

METROPOLITAN STATE COLLEGE *of* DENVER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Meeting

December 1, 2010
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Executive Session
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Open Meeting
Tivoli Center - Room 320

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session may be held to confer with the Board's attorney for the purpose of:

- personnel matters, confidential pursuant to C.R.S §24-6-402(3)(b)(I)(2009).
- getting legal advice concerning pending or imminent litigation, specific claims or grievances or legal advice on specific legal questions, confidential pursuant to C.R.S §24-6-402(3)(a)(II)(2009);

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of November 3, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

IV. REPORTS

- A. Chair's Report - Chair Rob Cohen
- B. AHEC Board – Trustee Maria Garcia Berry
- C. President's Report – Dr. Stephen Jordan
- D. Legislative Report – Capstone Group, LLC
- E. Student Government – Student Government Assembly President Sammantha O'Brien
- F. Finance Committee – Trustee Ellen Robinson
- G. Academic and Student Affairs Committee – Trustee Antonio Esquibel
- H. Foundation Report – Trustee Bill Hanzlik
- I. Faculty Senate – Professor Kamran Sahami, President
- J. Council of Chairs – Professor Greg Watts, President
- K. Alumni – Alumni Representative Eric Peterson

V. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Chinese Literature in Translation Study Abroad Course
- B. Japan: Culture, Communication, and Identity Study Abroad Course

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Office of Human Resources Report of Personnel Actions which have occurred since the last Board meeting of November 3, 2010.**

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

- A. Office of Human Resources report of personnel actions for the Board's information, which have occurred since the last Board Meeting on November 3, 2010.**
- B. Strategic Planning 2005-2010 Assessment**

VIII. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

X. ADJOURNMENT

**METROPOLITAN STATE COLLEGE of DENVER
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**MINUTES
November 3, 2010**

**8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Executive Session
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Tivoli Center - Room 320**

ATTENDANCE

Chair Cohen and Vice Chair Lucero, Trustees Bookhardt, Harris, Robinson, Hanzlik, Esquibel, Nees and Cammack were in attendance. Trustees Garcia Berry and Phelan were excused. Alumni Representative Peterson was also excused.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session began at 8:08 a.m. and the open meeting reconvened at 9:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Special Meeting (August 17, 2010) Minutes

Approval of September 1, 2010 Minutes

Both sets of minutes were moved for approval by Trustee Bookhardt and seconded by Trustee Hanzlik. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously **approved**.

REPORTS

Chair's Report - Chair Rob Cohen

Chair Cohen stated that he has heard good things from legislators about Metro State's work in the community. He summarized topics discussed at the Board's Retreat in October. A list of action items with responsible persons and due dates is in progress.

AHEC Board – Trustee Maria Garcia Berry

President Jordan gave the report for Trustee Garcia Berry. There will be a special meeting of the AHEC Board next week to revisit the Auraria Master Plan. More information will be available for the December Board Meeting.

President's Report – Dr. Stephen Jordan

President Jordan stated that the bond sale for the Hotel and HLC was completed. The net interest rate is 4.34% and all bonds were sold. He expressed his appreciation to the

Board for their work and to all that participated in the four-year planning period leading up to the bond sale.

Metro State's strategy to increase space is coming together with the backfill renovation of the old Science Building, which begins around Thanksgiving, the renovation of the Administration Building, which will be completed by the end of the Spring Semester, groundbreaking for the Student Success Building, which will be December 3, 2010, and the groundbreaking for the Hotel and HLC, which will be in February. President Jordan thanked the students for stepping up to help cover the cost of the Student Success Building.

President Jordan announced that the Lieutenant Governor-elect, Joe Garcia, will be Metro State's Commencement speaker on December 19th at the Convention Center. About one thousand graduates and ten thousand people are expected.

He summarized the Governor's proposed budget related to higher education. General Fund appropriation for higher education is at \$555 million, keeping institutions at their 05-06 funding levels. Metro State's Financial Accountability Plan (FAP) was under discussion at the CCHE yesterday. The Commissioners were very complimentary about Metro State's plan, which may be approved for a five year period. With the Board's approval today, it will go before the Commission tomorrow at their meeting.

President Jordan encouraged Board Members to attend the Holiday Card to the City event and reception on December 11, 2010. He also called attention to some highlights from his written report to the Board. The General Studies Program had a positive review from North Central. Metro State hosted Project Homeless Connect, where a total of about 1600 volunteers worked to assist about 400 individuals. Four hundred of the volunteers were Metro State students. A fundraiser dinner was held last Sunday, which achieved its goal to raise enough funds to build a school in Ethiopia with five classrooms and a library. Metro State is also a partner in the Talent Dividend initiative aimed at increasing bachelor degrees by 1%, and has received a grant from the CDHE for assisting adults with re-entry to college.

President Jordan asked Dr. Thobhani of International Studies to provide the Board with an overview of their trip to Albania. Six Metro State faculty and staff travelled to Albania October 9-13, 2010. The University of Shkodra is interested in three areas; Special Education, Tourism, and Educational Technology. They would also like to develop standards for teacher licensure. Fullbrights for faculty exchanges were also discussed. President Jordan spoke at a United Nations sponsored conference on strategic planning for tourism in Albania, and his remarks were broadcast on the Albanian television news that evening.

President Jordan also announced he has scheduled another Town Hall meeting on campus November 18th regarding higher education funding and the college's budget. Rowdy, sporting his new SGA purchased costume, made an appearance which was met with approval from attendees.

