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| **METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY of DENVER**  **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  Governance Committee Meeting Minutes  Thursday, September 3, 2020 |

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Governance Committee meeting was **called to order** at 1:00 p.m. by Committee Chair Jim Mulligan. Committee Chair Mulligan was joined by Board Chair Barb Grogan, Trustee Russell Noles, Trustee Marissa Molina, Trustee Mike Johnston, Trustee Kristin Hultquist, Trustee Mario Carrera, Trustee Albus Brooks, Trustee Emily Garnett, Student Trustee Alaura Ward, and Faculty Trustee Bethany Fleck, and Alumni Representative Joe Rice. President Janine Davidson also joined, along with Board Secretary David Fine, Assistant Board Secretary Mel Olivarez, and various faculty, staff, and administrators.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
2. Approval of February 6, 2020 and June 5, 2020 Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes made by Trustee Carrera, seconded by Trustee Noles and unanimously approved.

1. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
2. Relationship between Board of Trustees and Hotel following bond refunding – *David Fine, General Counsel and George Middlemist, AVP of Administration/CFO*

Presentation given about relationship between Board of Trustees and hotel following bond refunding. MSU Denver now owns the hotel. An HLC Report will be added to the full board meeting agenda going forward.

1. Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) Structure – *Michael Benitez, Vice President for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion*

Presentation given providing background leading up to the amendment of the Board of Trustees Bylaws establishing a standing Sustained Racial Justice Committee.

1. **ACTION ITEMS**
2. Recommend Approval of Revision to Board of Trustees Bylaws Creating a Board of Trustees Sustained Racial Justice (SRJ) Committee – *David Fine, General Counsel*

Motion to approve made by Trustee Molina, seconded by Trustee Carrera and passed unanimously.

1. Recommend Approval of Proposed Academic Freedom Policy Revision – *Katia Campbell, Faculty Senate President and Bill Henry, Interim Provost*

Motion to approve made by Trustee Molina, seconded by Trustee Noles and passed unanimously.

1. Recommend Approval of New Title IX Board Policy – *Nick Stancil, Deputy General Counsel*

Motion to approve made by Trustee Carrera, seconded by Trustee Noles and passed unanimously.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.