**METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY of Denver**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 5, 2019

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Governance Committee meeting was **called to order** at 12:13 p.m. by Committee Chair Jim Mulligan. Committee Chair Mulligan was joined by Committee Member and Board Chair Jack Pogge, Vice Chair Barb Grogan, Trustee Wendy Dominguez, Trustee Russell Noles, Trustee Elaine Berman, Trustee Jeff Shoemaker, Trustee Marissa Molina, Student Trustee Ade Awosanya, and Faculty Trustee Chris Harder. President Janine Davidson also joined, along with Board Secretary David Fine, Assistant Board Secretary Mel Olivarez, and various faculty, staff, and administrators.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A **motion** was made by Trustee Russell Noles to approve the September 5, 2019, Governance Committee minutes, and was seconded by Trustee Marissa Molina. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

**III. ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Approval of New Board Policy Regarding University Staff Government**

Nick Stancil advised that this policy update combines the Council of Administrators and Classified Staff Council. Evan Bowles spoke about the background of the policy update noting that approval of this policy would provide staff a defined role in the governance process.

A **motion** was made by Trustee Wendy Dominguez to approve the Action Item, and was seconded by Trustee Elaine Berman. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

1. **Approval of Revised Board Policy Regarding Academic Freedom**

This action item was deferred/tabled to future Governance Committee Meeting.

1. **Approval of Board Policy Regarding Evaluation of the University President**

This action item was deferred/tabled to future Governance Committee Meeting.

**IV. DISCUSSION ITEM:**

1. **Board Assessment Scheduling**
2. **Board Appointments Update**

Dr. Davidson noted that Governor Polis was reviewing names/candidate for Board appointments and that we would have an update by December 31, 2019.

1. **Board Orientation Process**

Chair Mulligan discussed the desire to conduct an annual training for the entire Board of Trustees rather than have individual orientations for new Trustees only. The annual full Board training would ensure everyone is on the same page.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:**

The Governance Committee meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.