Legislative Report – Capstone Group, LLC

Christine Staberg stated that the Governor submitted his 2011-12 budget to the JBC yesterday. General Fund appropriation for higher education remains at \$555 million, at least until the JBC begins meeting next week. Elections results were also described; Joe Garcia, Lieutenant Governor-elect, will take the reins of higher education leadership, the

state senate remains with a democratic majority, and the House is still too close to call, with potential recounts of a couple seats possible. If the House goes to Republican control by 32-31, the JBC would consist of three Democrats and three Republicans, which will make for interesting dynamics, and a situation the JBC has not been in for some time. Leadership elections are tomorrow, and the JBC begins meeting on Friday. Amendments 60, 61 & Proposition 101 failed. Hearings and briefings on higher education will take place this month on November 17 and 30. The first week of December the Capital Development Committee will hear an update on our capital projects.

Student Government – Student Government Assembly President

Sammantha O'Brien

Ms. O'Brien passed out the SGA Newsletter and pointed out that bios of SGA Directors were included. The winning bike rack designs are in fabrication and will be placed between the PE Building and the Plaza. The calculator rental program has 77 calculators available at the Library. The SGA Metro State Fight Song Contest packet is out and submissions are due by January 20, 2011. SGA's CPR and first aid classes were filled, so they will offer more in spring semester. SGA is working with AHEC to improve wifi coverage on campus by consolidating to use of a single provider. The text book exchange will be ready by December. SGA intends to strengthen relationships with student organizations, and is looking at some campus improvement projects. They are also talking with AHEC about policies relating to vendors on campus. SGA is creating a booklet/guide for international students to assist them in having a better campus experience. They are making plans for Homecoming the third week of February. Ms. O'Brien also reported that there are student groups around Colorado organizing around a ballot measure for a statewide tax for higher education.

Student Trustee Cammack relayed results from a student survey. One of their questions was about a possible name change for Metro State, and 89% of respondents were in favor of using "University" in any new name. Many comments were in favor of "Denver State University". The survey also yielded 53% in favor of the statewide tax for higher education, and 31% were neutral. Athletics has been a great supporter of the Runners program. They have two athletes from every sport as Runners. They are also working with IT to pilot an iPad/Kindle program for the Runners, where they would have their textbooks purchased and loaded to see if it saves money for the Runners. There are now Runners from 26 departments on campus and they are working hard to get representation from every department on campus.

Finance Committee – Trustee Ellen Robinson

The Finance Committee met hours after the bond sale was completed. Trustee Robinson asked Trustee Bookhardt to speak about the Hotel and HLC bond sale. Trustee Bookhardt thanked Vice President Natalie Lutes and General Counsel Loretta Martinez for their work on a complicated issue. The market was flooded that day due to the possibility of Amendments 60, 61 and Proposition 101 passing. Metro State got a great rate at 4.34%. Trustee Robinson stated there was much community support for Metro State and higher education in Colorado, and that 1st Bank Colorado bought bonds in

support of Metro State. The Finance Committee had a presentation by Mick Jackowski on the franchise ownership program, which is the first of its kind in the world. They also had an update on the Rightsizing with Technology effort, which will finish up on time with the expiration of the stimulus funds. Just one of 57 examples is that an improved database in Institutional Advancement has allowed them to increase development calls by 800%. Last year internal audit reports were done by students, but there is not a course scheduled this semester, so a plan is needed for accomplishing the audit. Risk Management issues and the course have been taken care of for Fall.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee – Trustee Antonio Esquibel

Trustee Esquibel said that the committee heard a number of reports on program reviews, which occur every seven years. Those included: African and African American Studies, Art, Environmental Science, History, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Social Work, and Industrial Design. Trustee Nees added that program reviews currently treat various programs the same although some have different purposes; some create graduates and others service the students' general education. There was also a good report on Campus Recreation and Auraria. They heard a proposal/concept paper for a Corky Gonzales Institute as well. The President of Nicaragua will be in Denver for a breakfast on Monday.

Foundation Report – Vice President Carrie Besnette Hauser

Vice President Besnette Hauser announced the new Finance Director for the Foundation, Steve DeVisser. They are in the last stages of their search for an investment manager. The next Foundation Board meeting is November 16, 2010.

Faculty Senate – Professor Kamran Sahami, President

Dr. Sahami stated that the Board will be briefed in December on General Studies. All courses will be reviewed by the Task Force and specific student learning outcomes and assessment will be in place. A survey of Faculty Senate members yielded a list of issues that have been referred to Senate Subcommittees. Their most agreed upon issue is the evaluation process. They will revisit tenure rights, and modernization of some internal structural issues within Faculty Senate.

Council of Chairs – Professor Greg Watts, President

No report.

Alumni – Alumni Representative Eric Peterson

Cherrelyn Napue gave the report for Eric Peterson. Alumni sent 20,000 emails out urging opposition to Amendments 60, 61, and Proposition 101. The Plain and Fancy Ball raised approximately \$115,000 for college programs and scholarships. There were 800 guests, 300 more than at the last Ball. There will be an Alumni Recognition evening during Homecoming week, February 13-19, 2011. They are seeking nominations for

qualified and successful Alumni to recognize. The new Director of Alumni Relations and the Association is Mark Jastorff, who came to Metro State from the University of Northern Iowa.

ACTION ITEMS

Nomination and Election of Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Chair Cohen reminded the Board of their discussion at the Board's Retreat, regarding the potential separation of the roles and responsibilities of President Jordan. The Nomination is for General Counsel Martinez to perform the duties of Secretary to the Board. Trustee Robinson moved for approval. A voice vote was taken and the item was **approved** unanimously.

