; Joan L. Foster, Interim Dean, School of Letters, Arts and Sciences; Luis Torres, Interim Assistant Dean of School of Letters, Arts and Sciences; John Cochran, Dean, School of Business, Sandra Haynes, Dean, School of Professional Studies; Kathy Heyl, Assistant Dean, School of Professional Studies; Hal Nees, Faculty Senate President; Vonda Knox, Classified Staff Council President; Brandi Saturley, Administrative Assistant to the President; and others.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. There was no motion for an Executive Session.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of June 6, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes
 - a. The minutes were approved as amended, which included a revision noting Trustee Esquibel's appointment to the Academic and Student Affairs Subcommittee of the Board.

IV. REPORTS (Optional)

- A. Chair's Report - Chair Adele Phelan:
- a. Chair Phelan reported on the recent Higher Education Summit that she, President Jordan and VP Lutes attended, and noted three important informational items resulting from that event:
 - i. First, Colorado is in the middle of a marked demographic shift that will impact the enrollment demographics of higher education institutions. Metro State's goal to become a HSI will help meet the student and workforce needs.
 - ii. Second, comparable institutional benchmarks place Colorado in need of \$823 million in additional funding to reach the median of the national institutional benchmark.
 - iii. Third, Referendum C, while perceived as intended to improve conditions in higher education, was actually used to hold institutions harmless and sustain current funding allocations. Chair Phelan noted that while she was grateful for the passage of Referendum C, it did not solve the funding problem.
 - b. Chair Phelan reported on the Board of Trustees Retreat in August, noted the importance of the evolving space issues, the Master Plan and strategic planning. She also mentioned the developing proposal of including an alumni representative on the Board.
- B. AHEC Report – Trustee Maria Garcia Berry:
- a. President Jordan reported that Governor Ritter appointed Tami Door, CEO of the Downtown Denver Partnership, to the AHEC Board. Ms. Door was elected vice-chair of the Board, which is currently working on moving forward with the implementation and development of the Master Plan.
- C. President – Dr. Stephen Jordan:
- a. President Jordan reported that the Capital Development Committee visited Auraria campus for a tour of the campus and the Science Building, and that their conversations included the necessary statutory changes that AHEC will be pursuing in order to move forward with the Master Plan.
 - b. Jordan provided an enrollment update, noting that 45% of the enrollment growth of full-time students (currently up 3.9%) is likely due to the new tuition structure, which lowered the cost for full time students to attend Metro State.
 - c. Jordan also provided a review of tuition and residency status; he explained the Attorney General's opinions on this item and the work Metro State was doing with CDHE and the AG's office to help refine these laws.
- D. Student Government – Student Government Assembly President Jack Wylie:
- a. SGA President Wylie reported on SGA's goal development over the summer, which included increasing communication and collaboration, outreach and integrating Metro State's Strategic Plan into their activities. SGA representatives will be visiting classrooms to meet with students and increase the public awareness of SGA, and would like to be involved in the Pay for Performance discussions with regards to student evaluations. SGA is also gearing up to play a stronger role in the legislative session.

- E. Finance Committee – Trustee John Osborn:
 - a. Trustee Osborn reported that the Finance Committee met last week and reviewed the Trustee Conflict of Interest Policy. They then approved the policy after inserting one text correction. The committee also changed the schedule to better flow information into the regular Board Agenda. The Committee also reviewed the 5-year budget, which is done every six months.
- F. Academic and Student Affairs Committee – Chair Adele Phelan:
 - a. The Academic and Student Affairs Subcommittee has not met, but Chair Phelan informed the Board that the Subcommittee intends to stay on schedule for the Appendix A report.
- G. Faculty Senate – Dr. Hal Nees, President:
 - a. Dr. Nees thanked Board members for attending the Welcome Back ceremony, provided feedback on Pay for Performance initiatives and noted that the Faculty Senate was in the process of determining whether P4P will go to a vote from the whole faculty as a whole or if the ballot will be voted on by the Faculty Senate only. Dr. Nees also expressed a recent concern over eligibility of new faculty to join PERA.
- H. Council of Chairs – Mr. Greg Watts:
 - a. N/A
- I. Alumni – Alumni Representative: AVP Cherrelyn Napue reported that September 12 will mark Alumni’s annual meeting and new officers will go take the posts. Eric Peterson will be the new President of the Alumni Association. The Alumni Board recently met and finalized their strategic plan. The Apprentice Challenge will be an ongoing focus of the Alumni Board.

V. ACTION ITEMS

The following items are presented by the Office of Administration and Finance:

- A. Student Presentation and Action Item for Renewable Energy Fee
 - a. This item was approved. The motion **passed** unanimously.
- B. In-State Tuition Status for Qualifying Students In Accordance with HB07-1256
 - a. This item was approved. The motion **passed** unanimously.

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

The following item is presented by the Office of Human Resources:

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

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS *(Requires no approval by the Board of Trustees)*

- A. Personnel Items

B. President's Written Report to the Board

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Student Walt Heidenfelder spoke to the Board about the issues surrounding the status of students whose parents are undocumented for the purposes of in-state tuition. Discussion also included the nature of text book costs. Mr. Heidenfelder spoke with several of the trustees and SGA President Jack Wylie on these matters, and stated that Metro State had a responsibility to lead in such areas.

IX. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. An agenda item was requested to discuss textbook prices at the next Board meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.