**METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY of DENVER**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

*Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting*

Thursday, February 7, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairwoman of the Academic and Student Affairs (ASA) Committee, Trustee Elaine Berman, called the ASA Committee meeting to order at 10:21 a.m.

**Board of Trustees Present:** Trustee Elaine Berman, Trustee Jack Pogge, Trustee Barb Grogan, Faculty Senate Representative Chris Harder, Student Representative Lacey Hyde.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Approval of December 6, 2018 Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes**

Trustee Pogge **moved for approval** of the December 6, 2018 ASA Committee meeting minutes, with a **second** by Trustee Grogan; the motion was **unanimously approved**.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Trustees Discussion: MSU Denver’s *Support for Low-Income and First-Generation Students in the Polis Era***– *Vicki Golich & Will Simpkins*

The Trustees and staff discussed first general and low-income students and their different needs. A national movement is pushing higher education to have broader measures to describe low-income students. Statistics on student debt were discussed. Trustee Berman requested an information sheet for trustees on student debt that they can refer to.

Vice President Simpkins outlined the different programs that are offered for first generation students and programs that impact the needs for low-income students. CDHE is aware that the funding formula adversely affects MSU Denver. Governor Polis is a proponent of concurrent enrollment, certification and apprenticeship programs, and paid internship programs. Making college affordable is a high priority with the governor. Recommended changes to the funding formula were discussed.

**Enrollment Update** – *Michael Nguyen*

Current numbers for the current semester and applications for Summer 2019 and Fall 2019 were provided. New student enrollment is up in applications, but down in admitted students. Applications for Summer 2019 have increased; accepted applicants are up eight percent. The process of accepting students in an open enrollment institution was outlined. The university is year away from having an auto-admit system. The increase in applications from Free Application Day in Colorado has put the staff behind in accepting students.

The quality and GPA level has increased since the university has been working with Royall/EAB, as well as an increase in the satisfaction of our processes. Admitted students has increased, but retention and completion have not increased. Dual concurrent enrollment was discussed.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**No quorum – vote will be taken at the Board of Trustees Business Meeting on May 10, 2019.**

**Approval of Faculty Sabbatical Recommendations** – *Bill Henry*

AVP for Faculty Affairs Bill Henry presented the list of recommended sabbatical leaves for approval. This professional development opportunity is on a seven-year cycle for faculty in order to allow them to keep current and up to speed in their discipline. There are twenty sabbatical applications and all of them are recommended for approval. Every year $500,000 is allocated; the cost this year is $350,000.

**Approval of New Concentration: Facility Management Concentration, Bachelor of Arts in Construction Project Management, College of Professional Studies** – *Chad Harris & Mingli He*

The Department of Engineering and Engineering Technology are requesting approval of a new concentration in Facility Management as part of the Bachelor of Arts in Construction Project Management. There are currently only 30 accredited degree programs for Facility Management in the world and no degrees or concentrations within the Colorado education system.

**Approval of New Graduate Certificate Programs:**

Dietetic Internship, College of Professional Studies – *Chad Harris & Kathy Heyl*

The Dietetic Internship is approved as part of the Master of Science in Human Nutrition and Dietetics (MS in HND). The Dietetic Internship is a separate option from the MS in HND because not all Dietetic Internship students will want or need an MS in HND. Students will have the option to enter the Dietetic Internship as a graduate certificate program, which will open up the program to more diverse disciplines.

STEMpath Cybersecurity, College of Professional Studies – *Chad Harris, Jenn Capps*

The STEMpath certificate was developed for current licensed teachers in Colorado that focuses on cybersecurity.

Discontinuation of Concentrations: Human Development Major, B.A., College of Letters, Arts and Sciences *–* *Chad Harris & Layton Curl*

The Department of Psychology would like to discontinue the Human Development concentrations in early childhood, elementary education, applied, gerontology, and graduate school. When the degree was formed in 2003, the state of Colorado did not permit students to major in early childhood and elementary education programs. Students would enroll in student development to pursue a career in early childhood/elementary education. In 2014, the law changed to permit students to major in education, and in 2015 and 2016, MSU Denver’s early childhood and elementary education programs started their own majors. The HDV major has been reworked to focus on human development and family.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting of the ASA Committee was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.