Nicaragua: Land of Lakes and Volcanoes Study Abroad Course

Trustee Esquibel stated that the study abroad course was recommended for approval by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board. He moved for approval. There was no discussion, and the course was unanimously **approved**.

Approval of the College's Financial Accountability Plan (FAP)

Chair Cohen asked Vice President Lutes to present. Vice President Lutes stated that this Plan includes some clarifications that the CCHE asked of us, such as how we cut \$9.9 million in fiscal year 2009. Details were added about the development of the plan, which was based on the initiatives and strategic plan set forth by the Board and the President. They had a really good meeting with the Commissioners discussing how Metro State will remain accessible to low and middle income students. They were impressed with Metro State's commitment to the spirit of Senate Bill 10-003. Chair Cohen expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Board to Vice President Lutes for the quality and depth of the Plan, which reflects well on the institution overall. Vice President Lutes recognized Cindy Hejl and the Financial Aid staff for their assistance. Trustee Esquibel moved for approval of the Financial Accountability Plan. Trustee Lucero Seconded. A voice vote was taken and the Plan was **approved** unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

Office of Human Resources Report of Personnel Actions which have occurred since the last Board meeting of September 1, 2010

Trustee Lucero moved for approval of the Consent Agenda. Trustee Harris seconded. A voice vote was taken and the Consent Item was **approved** unanimously.

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

Office of Human Resources report of personnel actions for the Board's information, which have occurred since the last Board meeting on September 1, 2010

No discussion.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

There were no additional items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

President's Written Report to the Board

December 1, 2010

AASCU Taps Jordan for Committee Chair

The American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) has invited President Jordan to serve as Chair of the Committee on the Undergraduate Experience. All committees meet November 21 at the Annual Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina to plan their work for the upcoming year. President Jordan will receive a list of the presidents on his committee in the next few weeks.

Student Veteran Honored With 7NEWS Everyday Hero Award

Jeremy Jie Casey is not your average college student. A 36-year-old Colorado native and disabled Air Force veteran, Casey's numerous volunteer efforts earned him the 7Everyday Hero Award this month.

Casey enrolled at Metro State in January 2008. Despite being a full-time pre-med student and senior at Metro State, he continues to find time to volunteer in the community. He was nominated for the 7NEWS award by the directors of the Denver Children's Museum, where he has volunteered since 2006. Casey will graduate in May 2011 with a degree in Integrated Therapeutic Practices (ITP) from the Department of Health Professions. The ITP program combines recent scientific evidence with the oldest of healing traditions and draws from fields including health education services, health care management, biology, chemistry and nutrition.

"It's absolutely the kind of program that matches my beliefs," says Casey, who transferred from the pre-nursing program at CCD after becoming "disillusioned with the allopathic medicine" or the treatment of symptoms with remedies that cause effects unrelated to the effects related to the sickness. Casey believes in taking a more holistic approach to medicine, in which doctors consider social and mental conditions, in addition to physical ones, when treating a patient.

"I shy away from the western bio-medical theory that we can treat every sickness with a band-aid approach," said Casey, whose studies have taken him to China and Peru. Casey was the first Metro State student to receive credit for volunteer service abroad. During his first trip to China, he volunteered at Xin Xin (Heart to Heart), a special-needs kindergarten in Xi'an. Before returning to China (in 2009), Casey (over the course of a year) raised money to renovate the building and build a playground for the school. His middle name, Jie (pronounced "gee-eh"), which means "hero" in Mandarin, was given to him by the headmistress of the kindergarten.

In summer 2009, with the aid of ITP Associate Professor Carol Jensen and Assistant Professor Linda White, he organized a three-week intensive study abroad program for Chinese medicine. According to White, Casey served as a liaison between the Shaanxi University of Chinese Medicine and Metro State to create an independent study program.

“As a result of his tireless work, Jie, six other students in the Integrative Therapeutic Practices Program and I completed a three-week study at the university. Jie also negotiated a number of field trips for us. Thanks to him, the trip was a memorable success,” White says.

Casey has been on two medical missions to Peru this past year: one in March to Pamplona-Alta, Lima and another to Ayaviri and Macusani, Puno in September . He helped serve several thousand people during the two intense three-day medical campaigns. As demonstrated by his volunteer work, Casey is most committed to helping children, and feels that it’s his duty to treat them. He intends to become an osteopathic pediatrician and is currently applying to medical schools.

RN-to-BSN Program Information Sessions

The Department of Nursing held an information session on Wednesday, November 17, to continue informing the community about a program taught at Front Range Community College (FRCC) for registered nurses with associate’s degrees to earn a bachelor of science in nursing from Metro State.

Interested registered nurses learned about application procedures, course and degree requirements, and other information about program entry for fall semester 2011. Pending examination of college transcripts, any registered nurse with an associate's degree could be eligible for the program, not just graduates of FRCC.

Survey Results Provide Insight Into State of Honors Program

The results are in from a survey recently distributed to faculty, visiting faculty and administrators to solicit feedback for the evaluation and revitalization of the College's Honors Program. The survey boasts a 33.76 percent response rate with 185 of 548 individuals completing the survey.

Interim Director of the Honors Program Alexandre Padilla said survey response rates are "usually 20 percent. This higher response rate shows that faculty care about Honors."

More than 94 percent of the respondents believe Metro State students should have the opportunity to enhance their educational experience by participating in an Honors Program.

Other survey results:

- 79.3 percent of respondents think the Honors model that best fits Metro State is one of multiple Honors Programs built around fields
- 67.8 percent do not believe honors courses should be taught online. Some courses are taught online currently.
- 71.3 percent of respondents believe only those with terminal degrees should teach Honors courses. Currently, not all affiliate faculty who teach in the Honors Program have a terminal degree.
- 54 percent believe the Honors Program should be a concentration. Currently there is no automated mechanism such as Curriculum, Advising, and Program Planning (CAPP) to ensure compliance with program requirements.

