

METROPOLITAN STATE COLLEGE of DENVER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES Meeting
Wednesday, February 2, 2011
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees meeting was **called to order** at 8:08 a.m. by Trustee Cohen, Chair. He was joined by Vice Chair Michelle Lucero, Trustee Phelan, Trustee Bookhardt, Trustee Harris, Trustee Robinson, Trustee Esquibel, Trustee Hanzlik, Faculty Trustee Hal Nees, Alumni Trustee Eric Peterson, and Student Trustee Kat Cammack. President Jordan and Board Secretary Loretta P. Martinez were also in attendance, along with various faculty, administrators and staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Cohen read the Trustees into **Executive Session**, and asked for a motion. Trustee Robinson moved with a second by Trustee Esquibel. The motion was unanimously approved and the Board entered into Executive Session at 8:09 a.m. The meeting reconvened in public session at 9:12 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Robinson moved, with a second by Trustee Lucero and the motion was unanimously approved by the board, thereby approving the minutes of the 12/10/2010 Board Meeting.

REPORTS

CHAIR'S REPORT – Chairman Robert Cohen

Chairman Cohen reported that the Governor's office had reappointed both Trustee Lucero and Robinson, but we would be losing a long standing resource to both the Board and Metro in Trustee Esquibel. Chairman Cohen indicated that the Governor's office has indicated Mr. Terrance Carroll, former Speaker of the House would be appointed into the vacancy, but the timing of the appointment is unknown and Trustee Esquibel would continue in his role until the appointment happens. Chairman Cohen also publically thanked Trustee Esquibel for his ability to challenge, push, and his long-standing commitment to this institution. Trustee Esquibel thanked the board, the faculty, administrators and classified staff and wished everyone good luck.

AHEC REPORT – Dr. Jordan on behalf of Trustee Garcia Berry

President Jordan reported that the search for the new executive vice president was on track, and then spoke briefly about the proposed bill in current legislation which would create statutory authority which would permit, in the event of a vacancy on the SACAB Board, the student governing bodies to make an appointment to fill the vacancy that would be good until the next regular election. This would eliminate the lack of student representation from any one college. This bill is sponsored by Representative Duran.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Jordan *full written report is posted under Board Meetings/Meeting Schedule – 2/2/11 at <http://www.mscd.edu/trustees/meetings/agenda>

President Jordan thanked the Chair and provided an update on the following:

- Spring enrollment: a new pattern is emerging. Typically there is an enrollment spike with a continued climb and once classes start there is a slow decline. This spring we saw the pre-enrollment numbers hold steady and once classes started enrollment began to increase. At last

check enrollment was up .75% in head count over spring enrollment last year, which was the largest spring enrollment ever.

- We are also seeing a continuance in the trend of more full-time enrollment
- There is a significant increase in Latino enrollment, with spring enrollment showing 16.5% Latinos versus 12.9% last year
- Another increase is in the students of color percentages – last spring the numbers were at 24.7% and this spring the numbers reflect 29.3%
- These increases were also evident in fall enrollment
- Dr. Jordan will be participating in an American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) task force with approximately one dozen other presidents. Their focus will be on college readiness.
- Homecoming week will be Feb. 12th – 19th, further details will be provided by our Student Representative.
- Dr. Jordan directed the Board's attention to his written report and the detailed write-ups around some remarkable work being done here at MSCD.
- The legislative session is beginning and as it begins there will be discussions surrounding the state budget and the challenges we face in higher education.
- Progress is being made in regards to the examination of possibilities related to a name change for MSCD, pursuant to the guidance provided by the Board at the October 2010 retreat.
- Dr. Jordan concluded his report to the Board by publically thanking Dr. Esquibel for his service to the college, and acknowledging his career that has been dedicated to MSCD as a faculty member, an administrator, and as a trustee.

Trustee Hanzlik inquired as to our current FTE enrollment; which is approximately 8,000 this term.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – Capstone Group, LLC.-Christine Staburg

As mentioned by Dr. Jordan, the House did pass a resolution in relation to the budget and the terms of available spending. The Senate amended and the House has referred it to conference committee.

- The budget cuts will be substantial and are anticipated to come down to the wire.
- The next revenue forecast is slated for release on March 20th.
- Governor Hickenlooper is expected to release the new budget on February 15th.

Dr. Jordan reemphasized that during the President's meeting with Lieutenant Governor Garcia, it was made clear that there is 10 million dollars set aside within the budget to assist in softening the impact of reductions for institutions whose enrollments have increased. Dr. Jordan then went on to state that another point the Lieutenant Governor was clear about was that from the administration's perspective, the budget formula being discussed is for this year only and the question of how to fund the higher education institutions for fiscal years '12, '13 and forward will be reopened.

