

METROPOLITAN STATE COLLEGE of DENVER
Academic and Student Affairs Subcommittee
Friday, August 27, 2010
4:30 – 4:45 p.m.
CN 319

MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

A. The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m.

Board of Trustees Present:

Trustee Esquibel, Trustee Phelan; Trustee Lucero; Trustee Harris; Student Trustee Cammack;
Faculty Trustee Nees

Metro State Personnel Present: Vicki L. Golich, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Kathleen MacKay, Vice President for Student Services; Sheila Thompson, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs; Bruce Morgenege, School of Professional Studies; Joan L. Foster, Dean, School of Letters, Arts & Sciences; Luis Torres, Deputy Provost; Ali Thobhani, Executive Director International Studies & Interim Chair of African & African American Studies; Jacquelyn Benton, African & African American Studies; Teresa Unsel, African & African American Studies

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Approval of May 12, 2010 Academic and Student Affairs Subcommittee Meeting Minutes: It was moved and seconded to approve the May 12, 2010 Minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

III. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Study Abroad Course: London and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade – Ali Thobhani

1. Dr. Thobhani expressed his thanks to the subcommittee and presented the information about this study abroad course, which is focused on the role that London played in the Trans-Atlantic slave trade.
2. Dr. Teresa Unsel explained that the course is a museum-based course that will utilize the Museum of London Docklands that houses a permanent exhibit regarding London and the slave trade. This will be the first college course based on their museum and exhibits.
3. Dr. Jacquelyn Benton pointed out that the building where the Museum is located is the same building where the rum and sugar were stored and the same corner where the slave trade took place. The professors hope the class will educate the students in terms of reaction and firsthand experience for Europe's role, as well as the role that London, in particular, played in the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade.
4. Other topics covered will include the role of finances and abolitionism in London. This course will cover a different perspective of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade. In addition, there will be an excursion to Liverpool to visit the Museum of Slavery.
5. The course will take place over the semester break and is open to twenty students.
6. Approval of this item was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved.

IV. **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Provost Golich will send an email to the subcommittee regarding issues she has discussed with Dr. Jordan.

2. Trustee Esquibel requested that anyone that would like to add agenda items for the September 15, 2010, meeting should send them via email.

V. FEEDBACK ON MEETING

3. Did we cover the agenda items?
4. What should the chairperson do more (or less) of?
5. What can we do differently at future meetings to improve their effectiveness for you?
6. What two things do we need to pay more attention to?

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.