The full report will be presented December 8th to Faculty Senate. "We will continue to gather feedback from faculty and stakeholders in the process as we move forward. Eventually, we hope to have approval of Academic Affairs, and begin implementing a modernized program in 2012," said Padilla.

Castro Visiting Professor Arellano Says 'Tell Their Stories'

Gustavo Arellano, the 2010 Richard T. Castro Distinguished Visiting Professor, told more than 100 faculty, staff, and students at a keynote at St. Cajetan's Center to celebrate the stories of civil rights icons by continuing to tell their stories.

After providing the students rich kernels of information about Castro's life, he said, "You should know him, and tell his life story."

Arellano is the newly appointed managing editor of OC Weekly, an alternative newspaper in Orange County, Calif., a contributing editor of the Los Angeles Times op/ed pages, author of "Orange County: A Personal History" and radio host on KPFK-FM 90.7 in Southern California.

He is the author of Ask a Mexican, a nationally syndicated column, as well as a book by the same name, published by Scribner Press. His column appears locally in the Westword newspaper.

He says a lot of Mexican history "never made the master narrative history, even though we had civil rights icons," but adds, "Those people who write history know the only way to get into history is to tell and write your own history."

He fielded a number of questions from the audience on Monday on topics including President Barack Obama's actions on immigration, Latinos' roles in the military, and border security. He was also asked about his definition of an American. Arellano, the son of two Mexican immigrants, one of whom was illegal, responded that an American "was anyone who makes this country better."

As a last-minute addition to the professorship engagements, Arellano agreed to a sit-down debate on immigration with Tom Tancredo, former Republican congressman and recent third-party gubernatorial candidate for Colorado.

Student Registration Process Helps Emergency Notification Awareness

A new requirement that before students can register for classes they must read about the campus Emergency Notification System (ENS) has dramatically increased the number of students participating in the program. ENS sends text and/or mobile phone alerts to participants in case of imminent emergencies such as an act of violence in progress or a tornado.

"This is informational only," says Registrar Paula Martinez of the new requirement that began with registration for spring 2011 courses. "Students are not required to input contact information for ENS. Once they hit the submit button acknowledging they have read the notification, the hold

is released, allowing them to enroll." She says what is new is that the one-time hold is placed on all students who are eligible to register. Prior to this term, the notification was placed on new students only.

The change is part of a bigger push to increase the number of new ENS registrations—as of last week at more than 7,500—among all Metro State faculty, staff and students. The most recent number shows a spike in registration between Oct. 18 and Nov. 8, with 1,720 new Metro State registrants, representing a 22 percent increase over a 20-day period.

Other avenues that may be employed to increase the number of ENS registrants include an advertising campaign in campus publications, posters on campus and presentations to shared governance groups.

Volleyball Team Ranked 13th, Headed to Central Region Tournament

The Metro State volleyball team was ranked No. 13 nationally in the American Volleyball Coaches Association NCAA Division II top-25 poll released on Monday November 15th. The Roadrunners, 24-6 overall, fell 3-1 to Nebraska-Kearney in the RMAC Tournament championship. The team earned the No. 6 seed in the NCAA Central Region tournament. It is the 11th consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament for the Roadrunners. Metro State is one of seven schools to reach the Division II tournament each year since 2000.

Last season, the Roadrunners won two matches to reach the Central Region championship where they fell to eventual national champion and now three-time defending national champion, Concordia-St. Paul (Minn.). The two Roadrunner wins were the most in a postseason in the College's history.

Accounting Students Tackle Criminal Investigations in IRS Project

Metro State undergraduate and graduate accounting students took a pledge, donned a badge and became honorary special agents for a day. The students were participating in a unique workshop, designed in conjunction with International Fraud Awareness Week, to expose accounting students to the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation (IRS CI) process.

Held on campus for the second time this year, the Adrian Project helps students experience the rougher side of accounting as (mock) gun-toting IRS criminal investigation special agents, who are reputed to be among the best financial investigators in the world. It's a line of work that many wouldn't associate with accounting, one that draws on communication and investigative skills in addition to law enforcement experience.

"The opportunity to apply practical, real-world experience while still in school is invaluable," says Accounting Professor Doug Laufer, who brought the project to campus and Colorado for the first time in spring 2010. "Our College is committed to applied learning and this program illustrates the blend of theory and practice."

During the day, IRS special-agent coaches led teams of undergraduate and graduate accounting students on hypothetical tax crime investigations. In one scenario, a group of students conducted a mock interview with a local detective about his investigation of a drug dealer. After the interview, students equipped with fake red hand guns and walkie-talkies conducted surveillance on their wired informant and his drug-dealing suspect. They busted their "bad guy" in the student lounge on the first floor of West Classroom building, and later analyzed the suspect's tax returns to make their case.

Christopher Sigerson, special agent in charge for the Denver field office of IRS Criminal Investigation, says, "This partnership with Metro State and the IRS CI division gives students an opportunity to use their academic training in real types of investigations. This is a win-win for everyone involved "students get practical experience, and we get to recruit the next generation of special agents for the IRS CI unit."

Sherrie Betzer, a forensic accountant and guest speaker in Laufer's class for eight years, says Laufer "has opened the door for a lot of guest speakers to come in and talk (about their occupations)." Betzer, who began teaching a forensic accounting class as an affiliate professor in the spring and was an observer at this semester's Adrian Project, attributes the growing interest in forensic accountancy to the roles that forensic accountants have played in high-profile court cases over the last couple of years.