Trustee Harris then inquired as to how many other institutions have seen an increase in enrollment to which Dr. Jordan replied that it has been primarily the community colleges, Mesa, and MSCD. Ms. Staburg weighed in by stating that this has been the pattern for the last 2 ½ years. She then provided an update on the current legislative bills that have been introduced, indicating that by the end there should be close to 500 bills introduced by the end of this week. She then spoke briefly regarding interim committees and higher education.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORT – Student Government Assembly President Sammantha O'Brien

- Homecoming has been the main focus with such events as the bonfire, masquerade ball, Valentines dinner and movie, battle of the bands and of course, support of the athletic events.
- SACAB elections will be held to fill our vacancies during homecoming week, with lots of excitement around that.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – Trustee Robinson

- The committee is actively reviewing the faculty evaluation process
- The committee reviewed the MOU relating to the Hotel/HLC which will be discussed in further detail later in the agenda today
- Changes to the health insurance plan which will be discussed in further detail later in the agenda today
- Construction update: everything is on time and on budget across the board.
- The Rightsizing Project has experience some drastic turnover regarding personnel and oversight of the project.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – Trustee Esquibel

- The committee met with a full agenda.
- There are five action items on today's agenda for approval from the committee meeting
- Program Review report
- Reports were received from the Chicano Studies department, Health Care Management department, Human Performance and Sports department, Math department, Music and Music Education department, Physics, and Women's Studies.
- We also received a report on the Faculty Evaluation Task Force that is in progress as well as a report on the First-Year Success Program
- There was an information item on the Higher Learning Commission visit and a report from the North Central Accrediting Association: there are no follow –ups in relation to this most recent visit

FOUNDATION REPORT – Trustee Hanzlik (with comments by Carrie Besnette Hauser)

- The Foundation met and discussed the MOU in regards to the HLC: the Board supports the current draft.
- The Investment Committee welcomed the Foundation's new investment advisor, BNY Mellon.
- The Board considered a request by the Center for Innovation in relation to issuing an RFQ for legal services, which it approved and a selection process is currently underway.
- The Board adopted a new inclusivity policy as a result of feedback from a local funder – it adds a gender expression to the Foundation's non-discrimination policy.
- Trends that are very encouraging in regards to scholarships
- The Foundation if 400K over last year's mark for this time of year.
- The annual fund has processed 1000 more gifts this year compared to last
- Exceptional Place/Extraordinary Possibilities Initiative
- An Institutional Capability Statement has been completed by the Office of Sponsored Research and Programs
- The Naming Policies for the Hotel, HLC and Center for Visual Arts will be drafted over the next few months

FACULTY SENATE REPORT – Professor Kamran Sahami, President

- There are two items currently before the senate
 - The Academic Policies Committee is working closely with student representative and administration to bring forward a plus-minus grading policy
 - Faculty Senate is looking at the legislative bill regarding tuition equity

Professor Sahami then thanked Trustee Esquibel for his work, support and dedication to the institutions. He then stated that “on behalf of the faculty, we genuinely appreciate your steadfast support over the years. Thank you very much for your service.” This concluded the report.

COUNCIL OF CHAIRS REPORT (NONE)

ALUMNI REPORT - Alumni Representative Eric Peterson

- There are two searches underway:
 - Assistant Director for Outreach and Engagement and Assistant Director for Alumni Career Services
- The alumni office now has an intern, Adrienne Graham, who is a senior in the hospitality program –her main assignment will be to research and build upon existing spring events such as homecoming, the grad fair and commencement.
- The alumni office is very involved in homecoming – in addition to what you’ve already heard regarding homecoming events, we are using homecoming as a launching pad to rejuvenate the alumni campus employee group.

ACTION ITEMS

- Tuition Equity for Colorado High School Graduates:

Trustee Esquibel **motioned** that the Board reaffirm its support of legislation that would provide tuition equity to all Colorado high school graduates regardless of their immigration status. This was **seconded** by Trustee Robinson and the item was **approved unanimously**.

- Student Health Insurance:

Trustee Esquibel **motioned** that the Board approve the Student Health Insurance action item which was being carried forward from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. This was **seconded** by Trustee Robinson and the item was **approved unanimously**.

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Metropolitan State College of Denver Foundation, Inc., HLC@Metro, Inc., the Metropolitan State College of Denver Roadrunner Recovery and Reinvestment Act Finance Authority, and Metropolitan State College of Denver relating to the Hotel and Hospitality Learning Center:

Trustee Robinson **motioned** that the Board approve the MOU action item which was being carried forward from the Finance Committee. This was **seconded** by Trustee Harris the item was **approved unanimously**.

- Andean Civilizations Study Abroad Course:

Trustee Robinson moved for approval and Trustee Harris seconded the motion. After information was presented and discussion occurred the item was **approved unanimously**.

- Caribbean Cruise Culture Study Abroad Course:

Trustee Esquibel moved for approval and Trustee Lucero seconded the motion. After information was presented and discussion occurred the item was **approved unanimously**.

- Cultural Ecology of Yunnan, China Study Abroad Course:

Trustee Esquibel moved for approval and Trustee Harris seconded the motion. After information was presented and discussion occurred the item was **approved unanimously**.

- Land Use & Biodiversity of Yunnan, China Study Abroad Course:

Trustee Esquibel moved for approval and Trustee Bookhardt seconded the motion. After information was presented and discussion occurred the item was **approved unanimously**.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Trustee Harris moved for approval and Trustee Robinson seconded the motion and the 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 of December 1, 2010. NO DISCUSSION.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Trustee Nees informed the Board that the bookstore was now carrying new Rowdy items. He also informed the Board that there were some valuable tools and articles in the recent edition of the Trusteeship Magazine that the Board receives.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NONE)

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair then took one last opportunity to thank Trustee Esquibel one more time and asked Trustee Esquibel if he had any final comments. Dr. Esquibel ended with comments to the students, saying "...never give up. I found that anything that's worthwhile in life is achieved because of persistence." Trustee Cammack thanked him, and the Board Chair officially **adjourned** the meeting at 11:04 a.m.