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Metro State's direct impact on the Denver and Colorado community continued to be highlighted through stories in the local and national news media during the past two months. The College's Plain & Fancy Ball, recent diversity gains, grants benefiting low-income students and GLBT bullying issues were covered, along with several stories regarding the state budget status. Our professors served as media experts on marketing, economics, politics, social issues and history, to name a few topics. And we were regionally featured for our role in supporting the community through outreach programs and our goal to become a Hispanic Serving Institution. Through this effort, coverage was secured highlighting a \$1.8 million grant for low-income students and to form a School of Education, as well as features about the new master's programs and campus resources helping students. These stories demonstrate Metro State's many successes and help further the College as we strive to become the preeminent public urban college in the nation.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

[The Denver Business Journal](#) ran a brief on Oct. 15 about the newly appointed board members to the Metro State Foundation.

On Sept. 19, [The Denver Post](#) ran a feature story about Rob Cohen mentioning his new role as board chairman.

On Aug. 3, [The Denver Post](#) ran a brief about Rob Cohen's election as board chairman and Michelle Lucero as vice chair. A brief also ran in *The Denver Business Journal* on Aug. 10.

PRESIDENT STEPHEN M. JORDAN

Univision50 ran stories on Nov. 8 about **President Jordan** and the School of Business honoring President Porfirio Lobo of Honduras at an international business breakfast.

On Nov. 5, [Colorado Public Radio](#) interviewed **President Jordan** about Higher Education Strategic Planning Committee proposed budget changes.

On Nov. 4, [LaVos](#) ran a column mentioning the leadership of **President Jordan** in setting a goal for Metro State to become a federally designated Hispanic Serving Institution.

[Higher Education Colorado](#) and [State Bill Colorado](#) ran stories on Oct. 28 about the local colleges' response to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education proposed strategic budget plans, with comments from **President Jordan**.

On Oct. 15, [The Denver Post](#) ran a guest commentary that paraphrased **President Jordan's** remarks regarding how education isn't free and the public must decide if they want to share responsibility or... leave the responsibility to the individual.

[Education News Colorado](#) and [The Denver Post](#) ran stories on Oct. 6 about the tuition plans being proposed by higher education institutions mentioning Metro State's net 16.5 percent tuition increase.

In the September issue of the [Denver Metro Chamber Foundation newsletter](#) Metro State was mentioned for its leadership in educating one-fifth of Colorado's baccalaureate students.

KEY METRO STATE STORIES

[LaVoz](#) and [Westword](#) ran an article on Nov. 9 about the Metro State Castro Distinguished Professorship and the forthcoming events.

On Nov 3-6, [NEWS4](#) interviewed **Human and Performance Sport Professor Joe Quatrochi** about the department and its mission including several segments about the Fit4 Colorado walk on the Auraria Campus on Nov. 6. Also **men's basketball Coach Derrick Clark** and **Assistant Professor Ben Thompson** were interviewed in the [NEWS4](#) studio on Nov. 6 about the Fit4 community walk.

[Education News Colorado](#) ran a story on Nov. 4 about how CSU, Metro State and Fort Lewis College were the first institutions whose initial budget plans were approved by Colorado Commission on Higher Education. A following story on the topic appeared in [Education News Colorado](#) on Nov. 10.

On Nov. 1, [The Denver Post](#) ran a story detailing how Metro State is making growth gains in serving the Latino population and how this will lead to an increase in federal funding. Stories also appeared in [Latino News](#), [Educationnews.org](#) and [Brain Track](#).

[9NEWS](#) and [7NEWS](#) ran stories on Oct. 14 about Metro State business student **Grace Kessler**, who was the first person in Colorado to be awarded a Coast Guard CSPI scholarship.

On Oct. 12, [The Denver Post](#) ran a profile about **Metro State student Josh Scott** who dropped out of high school because of bullying issues and enrolled in college after getting his GED. [9NEWS](#) ran a similar story on Oct. 15 regarding the gay bullying issue featuring **Metro State student Teddy Campos**. A GLBT rally was later held on campus on Oct. 20 that was covered by [9NEWS](#), [NEWS4](#) and [FOX31](#). [The Denver Post](#) also mentioned **Metro State student Zachary Page** in a follow-up story. An additional GLTB conference was held with stories appearing on [FOX31](#) and [CBS4](#) on Nov. 10 mentioning Metro State students.

[The Denver Post](#), [The Denver Business Journal](#), [Denver Daily News](#), [FOX31](#) and [CW2](#) ran multiple stories on Oct. 8 about Metro State securing a \$1.8 million grant to support low-income students and to form a [school of education](#). **Provost Vicki Golich** commented about the affordability of the college and how the money would be used.

On Oct 8, [The Denver Post](#) ran a story featuring those being recognized and funds raised at The Plain & Fancy Ball. A similar article ran in the [Villager Newspaper](#) on Oct. 21.

On Oct. 7, [El Semanario](#) featured Metro State's Journey Through Our Heritage program with comments from **Chicana/o Studies Chair Ramon Del Castillo**.

On Sept. 29, [The Denver Post](#) ran a brief article about Metro State's record enrollment gains for fall 2010.

[ColoradoWino.com](#) featured on Sept. 23 a new wine produced by Bonaquisti Wine Co. called Rowdy Red to benefit the Metro State scholarship fund. **9NEWS** ran a feature story on Sept. 18 about Metro State's celebration of its 45th anniversary highlighting the College's new master's programs and the new limited addition Rowdy Red wine being used a fundraiser for the college.

On Sept. 19, [The Denver Post](#) ran a story about all Colorado higher education institution agreements with financial institutions to provide credit and/or debit card services to students. Coverage on this topic also appeared on [9NEWS](#), [7NEWS](#), [CW2](#) and the [St. Louis Post Dispatch](#).

[National Public Radio](#) interviewed Metro State **Food Bank coordinator Margo Birkholz** on Sept. 17 about the demand on campus for food and support assistance.

RANKINGS AND RECOGNITION

On Oct. 7, [The Denver Post](#) ran a story about Metro State being the regional leader for Division II NCAA rankings for men's soccer, women's soccer and women's volleyball.

[Military Times Edge](#) ranked Metro State 39th among schools in the country in its annual "Best for Vest: College 2010" issue.

The Dec. 1 issue of **Military Advanced Education** ranked Metro State as Top Military-Friendly Colleges and Universities Honoree.

FACULTY EXPERTISE

We very much appreciate the support provided by our Metro State faculty and staff in responding to media requests on national, regional and local levels. Interview requests are often fulfilled on a moment's notice, and our experts frequently invest their own personal time to make stories possible in support of the College.

Art

On Oct. 8, [The Denver Post](#) ran a profile about **Assistant Visiting Professor Anna Kaye** and her leadership in teaching art, mentioning her use of charcoal in an exhibit at the Sandra Phillips Gallery.

Aviation

On Nov. 9, **7NEWS** interviewed **Aviation Assistant Professor Jeff Price** about the unidentified aircraft that was spotted off the coast of Los Angeles.

Biology

850KOA interviewed **Assistant Professor of Biology Bob Hancock** on Sept. 21 about the growing national issue with bed bugs and a first annual national conference being held in Chicago.

Business /Management

KLZ-AM 560 interviewed on Oct. 13 **Assistant Professor of Management Bill Carnes** about body art, dress codes and their perceived impact on customer service in the workplace.

On Oct. 2, **FOX31** and **CW2** interviewed **Assistant Professor of Management Whitney Taylor** about the legal and ethical issues related to cyber bullying from a case where a Rutgers freshman took his own life after a videotape of him with another man was posted online.

In the August issue of **Productive Magazine**, retired **Affiliate Management Professor Howard Flomberg** bylined an article about how to run an effective meeting.

Criminology

On Sept. 30, [Christian Science Monitor](#) interviewed **Associate Professor of Criminology Allison Cotton** about a California man who was sentenced to execution from a 1982 conviction.

Economics

On Oct. 15, [In These Times](#) interviewed **Assistant Professor Economics Alexandre Padilla** about the potential economic and regulatory impacts from an outbreak of STDs in the porn industry.

On Oct. 5, **School of Business Dean John Cochran** bylined an article for the [Ludwig von Mises Institute](#) about the state of the global economy.

On Sept. 28, **Univision50** interviewed **Assistant Professor of Economics Juan Dempere** about the latest census bureau data released and his expert opinion relative to the economy.

History

On Nov. 7, [Denver Daily News](#) interviewed **History Chair Stephen Leonard** about the skeleton recently found in Chessman Park.

Hospitality, Tourism and Events

On Sept. 18, the [Los Angeles Times](#) interviewed **Professor of Hotel Administration Chad Gruhl** about how overbooking and yield management is handled in the industry.

Human Performance and Sport

On Nov. 15, [The Denver Post](#) interviewed **Human and Performance Sport Professor Joe Quatrochi** about tips for migrating your summer workout to new indoor activities.

Journalism

On Sept. 17, [New England Soccer Today](#) featured **Assistant Professor Shaun Schafer** for his journalism role covering the Colorado Rapids.

Marketing

[9NEWS](#) on Nov 16 interviewed **Visiting Marketing Professor Darrin Duber-Smith** about the growing level of credit card debt among Colorado consumers.

On Oct. 28, **850KOA-AM** interviewed **Visiting Marketing Professor Darrin Duber-Smith** about the NFL's marketing strategy to hold international football games.

On Sept. 16, [El Nuevo Herald](#), [La Primerisima](#), [Radio Tribuna Abierta](#), [Yahoo en Espanol](#), [Hoy New York](#), [La Prensa](#), [Telemundo](#), [Noticias Terra](#), [Yahoo Argentina](#), [Yahoo Colombia](#), [Yahoo Chile](#), [Yahoo Venezuela](#), and [Yahoo Peru](#) interviewed **Professor of Marketing Ruth Chavez** about current Latino consumer marketing trends.

Philosophy

On Nov. 14, **7NEWS** interviewed **Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy Ian Smith** to discuss the ethics issues surrounding a cheating scandal at the University of Central Florida.

Political Science

As a result of dynamic changes with the election season, **Political Science Professor Norman Provizer** was called upon by numerous media outlets locally and nationally to provide analysis and color commentary regarding political developments. Provizer was interviewed several times and a sampling of these stories include:

On Oct. 19, [9NEWS](#) interviewed him about the growing trend of homegrown terrorism in America.

[The Colorado Statesman](#) interviewed him on Oct. 22 about the lack of transparency of amendment backers hurts their credibility.

On Oct. 28, [The Colorado Independent](#) interviewed Provizer about the impact on editorials in elections.

7NEWS interviewed him on Nov. 2 about the election results and analysis of district outcomes.

On Oct. 26, [NEWS4](#) interviewed **Political Science Professor and Chair Robert Hazan** about the correlation in campaign spending and ballot measure success.

Psychology/ Social Work

On Sept. 22, [9NEWS](#) interviewed **Visiting Professor of Social Work Larry Curry** about the impact of suicide on loved ones left behind.

850KOA-AM interviewed **Visiting Professor of Social Work Larry Curry** on Oct. 7 about what is a reasonable punishment for a 7-year-old who brought a toy gun to school and was suspended for a year.

On Sept. 17, [Express Buzz](#) interviewed **Psychology Professor Harvey Milkman** about the prevalence of binge eating on a global scale.

CBS4 interviewed **Visiting Professor of Social Work Larry Curry** on Sept. 17 about the impact the four-mile canyon fire has had on psyche of the people who live in the area.

ALUMNI, FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS

On Nov. 10, [The Denver Post](#) ran a feature story about **Alumnus Kaya Munn** who was a national contestant on America's Got Talent television show.

[7NEWS](#) on Nov. 7 ran a feature story about **Metro State student Jie Casey** who was featured as a 7Everyday Hero for his long-standing volunteer work at the Denver Children's Museum among other community contributions.

On Nov. 5, [7NEWS](#) ran a story about candidates that are running for mayor including **Metro State student Michael Forrester**.

On Oct. 13, [LaVoz](#) ran a feature story about the late **Richard Castro, Metro State alumnus and former faculty member**, and his impact on the topic of social justice.

[The Lahontan Valley News](#) ran a feature on Oct. 13 and [The Sacramento Bee](#) on Oct. 31 about **Alumnus Jonathan Stalls'** walk across the U.S. to raise money for Kiva micro-lending organization.

[FOX31](#) ran a feature story on Oct. 5 about domestic violence mentioning a Metro State student who was murdered by a former boy friend.

On Sept. 29, the Metro State Student Atheist Organization held a food drive on campus and secured coverage in [The Denver Post](#), [Denver Daily News](#) and on **Univision**.

OTHER

On Nov. 10, [Face the State](#) ran a brief editorial questioning the need for additional funding for higher education when you see all the new construction on college campuses including Metro State.

[9NEWS](#) and [The Denver Post](#) ran mentions on Oct. 5-9 about the Metro State Veteran's Day flag-raising event.

[The Examiner](#) and [Pueblo Chieftain](#) ran a story on Nov. 9 about Gov. Ritter's new college completion program mentioning Metro State as a supporter.

[9NEWS](#) and [Denver Daily News](#) ran a story on Nov. 8 about Metro State's ROTC 5K walk benefiting veterans.

On Nov. 2, [7NEWS](#) mentioned Metro State's School of Business as part of a cooperative of groups pushing for increases in social studies requirements by the State Board of Education.

On Oct. 31, **760AM Progress Talk** interviewed Newsweek columnist Ashley Merryman and Po Bronson about their student activities special presentation at Metro State.

On Oct. 2, [State Bill Colorado](#) ran a story mentioning Metro State and other institutions about their plans being submitted relative to tuition flexibility and the corresponding 2010-11 proposed budget.

MIM Disclaimer: The news stories featured in this report are collected from a variety of news-gathering sources and MUST mention Metro State to be considered for inclusion. This report isn't intended to be comprehensive and there may be stories missing on occasion. Please send any missing stories mentioning Metro State to Tim Carroll at carrollt@mscd.edu.

Thank you to everyone for representing Metro State so well! Your efforts promote and support Metro State's role as Colorado's leader in educating undergraduate Coloradans. Your expertise greatly reinforces Metro State's commitment to being the best higher education value in the state through high-quality academics and professors unsurpassed in their expertise and commitment. We are proud of our students, faculty, alumni and staff who have achieved much success. Please let Tim Carroll know of your media interviews or if you have an area of expertise you'd like to share with the news media.

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AGENDA ITEM: Chinese Literature in Translation Study Abroad Course

INFORMATION:

The English department, which is housed in the School of Letters, Arts and Sciences, proposes a three credit hour course titled “Chinese Literature in Translation”. The course ENG 390 has been approved by the College Committee on International Education, the Office of International Studies, and the Office of Academic Affairs. The Board of Trustees must approve all new study abroad courses.

The proposed course provides a forum for students to study the history and peoples of China in order to deepen their understanding of it as a modern nation and dispel some outdated perspectives which may exist. The course also introduces students to the literature of China and the intricate web of art, music, philosophy, and history that permeates it. Works to be studied include historical novels, cultural romances, adventure stories and fantasies, Buddhist and Taoist Tracts, and political statements. The course prerequisite is ENG 2100 Introduction to Literary Studies, or permission of the instructor.

The course will be led by Dr. Bruce Degi, Associate Professor in the Department of English. Dr. Degi has taught at Metro State for ten years and was previously Associate Professor of English at the United States Air Force Academy. Dr. Degi was a Fulbright Senior Scholar in 1994, spending a year at the University of Vezprem in Hungary. He was invited back the following year to spend a semester as a Fulbright Scholar at the Teacher Training College in Eger, Hungary. During the 2009-10 academic year, Dr. Degi participated in the first faculty exchange program with the Yunnan Radio and Television University in Kunming, China. He was recently nominated by the University for the prestigious Colorful Clouds award given by the Government of Yunnan Province for the most outstanding Foreign Expert of the year.

The program is proposed to run July 31 through August 13 2011. The program cost to students is anticipated at approximately \$3,860, including room and board, airfare, a travel Visa, excursions and tuition. Students are responsible for personal expenses including health or travel insurance. The minimum number of participants is five students and the maximum number is fifteen. The faculty salary is paid by the Extended Campus office from the tuition collected.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Office of Academic Affairs recommends approval of the ENG 390 Chinese Literature in Translation course.

AGENDA ITEM : Japan: Culture, Communication, and Identity Study Abroad Course

INFORMATION:

The Anthropology and Modern Languages departments, which are housed in the School of Letters, Arts and Sciences, propose a six credit hour course titled “Japan: Culture, Communication, and Identity” to be offered in the Tokyo area, Kyoto area, and Okinawa. The course ANT390/MDL 390 has been approved by the College Committee on International Education, the Office of International Studies, and the Office of Academic Affairs. The Board of Trustees must approve all new study abroad courses.

The proposed course is designed to provide students an opportunity to acquire a basic understanding of Japanese geography, history, social organization, political economy, and patterns of social interaction. An important focus of the course is how socio-political, regional, and linguistic differences acquire political currency and shape the construction of majority and minority identities, despite a pervasive belief that Japan is culturally homogenous. The course itinerary is structured to highlight socio-cultural and communicative diversity around the following contrasts: urban vs. rural, Eastern vs. Western Japan, traditional vs. modern, mainland Japan vs. Okinawa, and standard vs. non-standard language. No previous coursework or background in Japanese language or anthropology is required.

The course will be co-led by Dr. Rebecca Forgash, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, and Professor Sandy Kim, Affiliate Faculty member in Anthropology and Modern Languages. Dr. Forgash studied Japanese and conducted research in Japan for approximately four years and has advanced Japanese language certificates from Cornell University and the Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies in Yokohama. Dr. Forgash’s research traces the social and political impact of the US military in Okinawa. She has presented her research at the American Anthropological Association and the Association for Asian Studies, and has an article forthcoming in the journal *Ethnology*. Professor Kim owns a consulting business focused on translation, cultural interpretation and Japanese corporate culture and behavior. She teaches courses in anthropology, linguistics, history and Japanese studies. She is particularly interested in the contemporary “rediscovery” of the ecological and community benefits of *satoyama* (the traditional land use movement).

The program is proposed to run May 24 through June 14, 2011. The program cost to students is anticipated at approximately \$5,567, including room and board, airfare, most excursions and tuition. Students are responsible for personal expenses including health or travel insurance. The minimum number of participants is ten students and the maximum number is twenty-five. Faculty salaries are paid by the Extended Campus office from the tuition collected.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Office of Academic Affairs recommends approval of the ANT 390/MDL 390 Japan: Culture, Communication, and Identity course.

AGENDA ITEM: **Office of Human Resources report of personnel actions for the Board's approval which have occurred since the last Board Meeting on November 3, 2010.**

BACKGROUND: Report of personnel actions which have occurred since the last Board agenda of November, 2010. Initial appointments of non-temporary faculty and administrators, tenure, emeritus status, honorary degrees, and sabbatical leaves which require Board approval.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by Metropolitan State College of Denver that the Board of Trustees approve the following appointments.

APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Jill Beaudry, Disability Coordinator, Annual Salary: \$46,000.00 – Effective November 1, 2010. (ADMINISTRATIVE)

Ms. Kathryn Maas, Graduate Admissions Coordinator, Annual Salary: \$34,500.00 – Effective November 1, 2010. (ADMINISTRATIVE)

AGENDA ITEM: Office of Human Resources report of personnel actions for the Board's information, which have occurred since the last Board Meeting on November 3, 2010.

BACKGROUND: Report of personnel actions which have occurred since the last Board agenda of November, 2010. Temporary appointments, resignations, terminations, retirements, transitional retirements, promotions, reassignments, reclassifications, leave without pay, non-renewal, and final sabbatical reports which are delegated to the President and do not require approval by the Board.

INFORMATION: The following personnel items are presented to the Board of Trustees as information.

APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Angela Alvis, Trainer, Tools of the Mind, Annual Salary: \$47,000.00 – Effective November 1, 2010. (TEMPORARY/ADMINISTRATIVE)

RESIGNATIONS

Ms. Hoa Tran Nguyen, Web Producer, Effective October 28, 2010.
(Accepted position outside of College)

Ms. Cynthia Garcia, Excel Outreach Counselor, Effective November 6, 2010.
(Personal Reasons)

Ms. Susan Resnick, Field Experience Coordinator - Teacher Education, Effective November 8, 2010. (Personal Reasons)

RECLASSIFICATIONS

Mr. Michael Nguyen, Associate Director of Financial Aid - Data System, Annual Salary: \$57,000.00 – Effective November 1, 2010. (FROM Financial Aid Counselor – Scholarship, (\$40,764.00) TO Associate Director of Financial Aid - Data System (\$57,000.00)

Ms. Jennifer Tixier, Financial Aid Counselor – Scholarship, Annual Salary: \$39,500.00 – Effective November 1, 2010. (Lateral Transfer from E363 to E445 – Same title and No change in Salary)

Ms. Judith Zewe, Associate Vice President of Human Resources, Annual Salary: \$101,570.00 – Effective November 1, 2010. (FROM Executive Director of Human Resources TO Associate Vice President of Human Resources (Title Change Only and no Change in Salary)

Ms. Ellen Boswell, Director of Institutional Research, Annual Salary: \$81,362.00 – Effective November 1, 2010. (FROM Coordinator of Institutional Research TO Director of Institutional Research (Title Change Only and no Change in Salary)

REASSIGNMENTS

Ms. Stefanie Sarno-Sutrina, Assistant Director of Institutional Research, Annual Salary: \$59,250.00 – Effective December 1, 2010. (FROM CLASSIFIED TO ADMINISTRATOR)

LEAVE WITHOUT PAY WITH BENEFITS

Dr. Timothy Gould, Professor of Philosophy, December 1, 2010 through May 14, 2011.